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‘Stay With It’ campaign brings Congresswoman, encouragement to future engineers

Declaring them to be the nation’s future innovators, Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui today encouraged engineering students at Sacramento State to “stay with it” as part of the Day of Engineering, a national online event designed to boost retention of students in undergraduate engineering programs.

Matsui’s appearance before students in Sacramento State’s College of Engineering and Computer Science was part of a national social media event to encourage engineering majors to “stay with it” in light of statistics showing that four of every 10 undergraduate engineering majors drop out of the discipline after one year.

“We need you, the country needs you – and engineering is not boring, it’s fun,” Matsui told the students. She said engineers have been and will continue to be leaders in innovation, which will be critical to sustaining the nation’s economic prosperity.

“Engineers dream up, invent and build technologies that change the world,” she said. “We will continue to lead, but a lot depends on the people who are studying engineering. … I encourage you to stick with it – and dream!”

Matsui said the nation needs to “double down” on its investment in math, science and engineering, but she encouraged students to do their part and finish their degrees.

“Sacramento State's College of Engineering and Computer Science stands ready and eager to contribute to President Obama’s and Congresswoman Matsui’s call to action,” said Emir Macari, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science. Macari organized the event as part of the Day of Engineering, which featured a live broadcast on Facebook and a webcast panel of corporate leaders and successful engineers.

See images from the event at http://on.fb.me/xhdqwy. For more information about the “Stay with It” campaign: http://facebook.com/StayWithItEngineering. For media assistance, contact Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

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