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Biggest Attendance Yet at CEAS Fall Welcome Passport Day 2013

Fall Welcome Passport Day is a chance for all incoming engineering students to tour the building and participate in activities hosted by faculty and staff. Many department labs were open for students giving them the opportunity to participate in unique lab activities. All the CEAS offices were open as well to welcome the students with smiles and goodies. Students received a "stamp" in their CEAS passport and students with the most stamps were given prizes at the STEP BBQ the following Sunday. The goal of the day was to acquaint students with their classroom locations and department offices, as well as to give them a chance to meet our faculty and staff. It is also a great opportunity for undecided students to learn about all the different engineering disciplines and discover something that they might enjoy as a major.

This year's Passport Day was one of the best attended since the creation of the event. Over 340 students came to Parkview. While the event is geared toward incoming freshman all students new to WMU were welcome at no cost to them. There were thirty transfer students attending this year as well, up from only two last year. Many students were heard saying how awesome the demonstrations were and how fun it was to participate in the activities, indicating that it was a definite success. The CEAS Passport Day relies on the dedication of all faculty and staff who donate their time to open labs, interact with students, and run demonstrations. The event is truly a college-wide effort. The STEP Program and Anetra Grice, STEP Program Director, would like to thank all who chose to participate. Anetra shared that the Passport Day event is definitely a "family affair" and we could not have pulled it off without everyone's cooperation and support!