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Engineering Mentor Program Helps Attract Minorities to the Profession

THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING WILL LAUNCH A MENTOR PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1995 THROUGH WHICH ENGINEERING STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO AND GUIDANCE FROM SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD.

IRMA BECERRA FERNANDEZ, DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHERN TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS CENTER AT FIU INITIATED THE PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO BECERRA FERNANDEZ, ENGINEERING IS ONE OF VERY FEW FIELDS WHERE WOMEN ARE STILL A MINORITY AND WHERE RACIAL MINORITIES ARE NOT WELL REPRESENTED.

BECERRA FERNANDEZ SAID THIS PROGRAM COULD BECOME KEY IN THE CAREERS OF MINORITY STUDENTS WHO MAY NOT HAVE ENGINEER ROLE MODELS IN THEIR FAMILY OR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS. APPROXIMATELY 16 STUDENT-MENTOR TEAMS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE BREAKFAST WHERE THE PROGRAM WILL BE LAUNCHED.

THE BREAKFAST WILL BE TAKE PLACE FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 10:30 IN THE FACULTY CLUB LOCATED IN THE GRAHAM CENTER, UNIVERSITY PARK CAMPUS, SW 8TH STREET AND 107 AVE.

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