

2024-2025

INSPIRING YOUNG GIRLS

20th
Year of
WISE GISE

Middle school is a particularly fragile time for girls to maintain an interest in STEM. In order to inspire and encourage girls to continue to pursue their STEM interests, WISE hosts a suite of summer camps. Approximately 40% of our camp attendees eventually matriculate at U-M.

The 45 campers in this year's program had a choice of three majors: Big Machines, Lab Trek, and Future Science.

PROVIDING ROLE MODELS

63
Industry
Connections

A key predictor for persisting in STEM is having a strong STEM Identity. Last year we launched the WISE and Shine series to connect U-M students with alumni who have succeeded as STEM professionals in order to help students envision possibilities and pathways for their future. We expanded the program this year and connected students to AI experts in the life sciences at an added event led by a U-M alumnus.

GROWING OUR COMMUNITY

1351
New WISE
Students

In addition to our student-facing programming, WISE is constantly developing new partnerships and connections with faculty across campus who care about STEM equity. Our Faculty Advisory Board has been key to expanding our reach and creating new opportunities for students. In total we had over 1550 students attend events and 1351 new WISE students.

NURTURING STUDENT LEADERSHIP

14
Student Org
Grants

WISE has three initiatives aimed at scaling our impact and recognizing the critical role students play in creating change on campus: the WISE Mentors, the WISE Ambassadors, and a grants program to support student organizations that align with the WISE mission.

The Mentors & Ambassadors programs gave 30 students important leadership roles in WISE.

SUPPORTING ACADEMIC SUCCESS

55
STEM Success
Workshops

WISE continued our long-standing partnership with the LSA Science Learning Center and the LSA Newnan Advising Center to expand the Science Success Series.

That series now includes student-led events, hosted by the WISE Mentors. These weekly events are drop-in opportunities for students to ask near-peers questions about courses and majors in STEM.

INNOVATING FOR IMPACT

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Departmental
Action Teams

WISE partnered with the Center for Research on Learning & Teaching and the division of Undergraduate Education in LSA to facilitate a new program of student, faculty, and staff partnerships focused on decreasing equity gaps in undergraduate courses. WISE took the lead on facilitating the teams in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology and Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Biology.

“ I was looking for a place where I could feel safe, included, and supported. WISE became that space for me. It was the first organization that helped me transition into college life, surrounded by genuinely inclusive and kind people. Through WISE, I found collaborative opportunities, connected with a supportive group of ambassadors, and ultimately discovered a place where I truly belonged on campus.

- A WISE Mentor Majoring In Computer Science & Engineering