Society of Women Engineers

Kickoff meeting, September 9, 2009

National SWE

Another way to get more involved in SWE is to become a national member of the organization. Being a national member offers great opportunities and perks, like being able to have your resume on the website’s database, receiving the national SWE magazine, getting reduced rates to attend conferences, and being eligible for scholarships! For more information, visit www.swe.org.


Be sure to join our facebook group to check out some extra photos, discussions, and anything else: http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2201844194.

Events:

Next meeting is a joint meeting with AIChe on September 23, at 6:00 PM with Almar.

Bio on our guest speaker

Melissa Stroud grew up in Southfield, Mi attending Southfield Public Schools. During her high school years she was a member of DAPCEP(Detroit Area Pre College Engineering Program) where she developed her love for engineering. Her mother and sister both attended Michigan State University, so she felt it was only right to follow their paths. During her journey at MSU Melissa interned with Marathon Oil Company, GE Healthcare, and BP USPL N.A. Out of all her internship experience working in the Instrumentation & Electrical Engineering team at BP USPL is where she gained the most experience. Melissa graduated from Michigan State University in May 2009 with her B.S degree in Electrical Engineering. She currently works in Warrenville, IL as an Instrumentation & Electrical Engineering Specialist with BP USPL.

President

Welcome to our Kickoff Meeting! My name is Linsey and I’m the President of SWE for the 2009-2010 school year. I’m studying Chemical Engineering in my fourth and final year at MSU. I’ve been an active member of SWE for the past three years and I’m really excited to enjoy my last year with SWE at Michigan State! We have lots of fun activities planned this year so I hope you can continue to join us at these meetings and events so we can get to know you better! If you have any questions about National SWE, the Michigan State Chapter, or anything else, don’t hesitate to ask me! Even if I don’t know the answer, I can point you to someone who will. Thanks!

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Vice President

My name is Sophie Carrell and I am your vice president for the year. I’m a senior in Chemical Engineering, and this is my fourth year in SWE and my third as an E-board member. My biggest
My name is Chelsea Frid and I am a junior in Material Science and Engineering. My responsibilities are to maintain attendance and create the biweekly newsletters that you will receive at every meeting. These biweeklies are newsletters that will tell you what is going on in SWE for the next couple of weeks.

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My name is Lauren Blair and I am a senior in Materials Science and Engineering, and Allison is a senior in Applied Engineering. As treasurers, we manage the SWE account. This year we are planning on selling engineering themed t-shirts in the lobby, holding a fundraiser at a local restaurant, and organize the funds used by programs our organization supports. If you have any questions or would like to help us out (with t-shirt ideas?) send us an e-mail) or come say hello at SWE meetings and around the EB!

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Hey SWE! We hope you all had a great summer! We are your Banquet co-chairs. Our names are Claire Schuurmans, Rachael Dalian, and Christina Barry. Claire is a sophomore in biosystems engineering, Rachael is a junior in Applied Engineering, and Christina is a sophomore in Chemical Engineering.

For those of you who don't know what Banquet is, it is a formal celebration that is held second semester. We work together with a couple other student engineering groups to host a dinner where students eat and mingle with representatives from the corporate world. We also award some scholarships at the Banquet. Look for more info at a later date! Good luck this semester!

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Hey SWE members! Our names are Kaitlin Tyler and Danielle Vasko and we are the Community Service chairs for the 2009-2010 school year. Our job is to plan activities that help the community. We plan on continuing to cook meals at Ronald McDonald House. Last year was our first year of doing Relay for Life and we plan on doing it again this year. We also have some new ideas like bell-ringing at Kroger during Christmas, Habitat for Humanity, and helping out at nursing homes. If you have any ideas or want to be involved, shoot us an e-mail. Can't wait to see all of you at the meetings!

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Hey SWE! We hope you all had a great summer and you’re ready for a new school year. We’re your Outreach Co-Chairs, which means we plan events to help introduce K-12 kids to engineering. We’ve got some great events planned for this semester including Buddy Day...
and hopefully a few trips to Woodcreek Elementary School. As we plan out these events we’ll keep you updated at meetings and through the biweekly, so be sure to come to SWE.

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Member Relations
SWE is a great group to be a part of, full of meetings and events that are both fun and helpful for a student in engineering. As if this weren’t good enough, SWE offers a point system, where each time you attend a meeting or an event, you will be awarded points that can earn you prizes. The more points you get, the more and better prizes you will win! Stay tuned to hear more about this soon. Have a good start to your year!

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Social
Hello SWE, and welcome to another new year at Michigan State. We are Catherine Dudgeon and Vanessa Stuart your Social Co-Chairs. We are both super excited to plan the fun social events this year. We have a ton in store for you this year, including ice cream social, movie night, ice skating, planetarium, corn maze, and many more!

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SEC/Public Relations
As Student Engineering Council representative you attend all the general SEC meetings which are held about twice a month. There you will be the connection between the other student organizations and SWE. The public relations aspect to this position is to advertise for SWE. By making posters to put up in the halls and inform non members what SWE is up to. If you are interested in this position contact Lindsey Sietz at seitzlin@msu.edu.

Corporate Relations
I’m Michelle Flachs, and I am a junior in Mechanical Engineering. I am one of your co-chairs for Corporate relations for the 2009-2010 school year. I would like to encourage everyone to update their resumes, so that we can get a resume CD up ASAP. If anyone had a great internship with a company they would like to come to SWE, or any ideas of companies they would like to see, please contact me or my co-chair, Luseane. I’m looking forward to this year, and I hope everyone has a great start to this year!

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Great Lakes State Conference
Hope you all had an amazing summer break and are ready to get back involved with SWE! My name is Chelsea House, and I am the Great Lakes State Conference (GLSC) Co-chair along with Becca Forbes. Becca is currently on a co-op with Marathon Oil, but will be back next semester to help me in planning this year’s GLSC. This conference brings together SWE chapters from across Michigan and has great speakers and awesome activities. Keep your eyes peeled in future bi-weeklies to learn more about the conference. If you have any questions feel free to email me. Go green!!

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Webmaster

Hi everyone! My name is Katie Worley and I’m the webmaster this year. I’m a sophomore in Chemical Engineering and will be keeping the website updated. Please check out our website at http://www.egr.msu.edu/~swe/cgi-bin/index.php. I’m looking into setting up a blog so keep your eyes open for that. Also any pictures you take at all the fun events we put on, email to me and I’ll put them on the website. Thanks a lot!

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Councilor

Hello everyone!! My name is Lauren Thompson and I’m the counselor for the MSU SWE section! I’m your link to industry and to the professional sections of SWE. I am also one of the three Section Representatives for SWE Detroit this year. Feel free to contact me any time with questions about interviewing, internships and upgrading to a professional membership (or anything else). I graduated from MSU in December 2000 with my BSME. I started working at Chrysler right away, and have been there ever since. I received my MSME from U of M Dearborn in December 2002. After graduating with my masters, I've been very active in the Detroit section of SWE. I've gained a ton from SWE and I hope you get the chance to benefit from the organization as well. This organization provides so many networking, professional development, outreach opportunities and more! I highly encourage all of you to get involved and take on some responsibilities, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. I’m looking forward to attending a few meetings this year and meeting everyone!

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