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UD Hosts 15th Annual Women in Engineering Program

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DAYTON, Ohio, April 20, 1988--The University of Dayton will introduce high school girls interested in engineering and engineering technology careers with successful women engineers as part of UD's 15th annual Women in Engineering Program, an event-filled career awareness week that will be held on campus from July 10-15.

High school sophomore and junior girls with an interest in math or science, especially minorities, are encouraged to apply for the five-day program. Approximately 80 girls from around the country will be chosen to participate.

Participants will explore careers in engineering and engineering technology and learn about college admissions, financial aid, types of engineering degrees, career opportunities for women and salary ranges. An industry roundtable will give students an opportunity to talk to women engineers about career options, demands and expectations. The students will also spend a day on the job in a laboratory or industry, conduct hands-on experiments and learn about Computer-Aided Design (CAD).

"Our program is absolutely an immersion for the participants," said Dorothy J. Hitchcock, program director. "In the 14 years of the program, nearly 84 percent of the girls attending have chosen engineering or engineering technology career paths and pursued them in colleges around the country."

Tuition and room and board are subsidized by industry stipends. The cost for participants is $195, but full scholarships are available based on need. The Women in Engineering Program is sponsored monetarily and scholastically by approximately 35 technical societies, government agencies and local industries.

The application deadline is June 10. For information, contact Dorothy J. Hitchcock at 229-4632.