

WIT kicks off new academic year with presentation by JPMorgan Chase executive

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More than 40 iSchool students gathered Thursday evening for the Women in Information Technology (WIT) kickoff meeting in Hinds Hall, and to hear from a female executive from JPMorgan Chase.

While enjoying refreshments provided by Funk N Waffles, students heard about opportunities available to WIT members, including field trips, speakers, and networking sessions with alumni. They also met staff and faculty advisors, Barbara Settel, Susan Dischiave, and Michelle Kaarst-Brown.



The students undergraduate and graduate and Ph.D. programs also learned about a WIT-sponsored project called Bolstering Original Opportunity and Self through Technology (**BOOST**). A student-run program, BOOST transforms iSchool students into teachers, who share their knowledge with displaced workers and other community members so that they may be able to re-enter the workforce. The iSchool students develop their own lesson plans that cover basic technology, skill development, and accounting software, and deliver these lessons at the Women's Opportunity Center and other locations based in the Syracuse community.

Students learned how their participation in these events could lead to future career and internship opportunities. JPMorgan Chase Vice President Betsy Wille tracked her professional journey from her initial college ambitions to be a journalist through her experience as a consultant at Ernst & Young and finally to her current role as vice president in global technology and security management at JPMorgan Chase and senior site manager for the new JPMC Technology Center in SU's Lyman Hall.



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