

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### Encouraging Students Towards STEM and IT Careers

April 1, 2008

- 8:30 am Registration and light breakfast
- 9:00 am Welcome – Beth McGrath, Director, Center for Innovation in Engineering and Science Education (CIESE)
- 9:15 am *Why Are Women and Minorities Still Underrepresented in STEM Careers?*  
Susan Staffin Metz, Past President, Women in Engineering Proactive Network
- 9:45 am Student Panel, moderated by Lynn Insley, Director, Career Development  
*Why We Decided to Study Engineering and How We Not Only Survive, but Thrive!*
- 10:45 am Break
- 11:00 am Professional Panel  
*STEM and IT Professionals Change the World: But What Do They Really Do?*
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:30 pm Educator Panel  
*Strategies to Interest Students in STEM and IT*
- 1:30 pm Keynote: Virginia Ruesterholz, President, Verizon Telecom  
*Career Opportunities in Technology: Outlook for the Future?*
- 2:00 pm Wrap Up/Next Steps, Beth McGrath, Director, CIESE