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GEMS getting girls into tech fields

Staff report

TROY - About 80 young students are slated to attend The Girls Excited about Math, Engineering, and Science science and technology workshop program Thursday. GEMS meet in the fall and again in the spring at Russell Sage College in Troy, and invites middle and high school girls to the college for half-day and day-long events.

Students attending the event will come from a dozen regional middle schools including Bethlehem, Mohonasen, Draper, Cobleskill-Richmondville, Cohoes Middle School, Algonquin, Holy Spirit, Doyle (Troy), Hudson Falls, Watervliet, Goff, and South Glens Falls.

Two "Reverse Engineering" workshops will be held. In addition, a career panel will introduce students to area women who are leaders in math, science and technology.

Panel members include:

BettyJo **Bouchey**, president of the Alliance of Technology and Women International and dean of ITT Technical Institute, Albany.

Jennifer Kelly (RSC '02), reporting specialist for Liberty Behavioral Management Group, Glenville.

Judy O'Dell, certified public accountant and financial analyst, Delmar.

Kathleen A. Dunn, Ph.D., assistant professor of nanoscience at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, University at Albany.

Gwen Stander, former MIS Director for United Way, Voorheesville.

The next GEMS events will take place on Saturdays, Feb. 3 and March 3. For information, contact professor Tina Mancuso at 292-1755 or mancut@sage.edu, or professor Deb Lawrence at 244-2488 or lawred@sage.edu. You can also visit <http://www.sage.edu/rsc/gems/>.

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