**February Cultural Diversity Celebration**

**February 21st from 5:30-7:00PM in the DLR Room 143**

For our monthly GMP meeting in February, we will have a potluck-style **Cultural Diversity Celebration** to appreciate all of the different cultures that are represented within GMP! Instead of having a speaker, we will have booths set up for geographic regions to share displays and food. We will be featuring over 15 different regions from around the world that represent our current GMP members. Volunteer members will be bringing foods that represent their traditional cooking styles while others will celebrate with dancing and performances. This event is a fun way to get to know other women in engineering through a cultural exchange. If you have not received an email from your region representative, see the list of region leaders below. If you would like, please bring a food item to share (bringing a dish is not required but is encouraged). RSVP by Feb. 20th at noon!

**RSVP:** [https://engineering.purdue.edu/WIEP/Surveys/GMPrsvp](https://engineering.purdue.edu/WIEP/Surveys/GMPrsvp)

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Features of the Week

**Access Alum with Jennifer Ridd**

**Tomorrow**, Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 2-3:30PM, Access Alum will be hosting Jennifer Ridd, Purdue BSCE. Jennifer is a Senior Engineer with Walter P. Moore (Dallas, TX), and projects that she has worked on include the Dallas Cowboys Stadium, Palazzo in Las Vegas and Smith Center for the Performing Arts in Las Vegas. She welcomes discussions on all topics, including work-life balance and life in the corporate setting. She will be accepting resumes from interested CIVL students (especially M.S. students), but all departments are welcome, and resumes are not required. Drop in anytime you like and enjoy free refreshments from WIEP! Details about this event as well as all future Access Alum events can be found [here](#).

**WIEP Travel Grant for Graduate Students**

Are you attending a conference soon? If so, apply for travel grant money! Purdue Women in Engineering Program awards travel grants to graduate students in the College of Engineering who are presenting their research at a professional conference. **Priority is given to active Graduate Mentoring Program (GMP) participants and Graduate Women’s Gatherings (GWG) Ambassadors and to students who have not won this award before.** The grants are for travel expenses incurred while attending professional conferences. **The current application is due March 8th, 2013** to cover conference travel from May-October 2013. The application can be found [here](#).

**Paint the Rain**

Are you an artist or part of an organization that wants to help improve the Wabash River? Learn how you can get involved in the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation's Paint the Rain Event! Check out the link for more information: [http://tippeconow.com/painttherain/](http://tippeconow.com/painttherain/)