

University of Michigan

WIE Update



MUSES Organization Celebrates 5th Anniversary



MUSES Welcome Dinner Fall 2003

The Movement of Underrepresented Sisters in Engineering and Science (MUSES) celebrated its inaugural year in 1999, and this year it celebrates its 5th Anniversary. MUSES is a formal dialogue group for women of color in engineering and the physical sciences. MUSES has become a place where graduate women of color can build lasting friendships and helped these women to form concrete networks within the University of

Michigan. MUSES also has a mentor/mentee program where a graduate woman has a "Li'l' Sister" who is currently an undergraduate but is interested in graduate/professional school. In addition, MUSES mentors through a program called S.T.E.P.S. (Seek, Teach, Experience, Progress, and Succeed). MUSES members have presented information about the organization at regional and national conferences.

Sesquicentennial Speaker Series

As the College of Engineering celebrates its Sesquicentennial this year, seven accomplished speakers participated in the WIE Sesquicentennial Speaker Series as part of their visits to various engineering departments: **Dr. Lori Graham-Brady**, Johns Hopkins University; **Dr. Michele Thomsen**, Los Alamos National Laboratory; **Dr. Xin Sun**, Battelle Science and Technology International; **Dr. Carol Hall**, North Carolina State University; **Dr. Zoya Popovich**, Uni-

versity of Colorado; **Amy Smith**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; **Dr. Linda Krause**, Space Physics and Atmospheric Research Center-US Air Force Academy. The speaker series, sponsors or co-sponsor the visits of professionals, faculty and researchers. Past speakers have included **Irma Wyman**, Alumni Society Medal Winner; **Dr. Claudia Alexander**, Jet Propulsion Laboratory; and **Lieutenant Commander Suzanne Englebert**, US Coast Guard.

Opportunity To Share Your Views!

Please join **Dean Stephen Director** and **Stella Pang, Associate Dean for Graduate Education**, on June 17, 2004 for a luncheon and open discussion. Registration will begin at 11:45, and the forum will run from 12:00 to 1:30 in the Johnson Rooms on the third floor of the Lurie Engineering Center. The deans are very interested in hearing about your experiences as **female graduate students** in the College of Engineering, and welcome you to make comments and share ideas for improvements. Please register with Andria Rose at ajrose@umich.edu by 6/15/04.



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MentorNet, announces a new process that makes signing up for your on-line mentor easier than ever. Simply sign up today at www.mentornet.net. There is no deadline to sign-up, but you should sign up early to get the best match. Last year, almost one hundred U of M students joined a lively, on-line community to: Commu-

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Discovering the World Through Books

Each year, the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) presents the **Children’s Science Book Fair**, a collection of new science trade books for K-12 student ranging from picture books to in-depth scientific discussions, on topics such as astronomy, paleontology, environmental science, health and medicine, physics, and technology. The **Exhibit Museum of Natural History, Michigan Society of Chil-**



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dren’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI-MI) and the Women in Science and Engineering Program at the University of Michigan sponsored the 37-book exhibit that served as the centerpiece of activities for writers and readers. Authors from the University of Michigan Press and the SCBWI-MI offered readings and book signings on various floors of the mu-



seum. For aspiring writers and illustrators, a nonfiction panel featuring authors and illustrators from the SCBWI discussed facets of nonfiction writing. The collection of books will remain at the museum until May 31, 2004. This unique collaboration was engineered by the museum’s Education Director, Kira Berman and Paula Payton of SCBWI-Michigan.

Kudos

Congratulations to these women who won awards at the 2004 Student Honors Brunch.

Distinguished Achievement Awards:

Undergraduate:

Lynne Gratz
Angela Andrews
Jessica Gronski
Emily Wolters

Graduate:

Christiane Jabolonwski
Burcu Curak
Darby Grande
Shun Lin

A.D. Moore Award:

Danielle Boyle

Tau Beta PI Award:

Emily Wolters

Mildred and Steele Bailey Prize:

Emily Wolters

Roger M. Jones Fellowship:

Sara Grady

George M. Landes Prize:

Anita Amin

William H. Mack Memorial

Engineering Prize:

Sandra Wyman

Marian Sarah Parker

Prize:

Undergraduate:

Yanhang (Helen) Ma

Graduate:

Marissa Ebersole

Arthur B. Singleton Prize:

Allison Kaeding

