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OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Faculty
FROM: Judith Gay
DATE: October 2, 2009
SUBJECT: Center for Science and Engineering Education

Colleagues, I hope you will take the time to congratulate the faculty and staff involved in the opening of our newest center, the Center for Science and Engineering Education. They have worked incredibly hard to collaborate on this important effort to improve science and engineering education in our community. Our newest Center provides a context for greater interaction between the science departments at the College but also will help create a broader understanding of science, emerging technologies and their impact on society.

The formal opening of the Center for Science and Engineering Education is on **Tuesday, October 6th in the Auditorium (BG-10) beginning at 9:30 AM.** I encourage you to attend if possible, to mention this opportunity to students and to consider the many ways that science and engineering connect across our many disciplines, providing multiple opportunities for all of us to play a role in the evolution of the Center.

The Science Center kick-off event features former NASA astronaut Mike Mullane. The faculty identified this speaker because of his ability to describe the importance of education, setting goals and not letting go of your dreams. His own story reflects the importance of motivation, perseverance, responsibility, teamwork, and other qualities that are important to success. You can view video clips on his web site at <http://www.mikemullane.com/video.htm>.

Once again, please join me in applauding the efforts of all involved with the creation of the Center for Science and Engineering Education. As has been true for our other centers, the Center for Law and Society and the Center for International Understanding, our "virtual centers" are becoming a visible force in the life of the College.

c: President's Cabinet, Deans

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