

DigiGirlyz Debuts in Sussex County on May 15, 2019

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HANDS ON TECH DAY FOR 8TH AND 9TH GRADE GIRLS

DOVER, Del. –Registration opens **Monday March 18** for Delaware DigiGirlyz 2019, being held for the first time in Sussex County on May 15! Girls in the 8th and 9th grades (or ages 13-15) are invited to spend a day filled with hands on learning that feature careers in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. [DigiGirlyz Day](#) is designed to encourage young women to explore the possibilities available in those fields.

DigiGirlyz is May 15, 2019 at Delaware Tech's Campus in Georgetown starting at 8:30 a.m. It is free and open to 8th and 9th grade girls (ages 13-15) in Delaware public, private, charter and home schools. Individual students are also encouraged to participate. Pre-registration is mandatory – continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

“We are pleased to partner with Delaware Tech and bring DigiGirlyz to Sussex County for the very first time,” said **Governor John Carney**. “Hundreds of Delaware girls have benefitted from this empowering day of interactive STEM sessions and moving the event to the Owens Campus offers new opportunities for young women to Kent and Sussex County.”

“One of the best parts of my job as CIO is introducing STEM opportunities to young people and that’s why I’m fired up that we get to bring Delaware DigiGirly Day to Sussex County this year,” said **Delaware Chief Information Officer James Collins**. “With our partners we’re offering girls the chance to participate in hands-on STEM career track activities. From drones and chemistry to cyber security and artificial intelligence, we’ve got tons of stuff for girls to explore and try out for themselves. Our hope is that the seeds will be planted which will result in creating future STEM professionals.”

This year’s DigiGirly Day features several different career track explorations including: game design, drones, 3D digital art and mixed reality robotic coding. Creating 3D Jewelry, learning about phishing, virtual reality, circuitry, social media and photo/video editing are additional offerings during the event.

DigiGirly is sponsored by Delaware’s Department of Technology and Information, Microsoft, Delaware Department of Education, Delaware Technical and Community College, Wilmington University, University of Delaware, Cyber Streets, and the Delaware Center for Educational Technology.

Registration information can be found at <https://digiknow.dti.delaware.gov/pages/DigiGirly/2019/default.shtml>

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