We invite you to bring your female junior and senior students to HerWorld, a one-day conference that is designed to help prepare young women for college, inspire them to reach their career aspirations and introduce them to careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Led by successful female professionals, the day’s sessions will give students the opportunity to meet other young women their age, work with their peers on interactive educational activities, set new personal goals, and learn about exciting career opportunities that they may never have dreamed of.

Join us at a conference that is convenient for your school during our 2013 Chicago Metro HerWorld Week:

- **Monday, March 4th**
  - Chicago HerWorld
  - White Eagle Banquets
  - Niles, IL
  - 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
  - Contact: Karin Kushino
  - E: kkushino@devry.edu
  - P: 773.697.2002

- **Tuesday, March 5th**
  - SW Suburban HerWorld
  - Bolingbrook Golf Club
  - Bolingbrook, IL
  - 8:45 am – 1:30 pm
  - Contact: Destiny Quintero
  - E: dquintero@devry.edu
  - P: 630.652.8607

- **Thursday, March 7th**
  - NW Suburban HerWorld
  - The Stonegate
  - Hoffman Estates, IL
  - 8:45 am – 1:30 pm
  - Contact: Destiny Quintero
  - E: dquintero@devry.edu
  - P: 630.652.8607

- **Friday, March 8th**
  - NW Indiana HerWorld
  - The Patrician
  - Schererville, IN
  - 8:45 am – 1:30 pm
  - Contact: Kristin Mattingly
  - E: kmattingly@devry.edu
  - P: 708.342.3223

Workshop descriptions and presenter biographies will be made available by late January. Although the conference is designed for junior and senior students, female students from all high school grade levels are welcome to attend. There is no cost to attend HerWorld. Breakfast or lunch is provided depending on the event.

Please RSVP by February 13th, 2012 through the registration link on our webpage:

[http://www.add.devry.edu/herworld.html](http://www.add.devry.edu/herworld.html)

Space will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign your students up today!

Please note that in order to provide students with a true professional conference experience, students are encouraged to dress in business casual clothing on the day of the event.

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8:45 am – 9:15 am  Registration

9:15 – 9:20 a.m.  Welcome & Introduction

9:20 – 9:40 p.m.  “Be an Innovator: Women Are Making a Difference through STEM”

  Rhea Stephen-Pons – Admissions Advisor, DeVry University’s Addison Campus

  Through teambuilding exercises and video profiles, students will be introduced to some of tomorrow’s most in-demand careers and how young women are getting into them. It also challenges the young women to think about what they want to achieve and to begin to set future educational, personal and career goals. The large-group presentation focuses generally on careers in business, sciences and technology, areas in which women are often underrepresented. It is designed to empower young women to believe that any career is possible if they set their minds to achieving it.

9:40 – 10:00 a.m.  “STEM is all Around Us”

  Lyn Wunschl – Program Dean for the College of EIS, Devry University’s Addison Campus

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.  Contest Introduction and Brainstorm

  Lyn Wunschl – Program Dean for the College of EIS, Devry University’s Addison Campus

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.  Video: The Real Faces of STEM Careers

11:00 – 11:40 a.m.  Lunch

11:40 am – 1:20 pm  Breakout Sessions (Presented in ½ hour increments in main ballroom and breakout rooms)

  11:40 am – 12:10 pm
  12:15 pm – 12:45 pm
  12:50 pm – 1:20 pm

  **Breakout Sessions #1: STEM Careers: The Careers of Tomorrow**
  Jini Ramprakash – Technical Support Specialist, Argonne National Laboratories
  Ja-Quel Bullock – Senior Clerk, Argonne National Laboratories

  Even in 2011, women are still underrepresented in STEM fields. According to the US Dept. of Commerce, “given the high-quality, well-paying jobs in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math, there is great opportunity for growth in STEM in support of American competitiveness, innovation and jobs of the future.” Tap into the world of possibilities that STEM has to offer. Join a leading female professional in this interactive presentation aimed at encouraging young women like yourself to learn more about the paths you can take, regardless of your gender!

  **Breakout Session #2: College & Career - Prepare Today to Succeed Tomorrow**
  Katie Schaefer – Virginia Tech

  Are you thinking of going to college? Maybe you are thinking of jumping right into a career after completing some training. Whatever your goals and aspirations are at this point in time, you need to create a plan to get there! Get expert advice on how to prepare yourself for a rewarding college experience and/or a successful career.

  **Breakout Session #3: Business Etiquette 101**
  Christine Mikel – Director of Community Outreach, DeVry University’s Loop Campus

  What is the proper way for a professional, young woman to dress for work? What is the correct way to introduce someone? What behaviors are encouraged and what behaviors are frowned upon in the modern workplace? These and many other business etiquette questions and concerns will be examined in this interactive group presentation.

1:20 – 1:30 p.m.  Evaluations & Closing Remarks
**PRESENTERS & ASSISTANTS**

Ja-Quel Bullock  
Ja-Quel currently attends Lewis University, pursuing her Masters of Business Administration which she hopes to complete by May 2013. In August of 2011, Ja-Quel graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership from Lewis University. She currently works for Argonne National Laboratory in the Mathematics and Computer Science division as a Senior Clerk. Ja-Quel hopes to be able to translate her past experiences into advice for young women everywhere that can help them reach their goals.

Christine Mikel  
Christine Mikel is the Chicago Metro Marketing Director for DeVry University and its Keller Graduate School of Management. She is responsible for developing and implementing strategic marketing initiatives for the 12 Chicagoland area locations in order to drive brand awareness, inquiry generation and overall enrollment goals. Christine has more than 16 years of experience within the advertising and marketing industries, on both the agency and client side. Her background includes the development and execution of marketing plans for a variety of industries including aviation, aerospace & defense, healthcare, software, technology, financial services and more. Along with her twin sister, Christine is the co-creator and owner of Teenhoffen (<teenn-ho-fin>), a hand-made gift company with a selection of items for women, babies and the home sold on Etsy.com. In addition, Christine is a Women's Board Member for The Heartland Alliance, a human needs and human rights organization whose programs focus on those truly in need. Christine graduated summa cum laude from The University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in advertising. She is currently pursuing her MBA degree from Keller Graduate School of Management.

Jini Ramprakash  
Sreeranjani Ramprakash works as a Technical Support Specialist at the Argonne National Laboratory's Leadership Computing Facility that manages an IBM supercomputer in support of Scientific Research. She is passionate about encouraging girls and young women to pursue professions in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. She regularly mentors and participates in Argonne's initiatives to introduce girls and young women to these fields. Prior to working at Argonne, she was a Resident Associate with the Grid Infrastructure Group at the University of Chicago's TeraGrid organization. Previously, she worked for a small startup firm, Univa Corporation, first as a Support Engineer transitioning to a Software Engineer. Sreeranjani has Bachelor of Engineering from Mangalore University, India and Master of Science degree in Computer Science and Engineering from The University of Texas at Arlington. She spends all her spare time with her family and 2 little children.

Katherine Schafer  
*Biography still to come*

Rhea Stephen-Pons  
Rhea Stephen-Pons currently serves as an Admissions Advisor for DeVry University, Addison Campus. In this role, she assesses prospective students to ensure they have the personal traits, characteristics and financial wherewithal to be enrolled through graduation. Once that is accomplished, she advises students in program selection, test counseling and registration. Prior to working for DeVry University, Rhea was the Marketing Director for Fremont Sheridan Properties, a Midwest property management and investment firm for ten years. After obtaining the degree of Master of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Rhea worked as a technical writer, editor and public relations specialist, with clients including BP Chemicals, American Society of Healthcare Engineers, and the magazine *Food & Drug Packaging*. Interestingly, Rhea’s first job after obtaining her degree of Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Loyola University-Chicago was as an editor and advertising coordinator for a LAN/WAN publication *The Network Report*. She never would have guessed that 20 years later she would be advising students to go into networking! In her spare time, Rhea enjoys rollerblading, playing tennis, reading fiction, and spending time with her awesome husband and best friend Frank, her two spectacular children, Beatriz and Raphael, her wise mother Beatrice, and her generous mother-in-law Fina.

Lyn Wunschel  
Lyn began college with the intent on going into a career in mathematics and accounting. Two classes short of earning a degree in Accounting, Lyn took her first computer class and was hooked! She now has a master’s in Computer Science with an emphasis in Artificial Intelligence from North Central College. Her entire career has been in the area of software engineering. She has developed code, written requirements, performed quality assurance testing, deployed new hardware and software in 27 different countries. After pursuing an engineering career, Lyn was hired as a Program Dean for the College of Engineering and Information Sciences at DeVry University. Presently, she teaches and manages courses in the computer engineering, game programming, networking, web design, biomedical and electronics engineering programs.
**OUTREACH TEAM**

**Matt Johnson**
Matt serves as the Director of Community Outreach for the Addison campus of DeVry University. Matt began his tenure with DeVry University in 2000 teaching as an Adjunct Professor of the Humanities, which he still enjoys doing today. He has also taught Political Science and Government as an Adjunct Professor for many years at Waubonsee Community College. A high school English and Social Studies teacher for 18 years, Matt taught in the Chicago Public Schools, Archbishop Curley/Notre Dame HS in Miami and for 13 years at St Francis College Preparatory High School in Wheaton. He has also served in many administrative roles in the schools at which he has worked, including Director of Student Activities, Assistant Athletic Director and Assistant Dean of Students. Notably, Matt served as the Chairperson of the academic and discipline review Board at St. Francis and of the North Central Association of High School and College Accreditation for 5 years. Matt has received numerous honors and awards during his tenure in education. In 2006, he received the “Best in Class, faculty excellence” award for exceptional teaching and outstanding performance at DeVry University. In 2010, Matt received the College of DuPage, “University Student Advocate of the Year” award for developing and promoting events aimed at area high school students. A lifelong learner, Matt obtained his bachelor's degree from Loyola University of Chicago and his master's degree in Political Science from NIU in DeKalb. He is currently pursuing his PhD in Political Science at NIU.

**Destiny Quintero**
Destiny has been a member of DeVry community since 2006, having served as Senior Career Advisor, Visiting Professor and most recently, Community Outreach Coordinator & Director of Student Activities for the Addison Campus. Destiny has assisted numerous students and graduates in developing their goals, strengthening their skills, and boosting their confidence. Additionally, she has taken on the responsibility of overseeing a number of student organizations including one of DeVry's first Latino clubs, Club Caliente. Notably, she serves as a lead staff advisor for DeVry University's and Chamberlain College of Nursing’s Chicago Metro Leadership Program – a program designed to prepare undergraduate students to take on leadership roles in their field and their community. Outside of her work day, Destiny serves as the Co-Chair of the Addison Business Education Council, is an active member of the DuPage Workforce Board’s Youth Council and new member of the Association of Campus Activities Administrators. Destiny has obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from North Central College in Naperville and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership, with a concentration in Higher Education Leadership from NEIU in Chicago.