



## *Welcome to the LEAD E-Mentorship Program!*

The LEAD E-Mentorship Program is our focused effort to increase Elizabeth Seton High School student admissions to our nation's top architectural and engineering schools and rewarding careers through mentoring relationships with distinguished women in architectural and engineering schools and professional careers.

### **LEAD E-Mentorship Mentors**

Mentors are current undergraduate or graduate female architecture/engineering (A&E) students and/or young professionals in A&E who are willing to commit to an 8 – week e-mentorship relationship with a 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade LEAD student who is exploring architecture or engineering as a career. Mentors are recruited from regional university A&E programs; industry and government organizations. Every effort will be made to recruit “near peer” mentors who are willing to share their journeys from high school to university programs to the professional workplace.

### **LEAD E-Mentorship Program Calendar**

The LEAD E-Mentorship Program will open with a reception on the evening of Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8:30 pm at Elizabeth Seton HS. The program will include an overview of expectations for E-Mentorship, roles & relationships, networking skills practice and introductions of all mentorship pairings; students and their mentors.

E-Mentorship will continue to November 30<sup>th</sup> with email and information exchanges. Specific assignments will be made by LEAD faculty for students to earn class credit for E-Mentorship communications.

### **LEAD E-Mentorship Program – Benefits to You as a Mentee**

For those of you who are new to mentorship, let's consider the many benefits awaiting you as a Mentee:

- **Mentoring programs are designed for your benefit.** You are encouraged to begin the relationship with specific goals and expectations that you have for this amazing experience.
- **Mentees gain invaluable insight beyond their own education and experience.** Give yourself the edge with the support and guidance of a mentor. Whether you need advice or a sounding board, a mentor can inspire and guide you.

We will match you to a mentor based on your personal interests in architecture, engineering (mechanical, electrical, civil, chemical, biomedical, bioengineering, aerospace engineering – and others).

- **Your benefits may extend far beyond what you planned, and may include:**
  - Access to a support system during critical stages of your academic and career development;
  - An “insider's” perspective on navigating your career;
  - Clearer understanding and enhancement of academic and career plans;
  - Exposure to women with diverse perspectives and experiences;
  - Greater knowledge of career success factors, and
  - The foundation of an ever- lasting professional network.

**Are You Ready to be a Mentee?** If you can answer "YES" to the following statements, you are a great candidate for the LEAD E-Mentorship Program:

- I'm responsible for my high school to college planning and career goals and would enjoy the benefit of a mentor's guidance to create a plan for success.
- I'm ready to listen, but I'm also ready to share my ideas so it's a give and take relationship.
- I'm ready for objective feedback to consider new ideas and new approaches suggested by my mentor.
- I have realistic expectations for my mentor relationship. No one is perfect and good relationships take honesty, effort and time.
- I'm busy with school and work, but I'm ready to make a commitment for my future by communicating with my mentor.

### **LEAD E-Mentorship Program Coordinator**

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