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**DIGIGIRLZ DAY COMING TO DOVER
8TH AND 9TH GRADE GIRLS INVITED TO JOIN IN FREE DAY
LONG TECHNOLOGY EVENT**

Dover, DE: Delaware girls at the 8th and 9th grade levels are invited to spend a fun filled educational day learning about careers in technology and getting an inside glimpse of what it might be like to work in the high tech field. DigiGirlz Day is designed to encourage young women to explore the possibilities available in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

The event takes place on Friday May 3, 2013 at Wilmington University's Dover Campus starting at 8:30 am. It is free and open to 8th and 9th grade girls in public, private, charter and home schools. Teachers are encouraged to attend along with their students as a classroom activity but individual students may also participate. Pre-registration is mandatory and lunch will be provided.

This year's DigiGirlz Day features several different career track explorations including Robotics, Video Game Creation and Cyber Security. Girls will participate in hands-on activities like writing programming for a simple video game, building a robot or learning about the tools professionals use to fight computer hackers. Dr. Stephanie Wright, President of the Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation, is the keynote luncheon speaker.

Recognizing that young women historically shy away from STEM education, especially as they enter their high school years, DigiGirlz is designed to address some of the myths and misconceptions about careers in high-tech industries. Through lively discussion and interactive activities, the event is designed to encourage young women to put aside concerns about their ability to pursue education and careers in the technology field.

DigiGirlz is sponsored by Delaware's Department of Technology and Information, Department of Education, the Delaware Center for Educational Technology, Wilmington University and Microsoft.

Participation is limited to 150 girls and seats are filling fast. Online registration is underway and mandatory. To apply and register, please visit: <http://delawaredigigirlz2013.eventbrite.com/>
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