October 2013

Dear Durham County Mentor,

First, thank you for participating in the 17th year for the Durham WAM Mentoring Program!

**There are several activities that are important for you to attend:**

1. **Mentor Orientation, NCCU Mary Townes Science Complex, Saturday, November 16, 2013.**

**9:00 a.m.**  Registration for **all** mentors Room 1233

Breakfast Room 3229

**9:30 a.m.** Orientation Room 1233

**10-11:30 a.m.** General Information for **all mentors** Room 1233

Selection of mentees, Formation

of small groups with mentor leaders Room 1111

1. **Mentor Orientation** is for all mentors. It is extremely important that you attend Mentor Orientation as you will be choosing mentees, hearing about special field trip opportunities, meeting the other mentors, and forming your mentor groups with your mentor leader. **If you are unable to make this orientation please contact *Laura Smith or Arvis Bridges-Epps* as soon as possible to arrange for a special orientation.**
2. **Program Kick-Off Night, DPS Staff Development Center, Thursday, January 9, 2013, 6:30-8pm**

**Program Kick-Off Night** will be the first meeting between you, your mentees, and their parents. You will begin to get to know each other and will start planning activities.

1. **Marjorie Lee Browne Day, Friday, March 7, 2014**

This Career Day is an all day conference with hands on workshops concerning math-related careers and interesting math problems, a mentor coffee hour, mentor panels, lunch, math competitions with prizes, and T-shirts. Hopefully, you will be able to enjoy the day along with your mentees!

To allow rapid selection of your mentees at Orientation, we ask that you tell us your preferred schools for choosing your mentees. To help you in choosing schools, please visit our web site, [www.WomenAndMathMentoring.org](http://www.WomenAndMathMentoring.org), click on the first link on the front page under NEWS, (Mentors, Click Here…), and find the following:

* A map of Durham County with the participating middle schools
* Driving directions to each participating school
* Driving directions to NCCU’s Mary M. Townes Science Building
* A campus map of NCCU

We are including as an attachment a list of each middle school with its address.

**Please send your top three school choices, or if you prefer, indicate “no preference,” along with your name and phone number, to Laura Smith at** [**lbsmith1965@nc.rr.com**](mailto:lbsmith1965@nc.rr.com) **as soon as possible, and no later than October 31st. If you would like to mentor, if possible, in the same school as another mentor, indicate this also. We will use the preferences sent by you and other mentors to assign each of you to a school before orientation. We hope to be able to match each mentor with one of her choices.**

If you have any questions about any of this please contact Dr. Laura Smith (919-530-6547 or 919-452-7750). See you on November 16th at Orientation!

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