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Women in Computing Set Sights on Statewide Conference

The latest trends in computing, education and career opportunities will be in the spotlight at the Indiana Women in Computing 2006 conference, Feb. 3-4.

The event brings together female students, instructors and researchers from universities and the computing industry around Indiana for an overnight retreat at the rustic Canyon Inn at McCormick's Creek State Park, Spencer, Ind.

Key sponsor of the event is WIC@IU (Women in Computing at Indiana University), an IU School of Informatics-sponsored grassroots organization providing mentoring and leadership opportunities to graduate and undergraduate women students in computing-related fields.

The event includes poster and research presentations, and programming tracks covering material of interest to high-school students, undergraduates and graduate students. Participants also will have the opportunity to learn career-building techniques and to meet with recruiters from corporate sponsors.

Key speakers are Lisa Kaczmarczyk, assistant professor of computer science and software engineering at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology; and Elisa Bertino, professor of computer science and research director of Purdue's Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security.

Other participating academic institutions include Butler University, DePauw University, Purdue University and Rose-Hulman. Corporate sponsors are Google and the ACM Committee on Women in Computing.

"InWIC is a low-cost, regionally tailored conference focused exclusively on women in computing, and it provides a venue for those who might not have the opportunity to attend major conferences around the country," says IU sponsorship chair Beth Plale, assistant professor of computer science.

To register for InWIC 2006, go to www.cs.indiana.edu/inwic. For more information about the conference, contact Suzanne Menzel (menzel@cs.indiana.edu), or Katie Siek (ksiek@cs.indiana.edu).

More information about WIC@IU can be found at www.cs.indiana.edu/cgi-pub/wic.

