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Biography:

Annu Prabhakar is an Assistant Professor of Information Technology at the College of Applied Science. Her main teaching and research interests are Software engineering, Systems analysis and design, Windows and Web applications development. She is the founding adviser of Women in Information Technology (WIT) student group at the college of Applied Science (www.uc.edu/wit). She is the department faculty adviser for the Honors Scholars program in the College. She was a steering committee member of the 1st Annual Women in Technology Conference conducted in October 2005 in Cincinnati. She is a member of the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE), and American Association of University Women (AAUW). She is passionate about attracting more girls to information technology field.

My undergraduate degree is in Electrical Engineering. I thought that the computing field is only for genius and nerds. Through many odd events I realized that Information Technology is a very creative field and can be very fulfilling field for a woman. I am passionate about conveying that information to young girls. In our program we have only 10% of women. But they consistently excel in their studies. That shows you that that we need to attract more girls to the field because women and computers make a winning combination. I would love to convey my excitement and encouragement to future computer professional women. I feel fortunate to be in a position to influence many young women.