President
Hello New and Returning Members! Welcome to a new school year and what is shaping up to be a great year for MSU SWE! If this is your first time coming to a General Meeting, it is great to have you here! If you have any questions or comments please feel free to talk to me in person, e-mail me or call me. I'd love to hear your feedback! Like I said, this is going to be a great year to be in SWE. We are planning tons of events on and off of campus to keep you involved with the university and the community. Just to name a few, we will be participating in Ronald McDonald House again, planning some awesome social events, making sure you have all of your favorite SWE/College of Engineering gear to show your pride and bringing awesome companies like Stryker, BP and many more to give you the information you'll need to make the best of your academic career! If you are interested in volunteering to help out our E-board members, please keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to get involved! Hope to see you all soon at SWE events! Have a great first couple of weeks of classes!
- Eva Reiter (reiterew@msu.edu)

Counselor
Welcome back everyone! My name is Lauren Thompson and I'm the Counselor for this SWE section. Every collegiate SWE section must have a professional member as their counselor. My job is to help you guys through the year with anything and be your liaison to the professional sections. I graduated from MSU in December 2000 with my BSME and was involved as SWE member during my 4.5 years on campus. After I graduated I got my MSME from U of M Dearborn. I've been working at Chrysler since I've graduated from MSU, where I develop rear wheel drive automatic transmissions. I've been heavily involved with the Detroit section of SWE since I graduated with my masters. Just this past year I was the President of the section. You may not see me around too much this year, and I apologize, I just had a baby on July 10th. Please feel free to contact me any time if you have any questions at all!
- Lauren Thompson (llc24@chrysler.com)

Vice President
Welcome Back Ladies! My name is Lauren Kloock and after last year's role as a community service co-chair, I am proud to say I am the new SWE Vice President! I am a Chemical Engineering senior and I have been a part of SWE since my freshman year! I am looking forward to having a really great year with MSU-SWE. Part of my responsibilities are to plan the meetings for both semesters by helping to organize the structure, as well as invite presenters to come out and talk with us, and support Eva and other E-board members in whatever way I can. If you have any suggestions for meeting topics/presenters for this semester or next year, please let me know!

Our first meeting with a presenter is September 17th at 6pm with Halliburton.
They will be discussing networking and interviewing techniques and what to look for in a company!
- Lauren Kloock (kloockla@msu.edu)

Treasurers
Hello Everyone! This is Linsey Seitz, a chemical engineering junior, and Lauren Blair, a materials science and engineering junior, and we are going to be your Co-Treasurers for the school year! As treasurers we keep track of the funds that SWE gets from companies and fundraisers and use them to support SWE activities. The money goes towards things like conferences, community service & outreach activities and food for our meetings. (So if you have any preferences for food, let us know!) Coming up these next two weeks, we are having a fundraiser to sell all of our SWE and MSU Engineering items from last year and we really need all of your help to work the table! Look for a sign-up sheet during the meeting or email one of us if you missed it and would still like to help!
- Linsey Seitz (seitzlin@msu.edu)
- Lauren Blair (blairlau@msu.edu)

Welcome Back SWEsters!
Secretaries
Welcome all new and returning SWE Members! We are the SWE Secretaries for this year. Kristen is a ‘super’ senior studying Electrical Engineering and Bethany is a senior studying Computer Science and Engineering. As Secretaries, we create this lovely Bi-weekly Newsletter that highlights the events going on in SWE and the various resources that can guide you throughout the year. We also organize the Rewards System, which is a way of giving back to our members for contributing to our organization. Members will receive points based on their participation in SWE meetings and other events, and will be rewarded at certain point levels. The breakdown is as follows:
1 point: Volunteering for Task List
   Bringing in 30 pop tabs (Community Service)
2 points: General Meetings
   Volunteering to sell SWE stuff
   Committee Meetings
3 points: Outreach, Community Service, and Social events
Members will receive rewards once their total points reaches 5, 15, or 25 points - Exact prizes are still TBD.
We hope you all had a great start to an exciting semester and please feel free to email us with any questions.
- Kristen Pace (pacekris@msu.edu)
- Bethany Wenzel (wenzelb1@msu.edu)

Corporate Relations
Hello SWEsters! We are Mahlet and Becky, your Corporate Relations co-chairs. Our job is to act as a liaison between our corporate contacts and our members. We have a few exciting things we’re going to be working on this year, most importantly a resume CD that will be given out to corporate representatives at general meetings, the career fair in October, and also at banquet this winter. We would like to get to work on the CD as soon as possible, so if you would like your resume included in the one handed out at the career fair, we will need it no later than Friday, September 19. Please email your finished resume to swe_resumes@yahoo.com. If you do not have a resume yet or need to update the one you have, you can stop by the Center for help. They offer resume critiquing Mondays from 11:30am-12:30pm, Wednesdays from 2:00pm-3:00pm, and Fridays from 10:00am-11:00am. Also, they are offering a workshop on Tuesday, September 9 at 4pm in 1145 EB if you need help getting started! We encourage all of our members to take advantage of these resources and to get to work on your resumes as soon as you can! We hope the semester is off to a great start for everyone and look forward to all of the exciting things SWE has going on this year!
- Becky Burns (burnsreb@msu.edu)
- Mahlet Garedew (garedewm@msu.edu)

Member Relations
Hello SWE members!!! My name is Jelena Paripovic and I am your SWE Member Relations chair. I’m a Mechanical Engineering sophomore and also a member of the mini-baja racing team. I will be working with Judy and other e-board member to promote SWE and engineering. Have a wonderful week and Good Luck with the school year.
- Jelena Paripovic (paripovl@msu.edu)

Social
Hey girls! Hope everyone had a great summer and first week of classes! We’re your social chairs for the year, making sure you all squeeze a little fun into your hectic engineering schedules. Chelsea is a material science and engineering sophomore, and Catherine is a biosystems engineering junior. We’ve been busy planning all of this year’s awesome social events, including a monthly coffee club, ice skating, scrapbooking and movie nights, a trip to Uncle John’s Cider Mill, Big Sib/Little Sib, and many many more! Our first event will be the monthly coffee club starting this Sunday, September 7th at 7:00PM at Biggby’s in the Union. Take a break from studying and join your fellow SWEsters for an evening of coffee yumminess (even if you don’t like coffee J). Hope to see you there!
- Chelsea House (houseche@msu.edu)
- Catherine Dudgeo (dudgeonc@egr.msu.edu)

Banquet
We (Sophie Carrell, Sara Jones, and Shawnna Collins) are your banquet committee members for 2008-2009. The purpose of our committee is to plan the annual SWE banquet, which is held in the early spring of each year. The banquet is a way for us to honor the achievements of SWE members as well as offer members opportunities to network with corporate representatives over a nice dinner. At the moment, we don’t have a date set, but as soon as we do, we’ll be sure to let you know! Have a great second week of class. :)
- Sophie Carrell (carrels@msu.edu)
- Sara Jones (joness54@msu.edu)
- Shawnna Collins (colli368@msu.edu)
Outreach
Hello everyone! Welcome back to returning members and welcome to new members! We hope you all had enjoyable summers! We are your outreach co-chairs for this school year and our names are Marissa Wiltz, Steph Bonner, and Chelsea Peterson. Marissa Wiltz and Steph Bonner are going into their fourth year of Mechanical Engineering. Chelsea Peterson is a senior in Biosystems Engineering. As the outreach co-chairs we plan events and activities with K-12 students to educate them about engineering. Some of our upcoming events are the Engineering Homecoming Tailgate, the Spartan Future Engineers open House, and the Michigan Youth Engineering and Sciences (YES) EXPO! We need volunteers for all of these events and would love for you to help us! The Engineering Homecoming Tailgate is on Saturday, October 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We would need volunteers to set up, help give demos, and pass out flyers from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The Spartan Future Engineers Open House is on Saturday, October 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This even is held to give interested high school students a chance to check out our facilities, as questions, and see what engineering is all about. Volunteers are needed on Friday, October 10th and Saturday, October 11th to set up, direct and welcome people, and answer questions. The Michigan YES EXPO! It’s held on Thursday, November 6th at the Ford Field. At the Expo we would need people to hand out information pamphlets, answer questions, and talk about your personal engineering experience. The volunteers would get a free shirt and stay at a nearby Marriott the night before to ensure early arrival. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to help out with this event! Volunteers are needed on November 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above events please let Marissa, Steph, or Chelsea know! We look forward to hearing from you and hope to have another successful year. Thanks!
- Marissa Wiltz (wiltzmar@msu.edu)
- Steph Bonner (bonnersr@msu.edu)
- Chelsea Peterson (peter601@msu.edu)

Community Service
Hey Girls! Becca and Kelly here, your Community Service Co-Chairs. By this point in your lives, everyone knows what community service is, so we won’t go into too much detail. What you may not know is that the services you perform for the community, no matter how small, get noticed by a lot of people, and are also appreciated by those in need.
We hope you all had an awesome summer, and are ready to kick start the semester with us! We’ve got quite a bit set up so far. Our first trip to the Ronald McDonald House is going to be September 18th, so write it on your calendar!!! We will meet at 4:45 in the Lobby of the Engineering Building. Kelly and I will be providing the transport, so no worries. We’ll bring the food, you just have to show up on time. We will get back to the Engineering Building around 7:30.
A few other things that we’re going to be volunteering for are Habitat for Humanity, MSU Foodbank, and the Jaycees Haunted House. Stay tuned for more info about those events. One last thing...we will be collecting pop tabs every meeting for the rest of the year. Pop tabs are pure aluminum, and thus worth more when recycled separate from the rest of the can. The pop tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House at the end of the year, and we usually get Shell to match our contribution, so it will get doubled! There’s even something in it for you...for every 30 tabs that you bring in, you will receive 1 point for your SWE total (you’ll have to talk to the Secretaries to see your individual totals at any given time). Soo...Welcome to SWE and let us know what you’re interested in helping with! Have a great semester!
- Becca Forbes (forbesre@msu.edu)
- Kelly Peterson (peter619@msu.edu)

Congratulations!
Congratulations to Team Unstoppable for winning the Marshmallow/Toothpick Structure Competition at last night’s SWE Kickoff Meeting. Thanks to all who came to the meeting and participated in the activity!
Welcome to the new addition of the SWE Bi-weekly! Here you will find various features including Benefits of SWE and Calendar of Events. If you have any questions or comments, please email Kristen (pacekri@msu.edu) or Bethany (wenzelbl@msu.edu).

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**Why Join SWE?**
The benefits of joining National SWE are endless! Membership benefits include:
- Community of Support
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Reduced Fees to Conferences
- Relevant Career Information and Resources
- Leadership Skills

For more information about how to become a member, please visit: [http://societyofwomenengineers swe.org/](http://societyofwomenengineers swe.org/)

**Introducing...**

The Center provides a variety of Career Services to engineering students, including Resume Reviews and getting connected to MySpartanCareer. Hours are:
- Monday-Thursday: 8:00am - 7:00pm
- Friday: 8:00am - 5:00pm

For more information:
- [www.egr.msu.edu/careers](http://www.egr.msu.edu/careers)
- Careers@egr.msu.edu
- 517-355-5163

**YOU Can Be Featured in the Bi-weekly!!!**

Want to be a part of the SWE Bi-weekly? YOU can! This new feature, called ‘Members of the Week’ will have completed questionnaires from an E-board member and a General Member. This will be a fun way to get to know your fellow SWEsters! If you would like to be featured in the bi-weekly, or have any questions, please contact Kristen (pacekri@msu.edu) or Bethany (wenzelbl@msu.edu).