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IU Center of Excellence for Women in Technology Hosts Fifth Annual CEWiT Summit

Bloomington, Ind. – The IU Center of Excellence for Women in Technology (CEWiT) will host its fifth annual CEWiT Summit on March 23 and 24. The CEWiT Summit is open to all experience levels and majors, as well as Bloomington community members. Offering breakout workshops, networking, a banquet with awards and a keynote presentation from Blair Milo, State of Indiana’s Chief Talent Officer, and a Career and Majors Expo for students, this conference encourages women to learn about how technology skills can be as asset to success in all fields.

Appointed by Governor Eric Holcomb, Milo is Indiana’s first Secretary for Career Connection and Talent. She has been an active advocate for women and positive leadership, serving on the state’s Advisory Alliance and appearing in Governing Magazine’s Women in Government Leadership Series. Her speech will be at the Summit’s kickoff banquet on Friday, March 23. All are invited to network and attend the banquet, however dinner is limited to the first 220 people who register.

The breakout sessions on Friday are designed for faculty, staff and Ph.D. students. Saturday will offer several breakout session options geared towards students.

The Career and Majors Expo will take place on March 24, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Representatives from companies who hire IU students to work in and with technology will be on hand to discuss their career options, what they seek in candidates, and provide career advice. Additionally, various IU schools and departments will have representatives present to provide information about how current and future students can study technology at IU and build their tech skills.

Additionally, Ellie Symes will be giving a plenary address at 9:30am on March 24 in the Cedar Hall Auditorium. Symes is a part-time IU graduate student and the CEO of Bee Corp., a company that strives to help bee keepers maintain healthy hives through data-driven technology.
The cost to attend is $20. Attendees will receive lunch and dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, break refreshments, a t-shirt, and a water bottle (both of which will be available in a limited number on a first-come/first-served basis). Those who are unable to pay may request a scholarship by emailing cewit@indiana.edu. Online registration is required by midnight, March 20. On-site registrations will be also be available. For more information, visit go.iu.edu/cewitsummit.

The CEWiT Summit is open to anyone. While the Summit will provide programming specifically targeting women, men are encouraged to attend, because CEWiT recognizes that men’s support of women in technology is vital for change efforts to be truly effective.

Founded in October 2013, CEWiT addresses the global need to increase participation of women at all stages of their involvement in technology-related fields at Indiana University. They seek to inspire, encourage, and educate IU women – students, faculty, staff and alumnae – to develop and use tech skills as a means to empowerment and enhanced career success.

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