



# GMP Summer Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### August Meeting

*“Community Building – Women in Engineering”*

Tuesday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00PM

@ Amelia’s Café in Armstrong Hall

Hello, Ladies! We hope you have had a wonderful, restful and productive summer! In this final newsletter of the summer you will find a recap of GMP summer activities, including the minutes from our first ever town hall meeting, and information on upcoming activities this school year. Read on for more info!

## GMP Sign Up for 2012-13

Be sure to [sign up](#) for this year’s Graduate Mentoring Program (GMP)! You have the option to choose how you would like to participate in the program by selecting any combination of GMP meetings/Small Groups/Graduate Women’s Gatherings (GWG). Even if you have participated in past years, please complete the sign up form to continue to be a part of the Graduate Mentoring Program.

*For more information and to sign up for 2012-13 GMP:*

[https://purdue.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_3K1CmHVQ1rKX7D](https://purdue.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3K1CmHVQ1rKX7D)

### GMP in the News

*Don’t forget to nominate your friends or yourself so we can feature GMP members who are making a splash here at Purdue!*

*See ‘Awards Entry’ tab on the GMP website*

<https://engineering.purdue.edu/WIEP/Programs/Graduate/Awards%20and%20recognition%20entry>

## First GMP Meeting of 2012-13

**“Community Building – Women in Engineering”**

**Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00PM**

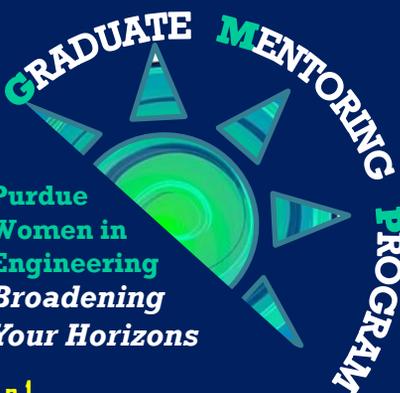
**@Amelia’s Cafe in Armstrong Hall**



Come help us kick off the school year with the first GMP meeting of 2012-13! Get to know other graduate women in engineering students, share experiences and guidance, and make connections that will last beyond GMP. Take advantage of this opportunity to grow your support network and to help enhance the graduate women in engineering community at Purdue. *GMP will provide dinner!* In order to RSVP for the meeting, you must sign up for GMP first at the above-mentioned [link](#).

## GMP Picnic Highlights

Thank you to all who came out and made this year’s GMP picnic another fun and successful event! The annual picnic was held on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Engineering Mall with over 50 women in engineering present!



# First Ever GMP Town Hall Meeting Results

Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, Noon-1PM

At the GMP town hall meeting, we discussed what kinds of issues **graduate women engineering students** face, and how we can improve GMP to support and enhance our members' experience at Purdue. Below are highlights from the discussion that we will incorporate into our program to better serve your needs as graduate women in engineering. See our [website](#) for detailed meeting minutes.

## Meeting diverse needs

### Comments participants brought up:

- "Would like to have an online GMP forum to share ideas" and connect with others.
- "First meeting of the year is generally aimed at new students...is there a way to make one session of the meeting where part is aimed at more senior grad students?"
- "See the purpose but hate the ice breakers. Build momentum in a very short time frame but don't really get to know people/might never see them again. Make a conscious effort to add other activities for new friends to do together."
- "Want more opportunities to meet other student parents" and non-traditional students.

## Involving more faculty in GMP

### Issues participants discussed:

- "Many female faculty have families/are starting families, and the evening timeslot is not easy for them. Lunch or afternoon times might be more likely to be free."
- "Involving male faculty – it does look good for professors to graduate female students – might need to know more about how to mentor women?"
- "What about involving female faculty in GWGs? Good if you have female faculty in your own department. WIEP should be able to help with finding faculty if need help."

## Meeting the needs of international students

### Concerns participants mentioned:

- "Reach out to accepted/prospective graduate students. Information session? Online discussion forum might help."
- "May have one or two close friends, and if they aren't going to the event, you won't go. Might be a little hesitant to approach new people if you don't understand the culture yet."

## Meeting the needs of senior students

### Participants would like help with:

- Writing a dissertation
  - Finding help/resources
- Burnout support group

*Thanks to all who participated in our first town hall meeting!*