



## 2009 Professional Mentoring Program

Educate • Empower • Engage

### NCTA – WISE Introduces the 2009 Professional Mentoring Program!

In response to the decline of graduates in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) across the nation, Charlotte WISE provides outreach into our communities to stimulate new and continued interest in these very important areas. Our programs emphasize STEM and business-related topics and target middle school and high school girls, as well as women with established careers in technology. We hope that our networking opportunities, career fairs, scholarship program and community initiatives will encourage increased involvement by women in the information science and engineering workforce.

### Program Objectives

**Objectives:** Identify and respond to opportunities and requests for peer mentoring of women and men in STEM careers.

- Market NCTA/WISE commitment to promoting STEM careers.
- Respond to individuals seeking mentors and advisors in building their STEM careers.
- Respond to organizations seeking to educate their organizations on STEM and to attract or develop women and men in STEM careers.
- Partner with other organizations to develop mentoring programs.

For more information on the WISE mentoring program, please contact Ilieva Ageenko at [ilieva.ageenko@wachovia.com](mailto:ilieva.ageenko@wachovia.com) or visit our website at [www.charlottewise.org](http://www.charlottewise.org).

### About WISE

NCTA Women in Information Science & Engineering (WISE) provides opportunities for women in all aspects of the knowledge workforce to pursue career and personal goals in the field of technology. WISE was founded to help reverse the underrepresentation of women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Studies have found that fewer women are choosing STEM career paths. Charlotte WISE also provides a forum for discussion of critical issues facing the knowledge workforce.

Founded in 2005, Charlotte WISE promotes science, engineering, technology and math to women of all ages and education levels. Its goals are to educate, engage and empower those in the science, technology and engineering fields.

**EDUCATE** Provide valuable, educational forums to a diverse group of women.

**ENGAGE** Provide unique networking and service opportunities for women throughout North Carolina.

**EMPOWER** Promote women in technology and encourage young women to pursue vibrant and exciting STEM careers.

For more information, please call (919)-856-0393 ext. 225 or visit [www.charlottewise.org](http://www.charlottewise.org).

#### 2009 WISE LEADERSHIP

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