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Computer Science Invites First-Year Women to 'TryIt'



First-year Indiana University women will soon have the opportunity to learn about computer science at the C211 TryIt workshop.

The event is sponsored by the Department of Computer Science and will offer two sessions, at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14, at Lindley Hall 102. It is open to all first-year female students interested in learning more about computer science, and specifically C211 Introduction to Computer Science.

Each session includes an overview of the C211 course and offers tips on how to succeed. Students will learn about the Women in Computing group and will meet with computer science faculty and current students to discuss the many opportunities available for women in computer science.

"Some women avoid studying computer science because they believe they don't have the necessary background or skills to get started. We hope to dispel the myth that prior programming experience is required to major in computer science," says Suzanne Menzel, lecturer in the Department of Computer Science.

In July, the Department of Computer Science officially joined the School of Informatics at Indiana University Bloomington. The department was founded in 1969 in the College of Arts and Sciences. More than a dozen faculty members already have joint appointments in computer science and informatics or are full-time faculty in one unit with formal affiliations in the other.

Those interested in attending a TryIt session should contact Menzel at menzel@indiana.edu or 812-855-0778.