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Dear Dr. Ni:

On behalf of the College of Engineering's K-12 Outreach Program, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your support of the RoboCamp/RoboGrrl program. Your support of our program is greatly appreciated.

RoboCamp allows high school-aged students to have a hands-on opportunity to build and program their own robots. Robots can inspire young people to pursue technical field, like engineering, for their post-secondary educations. This is very critical as there is a shortage of engineers in the United States. RoboGrrl does a similar thing, but is focused to girls in junior-high school.

The pilot program for RoboCamp was held June 16-20, 2008. As you may recall, Iowa City experienced severe flooding during that week and the University of Iowa suspended all "non-essential" programming and workloads. Despite of this, we were able to find an alternate, off-campus, location for RoboCamp, and were able to have it at Iowa City West High School on Melrose Avenue.

However, due to the flooding, our offices were closed. Unfortunately, I did not receive your contribution until after RoboCamp had concluded and bills had been paid. I plan to put these dollars towards the 2009 session of RoboCamp/RoboGrrl. We have scheduled these for June, 2009 and plan to host them here at The College of Engineering.

Once again, we thank you for your contributions to the RoboCamp/RoboGrrl program. I look forward to your continual support!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Whitaker  
K-12 Outreach Coordinator