**SWE Advisor: Judy Cordes**

Plan to attend the Engineering Career Expo! Don't miss the Engineering Career Expo on Thursday, February 21 right here in the Engineering Building from 1-5pm. There will be over 100 companies with booths throughout the Engineering Building. This is not just a Career Fair, although some employers will be looking for interns, co-ops and permanent employees. This is your opportunity to LEARN about these companies and to BUILD NETWORKS! Whether you are a freshman or a graduating senior already employed, YOU SHOULD ATTEND! Don't miss your opportunity to meet employers, here great seminars on networking, interviewing, graduate school etc. For more information on the specifics (employers, seminars etc.), go to The Center web site at [www.egr.msu.edu/thecenter](http://www.egr.msu.edu/thecenter).

Below, in case you missed it in The Center's weekly update, are great questions to ask employers at the Expo.

Top 10 Questions to Ask At Engineering Expo

1. What are you looking for in a candidate?
2. What emphasis areas are sought more in which industries?
3. What is the value of a study abroad experience to potential employer?
4. What type of work experiences should you seek before graduation (and why)!!
5. What are the career paths available in your company?
6. What is a typically day like for you?
7. What additional training does your company offer?
8. If you were back in school what major courses / extra course work would you take and why?
9. What key skills are needed to be successful in your industry / company?
10. What types of experiences should I seek prior to graduation / after graduation?

Just Remember... Alumni/employers can give valuable career advice, and they may have job openings available!

- Judy Cordes  ([cordes@msu.edu](mailto:cordes@msu.edu))

**President**

HI SWE Members!

There are soooo many things happening with SWE in the next couple of weeks. Please make sure to check all of the E-Board sections and the Calendar on the website for the details. Here are a couple important ones:

1. **BANQUET IS NEXT WEEK!!** Have you RSVP'd??!! If you have not gotten your card to Judy, please see her ASAP (tonight if possible).

2. **Elections are coming up soon here is the schedule:**

   - Wed. Feb. 20 -- Officer Nominations Begin (if you would like to nominate an E-board member for an Officer position please let me know)
   - Wed. March 19 -- Officer Elections & E-Board Nominations (This will follow our Corporate Speaker; be thinking of who you would like to nominate for and E-board position...this can be anyone!!)
   - Wed. April 2 -- E-Board Elections

Let me know if you have any questions! See everyone at the Banquet next week!

- Emily  ([duszyns2@msu.edu](mailto:duszyns2@msu.edu))
Vice Presidents
Hello Members,
I hope that everyone has been enjoying the meetings and activities while being apart of SWE. The semester will be wrapping up sooner than realized so we would like everybody to consider playing a larger role in the organization and becoming a part of the 2008-09 Executive board. The Executive Board is one of the greatest ways to get involved and to practice your leadership, communication, and presentation skills. If you have questions about positions feel free to talk to the current chair with the position that you are seeking or any of the E-board members.

“Don’t wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great. Weak men wait for opportunities; strong men make them.”
Orison Swett Marden
- Tracey (lynchtra@gmail.com)
- Katie (longley1@msu.edu)

Secretary
Hello everyone! As you may or may not know, E-Week is coming up next week! Be sure to check out all of the fun activities occurring during that week; one to mention in particular is Girl Scout’s Day, hosted by none other than SWE. It will be held on Tuesday, February 19th from 4:30-6:00 pm in 1345 EB. This is an event in which we help the Girl Scouts through some fun science experiments. If you are interested in helping out, whether it be setting up or running the experiments, please sign up or email me. Thanks!!!
- Kristen (pacekris@msu.edu)

Treasurer
Hello All! Just a few quick reminders.
- Order forms are out this week for SWE Chapter T-Shirts and SWE Jackets. Please grab an order form ASAP! They are due back to me (Eva) by February 27th. Any late forms will not be taken and there won’t be a reorder so if you want either a t-shirt or jacket, order them now.
- I still have polos left so if you’re on E-board and still want a SWE polo, you are $22 away from looking darn cool in a SWE polo.
That’s all folks! Have a great week and stay warm!
- Eva (reiterev@msu.edu)

Corporate Relations
Hello SWE-sters! I hope you’re all doing well and the semester is going along good! I just want to remind you about the Engineering Expo and SWE Banquet on February 21st! The Banquet is a great way to network with companies...so you should definitely try to make it! If you have any corporate relations suggestions please send them my way. Thanks everyone!
- Kristie (meservek@msu.edu)

Community Service
Hey Everyone! Make sure to keep your calendars clear for Tuesday, February 26th from 4:30pm-7:30pm! We are going to be making dinner for the Ronald McDonald House again and we want you to come! It is a lot of fun and the families really appreciate it! We will be meeting at 4:30pm by Spartys in the EB lobby, and returning around 7:15-7:30 pm that night. Also, make sure to keep collecting those pop tabs! You can bring them to any SWE meeting, or contact Linsey or myself and we can meet you to pick them up! (Try to get a ziploc bag full :-) Have your friends help!! We hope your semester is going well.
- Lauren (kloockla@msu.edu)
- Linsey (seitzlin@msu.edu)
Social
Hey SWE-sters!
Happy (almost) Valentine's Day! Our next social is an ice-skating event! We'll be holding it the weekend of March 14-16. When Munn updates times for open skates, we'll set a day and time, so look for that after Spring Break. If you have any suggestions or comments, please send one of us an e-mail.
- Sophie Carrell  (carrells@msu.edu)
- Lauren Blair  (blairlau@msu.edu)

Banquet
Banquet is in eight days!! This year it is being held at the University Club on Thursday February 21st starting at six thirty. If you did not already RSVP and are planning on attending please talk to one the banquet chairs or Judy tonight. The banquet will be a great opportunity to network with corporations and fellow engineers plus there will be some very good food. Overall it is a great experience that you do not want to miss out on. Please email Judy (cordes@egr.msu.edu) if you have any questions.
- Sara  (joness54@msu.edu)

Great Lakes Conference
This week Ashley and I have booked both the Spartan Room and 1345 of the Engineering building. During the next few weeks, we will decide on activities and contact students from our school and other schools for attendance. Thanks!
- Allison (millsall@msu.edu)
- Ashley (vargaash@msu.edu)

SEC/Publicity
Ladies, E-Week is next week so make sure to take advantage of all of the great activities! Schedules are being posted around the building so you don't miss anything!
- Nicole  (vidronic@msu.edu)

Members Relations
Hey SWEsters,
It's your member relations chair encouraging you all to get involved. Everyone on the E-board works very hard to organize events for us all to attend. Your participation is what makes SWE such a great organization. Remember, the more you put in, the more you'll get out. As one of SWE's ways of giving back, there is a rewards system. By attending events and participating, members can earn points. Committee meetings, volunteering for the task list = 1 point; General meetings = 2 points; Social, community service, or outreach events = 3 points. Points do not carry over from last semester. The top earner of points for each of January, February, March, and April will receive a prize. You can only win an award if you are a paid National SWE member. January's winners, all tied with 5 points for the month, are: Rebecca Forbes, Sara Jones, Traci Taylor, and Marissa Wiltz.
- Sara (murawasa@msu.edu)

Webmaster
Just a reminder: check out the SWE website at www.egr.msu.edu/swe. You will have access to an events calendar with all the events SWE is planning this semester with updated information as details change (cancellations, location/time changes, etc.). Also, you can find biweekly newsletters (such as this one) and much more!
- Bethany  (wenzelb1@msu.edu)

Outreach
Hello All and Happy Valentines Day! On Thursday we will be holding an after school program at Woodcreek Elementary. The kids will be building boats out of aluminum foil and testing them to see how many pennies the boats will hold. It will be a lot of fun! If you are interested in helping out then send one of us an e-mail (Traci or Marissa) or meet us in the EB lobby by Sparty's at 3pm. I hope to see you there!
- Traci  (taylor469@msu.edu)
- Marissa  (wiltzmar@msu.edu)