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New Cisco curriculum: What you think.

Now that the new Cisco curriculum has been in use by our academies for almost three months we are starting to hear feedback on it. The feedback is not broken up between what could be called bad and good. It's just honest; The format of the curriculum is wonderful, but it is content heavy. Some instructors saying that there is close to five times more information in this curriculum versus the old one, and it also tends to be more involved than the old system. The magnified information contained in the new curriculum is requiring some schools to make some restructuring changes to better cover all the material. The question remains if these critiques are the result of normal discomfort caused by experiencing any major change, or if they will actually cause changes in how the curriculum is approached by instructors and students over the long term. This is the issue that will remain to be seen.

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Girls in STEM fields: The Local Front

In September of 2011, First Lady Michelle Obama spoke about the need to get women and girls into the STEM fields if the US will maintain a competitive edge in the world. "We need all hands on deck, and that means clearing hurdles for women and girls as they navigate careers in science, technology,

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engineering, and math." Girls typically lose interest in these fields as they reach middle school or high school, sometimes because they are not seen as what girls are good at. Some people are trying to change this, starting at the source: with girls in the secondary school system. The Center for Information and Communication Sciences at Ball State University has an organization that targets not just girls in the post-secondary education setting, but also those in secondary education. Women Working in Technology's president Maria Strauss, a graduate student at CICS, has organized a girl's outreach program to try to encourage these girls to get involved in the technology field. On Wednesday nights they meet at the Boy's and Girl's club in Muncie and talk to girls about technology related subjects. Education is key for these girls because many of them may not be aware of networking classes and a possible future in the field without someone reaching out to them first.

NetRiders Round Two Begins!

Thursday marked the opening of the second round of the NetRiders competition, which will last for one week as students tackle not one, but two exams. This time around there is the theoretical exam and an additional practical exam. We wish all the students participating, and especially the students from the ASCP's academies the best of luck as they move forward.

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