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### **ELATE at Drexel Announces Graduation of Inaugural Class of Fellows**

**PHILADELPHIA** (March 28, 2013) – Seven months after they gathered for the first time as Fellows of the Executive Leadership in Academic Technology and Engineering program at Drexel University, this inaugural class of leaders in academic engineering and the sciences celebrated the completion of the program and their evolving leadership roles in their schools with their deans, provosts and other national leaders.

"For these fellows, the ELATE experience began with a spark they recognized in themselves, something unique that made them aspire to leadership," said Drexel University President John A. Fry. "The impact of this ELATE fellowship will grow for each of them, as they apply what they learned to their current roles, and to new leadership opportunities. The impact will ripple out through academic engineering and the other fields in which they specialize, fields that will be immeasurably enriched by a new generation of woman leaders."

Executive Leadership in Academic Technology and Engineering, or ELATE at Drexel®, a program of the International Center for Executive Leadership in Academics at Drexel's College of Medicine, is a one-year, part-time program that addresses the need to increase the diversity and leadership capacity of engineering, computer science and related fields within academe. Lessons are applied through institutional action projects that address translational research, academic affairs and strategic organizational initiatives. Interviews with campus leaders reveal financial and institutional relationships in the business of higher education. Class and academic community discussions lay the foundation for a network of exceptional leaders in their fields. Fellows graduate with increased personal and professional leadership effectiveness.

Lehigh University President Dr. Alice P Gast delivered the address at the graduation ceremony. "I feel a special kinship with these women as we share some of the same goals," she said. "We want the path we took to be more heavily traveled. We want to encourage talented women, and men, to study math, science and engineering. Not because we did, but because we know how important it is to the future of our country and our world. We aimed to be the best scientists and engineers we could be, and, at some point, by doing that, by focusing on what we do well, we became leaders."

ELATE is set to launch its second class with a new group of highly qualified and diverse women faculty leaders. The new class of fellows begins the first of three week-long, in-residence sessions when they meet for the first time at the ACE Conference Center in Philadelphia, on July 31, 2013.

# About ELATE at Drexel®

ELATE at Drexel is a core program of the International Center for Executive Leadership in Academics within the Institute for Women's Health and Leadership® at Drexel University's College of Medicine. For more information on the ELATE curriculum, faculty and participants, visit www.drexel.edu/engineering/ELATE.

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# Congratulations to the 2012-2013 ELATE at Drexel Fellows

# Margaret Bailey, Ph.D., P.E.

The Kate Gleason School of Engineering at Rochester Institute of Technology

## Monica Brockmeyer, Ph.D.

Wayne State University College of Engineering

## Terri Camesano, Ph.D.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Department of Engineering

## Justine Cassell, Ph.D.

Carnegie Mellon University School of Computer Science

## Eugenia Ellis, Ph.D.

Drexel University College of Engineering

# Amy Fleischer, Ph.D.

Villanova University College of Engineering

## Linda Franzoni, Ph.D.

Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University

## Keri Hornbuckle, Ph.D.

University of Iowa College of Engineering

## Jacqueline Isaacs, Ph.D.

Northeastern University College of Engineering

#### Karen Moxon, Ph.D.

Drexel University School of Biomedical Engineering, Science, and Health Systems

#### Alyssa Panitch, Ph.D.

Purdue University College of Engineering