

On behalf of the Delaware Department of Technology and Information, the Delaware Department of Education, and the Delaware Center for Educational Technology, I am pleased to invite you to Delaware's 2012 DigiGirlz event. This exciting program is for you and the girls in your 8th and 9th grade classes. It will be held on Tuesday, May 1 at Wilmington University, Dover Campus. We know that Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are important for global competitiveness, and therefore, we welcome your participation this program.

The purpose of the Delaware DigiGirlz program is to address the declining enrollment of young ladies entering the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Through this program, we seek to engage young women in lively discussions about technology, dispel the many myths about a STEM education, and engage the young women in hands-on "fun" activities. For more details about the DigiGirlz programs, please go to www.microsoft.com/digigirlz.

Agenda for the day:

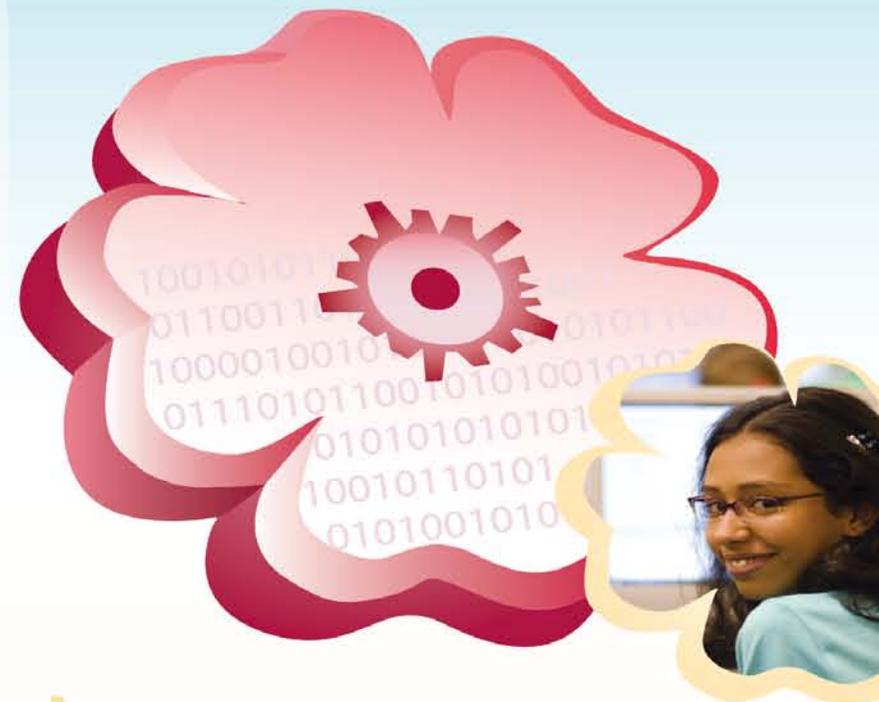
- 8:30 Arrival/Registration
- 9:15 Welcome/Agenda Review
- 9:30 Keynote
- 10:00 Introduction to Microsoft Kodu
- 10:45 Break and transition to breakout rooms
- 11:00 Breakout Session #1
- 11:45 Lunch/Social Networking & Internet Safety
- 12:30 Microsoft Kodu Create a character/story)
- 1:00 Breakout Session #2
- 1:45 Breakout Session #3
- 2:30 Group Photo
- 2:45 Wrap Up /Raffle
- 3:00 Students Depart

Our goal is to make an impact on girls to consider higher education and careers in technology to address the needs of tomorrow's workforce and to dispel the myths that young ladies often harbor about their ability to embrace and lead with technology in their futures.

Thank you for your consideration of this important event to support the young ladies in our communities who share an interest in technology and business. [Applications](#) for the program will be accepted until all available openings are filled.

Sincerely,

Elayne Starkey
Chief Security Officer
Delaware Department of Technology and Information



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Delaware DigiGirlz Day 2012

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

8:30am-3pm

Wilmington University- Dover Campus

3282 North DuPont Highway, Dover DE

The Delaware DigiGirlz Day was developed to provide girls with a better understanding of what a career in technology is all about.

This exciting experience provides 8th and 9th grade girls with opportunities to learn about careers in technology, talk with Microsoft employees about their life experiences, and enjoy hands-on computer and technology workshops.

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What to Expect

- * Hands-on learning sessions to educate
- * Keynote Speaker to inspire
- * Career / technology tours to heighten awareness
- * Employee panels to answer questions



“We’re showing girls that IT is much more than just punching out code all day; they’re getting an exciting education in the business of technology.”



For additional information visit:

www.microsoft.com/digigirlz.

Applications for the Delaware program will be accepted at the following URL: <http://www.microsoft.com/about/diversity/en/us/programs/digigirlz/digigirlzday.aspx> until all available openings are filled.

Participants are selected on a first come, first served basis. We reserve the right to limit the number of students per school based on response. Past participants are ineligible for registering for the 2012 event. Please **complete your registration by April 20, 2012.**

You must be in the **8th or 9th grades** in the 2011/2012 school year to be considered.

Transportation must be provided by the registrant.

This program is free of charge to all participants and will be hosted on **Tuesday, May 1, 2012 from 8:30 am – 3pm.**

All activities will take place at:
Wilmington University, Dover Campus
3282 North DuPont Highway
Building A
Dover, Delaware 19901
Directions: www.wilmu.edu/dover/directions.aspx

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