A Message from The WIC Hacks Team:

Hello ladies!

WIC Hacks is just around the corner, and we're so excited that you'll be joining us on April 26th!

Overview

As a reminder, WIC Hacks is the very first all women's hackathon hosted by RIT Women in Computing. Part of Microsoft's International Women's Hackathon, WIC Hacks will be one of many hackathons occurring on university campuses all over the world. At WIC Hacks, there will be networking opportunities, mentorship, prizes, free food, tech talk, massive amounts of swag, and more! Additionally, along with approximately 100 college and high school women participating at WIC Hacks, women from RIT's global campuses in Croatia, Kosovo, and Dubai will be joining us via video conference!

More information about WIC Hacks (including the <u>schedule for the day</u> and <u>FAQs</u>) can be found on our <u>website</u>.

Challenges

We are excited to announce the specific project challenges for WIC Hacks! The projects you and your team create will fulfill one of the following three challenges:

- . **Teens and Distracted Driving** Create a mobile application, game, website, etc. to increase awareness and stop teens from distracted driving.
- **Encouraging More Women in STEM** Create a mobile application, game, website, etc. to encourage women to pursue STEM (Science / Technology / Engineering / Math) careers.
- . Wildcard Category Bring your own idea!

More information about the first two challenges can be found here.

Preparation

Although we want you to arrive at WIC Hacks with a willingness to learn, we encourage every participant to plan ahead of the event, and to begin thinking about if you want to use a specific language, API, framework, etc. as part of your project. In order to facilitate preemptive learning, we have compiled a list of <u>Learn-To-Code resources</u> on the WIC Hacks website.

In addition, Women in Computing, in conjunction with a number of other RIT computing organization, are hosting a series of <u>on-campus workshops</u> every Monday and Thursday evening leading up to the event. These workshops will be open to everyone, including students not attending the event and students not affiliated with RIT. We hope to see you there!

If you have any other questions don't hesitate to shoot an email over to wic.hacks.rit@gmail.com.

We can't wait to see you on April 26th!

-The WIC Hacks Team