A Message From Christine and Taylor

As the academic year winds down, we proudly look at the achievements of our student organization in 2008 and 2009. From our Corporate Tech Panel (co-hosted with MACS) where representatives from Bloomberg, Blackrock, Deloitte Consulting, and Goldman Sachs answered questions and shared their professional experiences, to our technical talk by a Google engineer, and our "Field Trips" to the Google and IBM offices, we have certainly had a very busy schedule. In the spring, after having received the Google's RISE award in March, WinC co-organized with Princeton's GWISE an outreach event where over 200 high school girls from New York City schools came to NYU for a day-long CS and Engineering Colloquium. We had student demo presentations and research talks, panels by both students and distinguished deans, an interactive workshop using the program Scratch with Google Engineers, and a tower building competition using only dry spaghetti and gumdrops. Through the collective efforts of NYU's WinC, Princeton's GWISE, and Columbia, we were able to put together an event that we can call our proudest achievement. Our mission to raise awareness to a growing "epidemic" of declining rates of females entering into the computer science field, our organization is not only able to help our NYU students in their academic and professional needs, but to encourage and inspire future generations of female technologists. We are a young student club that continues to grow every year and each year our goals will continue to become more ambitious. As recipients of the President's Service Award in both 2008 and 2009, I have no doubt that WinC will continue that tradition of excellence and be recognized again in following years. As myself and Taylor Sherwood are graduating and passing the torch to the remaining officers, we also welcome Fatima Rivera and Deepthi Gadhiras to the board. We know that they will serve as invaluable additions to building a stronger and even more extraordinary WinC.

As always, we would like to thank Courant and the CS Department for their wonderful support, and all the companies that we have collaborated with and will surely continue to do so.

We hope to see you in the fall, as WinC is certain to have many exciting events planned for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Best,
Christine and Taylor

Review of the Tapia Conference

The Fifth Richard Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing Conference was held in Portland, Oregon from April 1st to April 4th. Nearly 400 students, faculty members and companies attended the conference making it a complete success. What made this conference so special was that it was all about the students and their success. The conference was filled with professionals in the field of computer science and engineering who gave wonderful talks and held very interesting panels. The relaxed atmosphere of the conference encouraged networking and provided a haven for those who are passionate about computing but are not sure where to go and what to do. Google held a very helpful resume workshop and there was a robotics competition. The event ended with a very inspirational talk from Mario Pipkin of Microsoft Information Technologies followed by a delicious banquet and dancing!
Scholarship and Conference Information!

The Google Lime Scholarship for Students with Disabilities: This scholarship and networking retreat is an opportunity for undergraduate, graduate and PhD students with disabilities who are studying computer engineering, computer science or related technical fields. The Google Lime Scholarship provides $10,000USD for students studying in the US and $5000CAD for students studying in Canada – plus an invitation to attend the all-expenses-paid retreat at the Googleplex in Mountain View, CA in 2010. To learn more about the scholarship and apply, please visit http://www.limeconnect.com/google.html - All applications are due by June 1, 2009.


Recap Of WinC’s Spring 2009 Past Events!

High School Outreach Event – 3/24/09

On March 24, 2009 Women in Computing held its annual New York City Girls Computer Science and Engineering Colloquium. This event was held in the Rosenthal Pavilion at Kimmel center where close to 200 high school girls where in attendance. The girls came from over 20 different schools in the New York City area.

The morning portion of the event consisted of talks and demos by students from NYU, Princeton, and Columbia. The afternoon portion included a Google “Scratch” Workshop, faculty and student panels, as well as a tower building competition. During the Google Workshop representatives from Google came to teach the girls “Scratch” and gave them a better understanding of the logic behind computer programming. The faculty and student panels gave the high school students insight into the college experience and application process. To finish the day the girls created towers out of spaghetti and gumdrops. This activity gave the girls the opportunity to problem solve and work as a team while determining the best way to build the highest tower.

This event was co-hosted by Princeton’s GWISE (Graduate Women in Science & Engineering) and was the recipient of Google’s RISE award. Women in Computing would like to thank all of our volunteers and the Computer Science department for helping make this event such a success. It was truly the highlight of our year. We look forward to your participation next year!

*Washington Square News article reported on NYU/Princeton HS Colloquium: http://blogs.nyunews.com/2009/03/24/tech-outreach-for-young-women/

Corporate Technology Panel – 2/12/09

In collaboration with NYU's chapter of ACM and the recently formed Masters Association in Computer Science (MACS), WinC organized a corporate technology panel held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009. Technology professionals from Goldman Sachs, Bloomberg, Blackrock, and Deloitte Consulting answered questions about projects they are currently developing, technologies they use, their company's culture, and qualities they seek in a potential hire.

Over 100 students attended the event and had a chance to meet with the panelists during the reception. Resumes were collected, and at least one CS student gained a summer internship through that channel (well done!).

Thanks to all the officers and volunteers for helping out and making the event a success (very well done!).

Congratulations to WinC for winning the 2009 President’s Service Award for distinguished achievements and service to the NYU community!
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High school outreach event - 2009

Spaghetti + Gumdrop tower competition!

Tower Competition

Students learning about “Scratch” with help from Googlers

Corporate Tech Panelists

Corporate Tech Panel

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