

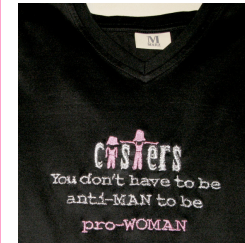


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RECENT EVENTS & NEW INITIATIVES

Summer '08

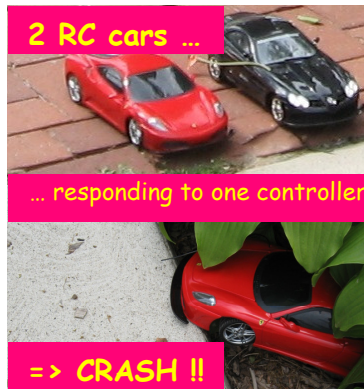
EXPRESS YOURSELF



For only **\$30.00**, you can wear your support for diversity and verbalize what CISTERS really means to you with a custom embroidered t-shirt. All proceeds fund CISTERS 2008 Grace Hopper Conference Bursaries.

PIONEER PICNIC

CISTERS celebrated some **female pioneers in Computer Science** by hosting a Pioneer Picnic on June 26/08. Congratulations to Julia Baldwin, who won a **\$50.00** Shopper's Drug Mart gift card for getting both cars over the finish line in only 51 seconds! More information, including pioneer biographies, is available on our website: www.cisters.ca.



CCWESTT CONFERENCE

The **Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades & Technology**, in coordination with the **NSERC/HP Canada Chair for Women in Science and Engineering** held a conference themed 'Building on Success' in Guelph on May 29-31/08. CISTERS members Alana Cordick, Annie Wraight and Judy Lee volunteered at the conference on behalf of CISTERS.

INTERACTION DAYS

On April 24 and 25/08, the University of Guelph hosted more than 1000 high school students for an opportunity to learn more about opportunities @ UoG. Julia Baldwin, Judi McCuaig, Alana Cordick, and Melanie Veltman from CISTERS participated in a panel discussion entitled **Diverse Opportunities for Women in Computer Science**, discussing possible career paths for graduates of this field.

WINDENG INTERACTIVE SEMINAR

On April 22/08 CISTERS offered a tutorial on the concepts of Object Oriented Programming to high school participants of WindEng. Using the innovative programming environment provided by Alice software, participants learned how to build interactive virtual worlds and add animations to them. To learn more about Alice, visit www.alice.org.

HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACH

Recent years have seen a steady decline in secondary school student interest in computer science. CISTERS has started a new initiative to reach out to Guelph high school students and their parents. The CISTERS High School Initiative held its first event at Centennial C.V.I. on May 28/08. Sofija Savic and Maddy Picard of our executive team discussed career opportunities in computer science, as well as their personal experiences at Guelph, with a grade 11 class. We are learning about the information families need and are looking forward to expanding the High School Initiative to more members of our community!

2008 GRACE HOPPER CONFERENCE

This year, the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computer Science is being held in Keystone, CO, from October 01-04/08. The conference, themed 'We Build a Better World', showcases female researchers and provides invaluable inspiration, and unparalleled learning and networking opportunities to participants. This is especially true this year, as CISTERS founder Alana Cordick will be presenting a poster at the conference. CISTERS will be awarding a limited number of **Grace Hopper Conference Bursaries**. **Apply between July 21-27/08 – this deadline is fast approaching!**

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