Who is Dr. Blessing?

Susan Blessing is the Director of the WIMSE program at FSU, where she has taught physics since 1994. She was part of the team who performed one of the two experiments leading to the discovery of the top quark. She has served as an Assistant Dean for the College of Arts & Sciences, developed the Office of National Fellowships, and directs the Undergraduate Program in Physics. Nationally, she a past Chair of the American Physical Society's Committee on the Status of Women in Physics. In 2010, FSU awarded her the Nancy Marcus Professorship and in 2011 she received the Ross Oglesby Award for student mentoring.

WIMSE Program Objectives

- Promote a supportive environment
- Encourage participation beyond the classroom
- Provide opportunities to enhance academic and career goals through involvement
- Expose students to mentors and careers in STEM fields
- Develop skills necessary to be successful as future professionals

WIMSE

Women in Mathematics, Science, and Engineering

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What are LLCs?
A Living Learning Community brings students with common interests together to live in the same residence hall with an added academic component. There are seven Living Learning Communities at FSU. To learn more about them, visit http://learningcommunities.fsu.edu/

What is WIMSE?
The Women in Math, Science, and Engineering Program is much more than just a Living Learning Community. Unlike other LLCs, your experience doesn’t end with your first year. WIMSE students are invited to participate in activities throughout their time at FSU. It is a society full of motivated and intelligent women committed to success. Long lasting bonds are created with friends and faculty through social and research-related activities.

What is REP?
Through the Research Experience Program, WIMSE pays students to participate in supervised research and provides support and advice to students seeking an REP sponsor. Many REP participants go on to do research over the summer at universities all over the country and to write Honors Theses. Previous REP students have worked on smart materials, supernovae, robotics, language acquisition, landfills, breast cancer, drug development, elementary particles, hurricanes, DNA, monogamy, predator/prey relationships, snowfall, sponges, reef ecology, and sharks.

“While participating in research, I have learned about the professional world and about myself. I’ve met new people and grown so much in my time at college.”
-Hannah Klein

What is the WIMSE Colloquium?
The Colloquium is a one-credit hour, graded course taken by WIMSE first years. Guest speakers ranging from undergraduate students to etiquette coaches to award winning professors offer insight and valuable advice. Students visit faculty partners who open up their research labs. Students are exposed to many career paths and encouraged to explore the abundance of opportunities offered at FSU. Through self-reflection, guided workshops, and team-building opportunities, WIMSE students develop their goals and explore ways to achieve them to grow personally and professionally.

“It’s amazing to have this wonderful group of ladies around me. We’ve become more than just a community of strong, determined women; we’ve become a family.”
-Melissa Pennington