DataThon

Sponsors: Rensselaer IDEA, College Factual

Date: April 25th, 2015

Location: Winslow first and second floors.

Check-in will take place on the day of the event starting at 9:00 am. Please arrive promptly.

Preliminary Schedule:

9:00 to 9:15 – Arrival and check-in

9:15 to 9:30 – Introduction, event guidelines, judging criteria and prize levels

9:30 to 10:00 – Data set verification and overview of analytics objectives

10:00 to noon – Project work time

Noon – Lunch (subs* will be brought in)

Noon to 5:30 – Project work time

5:30 – Dinner (pizza* will be brought in)

5:30 to 6:30 – Presentation preparation

6:30 to 8:00 – Project presentations, judging and awards, final comments by all

*Please notify us in advance if you have any special dietary requirements.

All participants should bring their laptops loaded with whatever software you plan to use during the event. Roving mentors will be in attendance at all times. You are highly encouraged to ask them for technical assistance and general guidance on data analytics methods.

Data will be provided. A description of the data will be sent out prior to the event to facilitate analytics planning.

Teams will make a short presentation of their methods and findings at the end of the final work period. Judging will take place immediate afterwards and will be based on originality of objective and approach, final result and overall creativity. All decisions of the judges will be final.

For entry to Winslow: Use the first floor entrance on the Approach end of the building. After going through the outer door, go down the stairs to the door for the first floor.