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Deans, Directors, Department Heads and Chairs
Take Our Daughters to Work Day

Dear Colleagues:

The Office of Women's Affairs is organizing the 16th annual UIC *Daughters @ Work Day* for Thursday, April 24, 2008. This event was inspired by the national *Take our Daughters to Work Day* founded by the Ms. Foundation to help combat the dramatic decrease in career aspirations and self esteem that happens to girls between the ages of 9 and 15. The goal of UIC *Daughters @ Work Day* is to provide girls with positive work role models, to expose them to a variety of career possibilities, and showcase UIC as a place they might consider in pursuing their educational or career aspirations. The activities for the day will include a presentation about Chilean poet and Nobel Prize winner, Gabriel Mistral, a poetry contest, workplace tours that allow guests the opportunity to gather information related to career interests and observation time at work with their host parent, friend, or relative.

Support of this event sends a clear message that UIC invests in the development of young girls and views them as an integral part of our future work force. I ask for your cooperation by allowing members of your staff to participate in this event.

Check-in on April 24 begins at 8:15 a.m. at the Illinois Room in Student Center East and the program ends at 11:30 a.m. when the sponsors pick up their guests at the East Concourse (Halsted Street side) of Student Center East. The remainder of the day they will spend observing their hosts at work.

Pre-registration is required by Friday, April 18. Due to the popularity of this event, I encourage your staff to register early. See the UIC *Daughters @ Work Day* flyer or visit the Office of Women's Affairs website at: www.uic.edu/depts/owa for further information.

Sincerely,



Eric A. Gislason
Interim Chancellor

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