

## GRADUATE RECRUITMENT AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS

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As Director of Women in Engineering, Suzanne manages all programmatic, research and fundraising activities. She has designed and developed the multifaceted Initiative, which includes a comprehensive network of fourteen programs and services for approximately 700 female engineering students each year at all levels of education, including Pre-Engineering, undergraduate majors and graduate school. She manages a staff of three and a dozen student volunteers. She manages a Corporate Advisory Board of thirteen professional high technology executives from industry, and a Faculty Advisory Board of eight female faculty members. Both Boards serve in advisory capacities, to assess the effectiveness of the Initiative, to offer suggestions for mechanisms to increase the numbers of undergraduate as well as graduate students, and to assist in fundraising. In addition, she coordinates the WIE Faculty Scholarship Committee. Suzanne is one of the three co-founders of the Women in Engineering Program Advocates Network (WEPAN). The goal of this organization is to increase the participation of women in engineering through activities to encourage other educational institutions to initiate or expand Women in Engineering Programs. She currently serves as Secretary on the Board of Directors. Finally, Dr. Brainard serves on the Penn State Advisory Board for Women in Engineering, where she provides guidance and suggestions to the Dean of Engineering in implementing its Women in Engineering Program.

Presenters: *"The Clare Boothe Luce Fund: Opportunities for Women in Science and Engineering"*  
Melissa S. Topping  
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*"The NSF Graduate Engineering Education Program at Texas A&M"*  
Dr. Karan Watson  
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*"Summer Undergraduate Research Programs, A Recruitment Tool"*  
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