Society of Women Engineers

Biweekly Newsletter - September 17, 2008

**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, September 22:** Ice Cream Social: 6:30 pm @ the Dairy Store in Anthony Hall
SWE Joint Meeting: Continental at 7:00 pm in 1345 EB

**Tuesday, September 23:** The Center Seminar: Career Fair Do’s & Don’ts 4:00 pm
Career Gallery Cram Session: 6:00 pm @ Erickson Kiva

**Thursday, September 25:** Whirlpool Engineering Info Session: 6:00 pm in 1225 EB

**Wednesday & Thursday, October 1 & 2:** Career Gallery @ the Breslin
*Note: NO SWE Meeting!

**Wednesday, October 15:** SWE Meeting: Kellogg Company at 6:00 pm in 2250 EB

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**SWE Advisor**

Hi everyone. My name is Judy Cordes, and I am the SWE Advisor and the Coordinator of the Women in Engineering Program. I am pleased to see so many new faces at the SWE events, and I hope you will take the time to get to know others in SWE and get involved in the many great events we have planned for this year. The more you get involved, the more you get out of SWE. My door is always open to you as well. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions in regards to your own personal journey at MSU, SWE or WIE programs, please do not hesitate to contact me or stop by my office. My email is cordes@egr.msu.edu and my telephone is 355-6616 ext.3. Currently, I am in 1424 Engineering Building, but sometime this semester, I will be moving to The Center in 1340 Engineering Building. I would love to meet you and hear about what you are doing! Good luck in your semester!

- Judy Cordes (cordes@egr.msu.edu)

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**President**

Welcome to Week 4 of Fall Semester Everyone!
We are happy to see you back in action with SWE and hope all your classes are going well. I just have a few updates/action items to go over:

1) If you are an officer, please update Judy on your schedule for National Conference.
2) I am currently working on several projects for recruiting incoming women to the college.
In the next few weeks, I will be trying to send out postcards, get communication lines set via e-mail/phone and post an essay contest. If you would like to help out with any of this please talk to me or e-mail me.
Thanks! :)

3) If you haven’t already, please look into the Career Gallery Cram Sessions on the Monday and Tuesday of Career Gallery week! These are GREAT opportunities to get your networking skills and resume refined along with a great way to ask your favorite companies lots of questions. If you have any questions, please see me or go to The Center. That’s about it for now.
- Eva Reiter (reiterer@msu.edu)

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**Vice President**

Hey Ladies, I hope your kick-off to the new school year has been going well and you are starting to get into the swing of things. Today our presenting company will be Halliburton and they will be discussing networking and interviewing techniques, as well as what to look for in a company! We will be hearing from Cesar Ayala, who currently works at the Halliburton site in Houston, TX. Cesar has earned a BS in Biology from The College of New Jersey and an MS in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics from Rutgers University. He is also a MSU alumni, as he obtained his MBA in Supply Chain and Marketing from our very own MSU! He has previous working experience in the pharmaceutical and hospitality industries; however, is currently in his 3rd rotation [out of 5] in the Supply Chain Management Program at Halliburton. Working in the SCMP, his projects have included Strategic Sourcing, eProcurement, and Drill Bit Repair. Please welcome Cesar to our meeting today!
Also, don't forget that we will NOT be meeting on October 1st, as it is the day of the Career Fair. I encourage everyone to attend. If not to find a job, but at least to get the experience! Our next general meeting will be October 15th with the Kellogg company. SWE is also sponsoring a joint meeting with other or-
ganizations next Monday, September 22nd at 7pm in RM. 1345. The presenter is from Continental and the topic of discussion will be on what it is like working overseas, as she currently resides in Germany! Let me know if you have any questions!
-Lauren Kloock (l.kloock@gmail.com)

Treasurers
Hello Everyone! This is Linsey Seitz and Lauren Blair again and we are your Co-Treasurers! We want to thank everyone who helped out for the fundraiser these past two weeks! We were very successful in our sales! We're going to be having another fundraiser in the next month or so and we are going to need your help again. Before we have the fundraiser though, we are going to be getting new T-shirts for this year so please, if you are feeling creative, send us any T-shirt designs you can come up with! The person who submits the winning design will get a free T-shirt so don’t miss out on your chance!!
Thanks to all!
- Linsey Seitz (seitzlin@msu.edu)
- Lauren Blair (blairlau@msu.edu)

Behind the SWEnes
Did you know that the SWE Michigan State Chapter is a part of Region H, the Heartland Region? Region H is the largest among all SWE Regions, consisting of 8 states and over 2,800 members, including professionals and students. Part of being a national SWE member includes the invitation to the annual Regional Conference. Attending Regional’s is a great way to network and meet fellow SWE members from other colleges!

Corporate Relations
Hello SWEsters, we hope you are all having a wonderful week. We don’t really have much for you this week but as mentioned in the last meeting we are trying to get a resume CD together. Unfortunately we will not be able to have it ready in time for the Career Fair. But we are still shooting to have it ready by mid or end of October so that we can give them out to the corporate representatives that come to our meetings. So please email your resumes to our yahoo account, swe_resumes@yahoo.com. If you happen to need help with getting your resume together, The Center is a great place to get help from. They offer resume critiquing Mondays from 11:30am-12:30pm, Wednesdays from 2:00pm-3:00pm, and Fridays from 10:00am-11:00am.
Have a great week!!!!
- Becky Burns (burnsreb@msu.edu)
- Mahlet Garedew (gardewm@msu.edu)
Outreach

Hi All! I hope everyone is having a great start to the new school year. We have some upcoming events that we need volunteers for. The Engineering Homecoming Tailgate is on Saturday, October 4th from 9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. Volunteers would be needed to set up, help give demos, and pass out flyers from 8:00a.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! is 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. Another event that is coming up is Buddy Day, which will be held on November 10th. This is a day where a high school student shadows an MSU engineering student (you!) to see what a normal day is like for a college student studying engineering. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above events please contact Marissa Wiltz, Stephanie Bonner, or Chelsea Peterson.

- Stephanie Bonner (bonnerst@msu.edu)
- Marissa Wiltz (wiltzmar@msu.edu)
- Chelsea Peterson (peter601@msu.edu)

SEC/Publicity

Hi, my name is Chelsea and I am your publicity/sec representative. Keep your eyes open for posters around the Engineering building for new events going on with SWE. We also have a bulletin board by the doors that head out to South Shaw road were new events should be posted. SEC is also hosting an O-night on Tuesday October 7. So keep your eyes open and I will have more information the following meeting. :) 

- Chelsea Frid (fridchel@msu.edu)
SWE Member's Corner

History of SWE
The first national Society of Women Engineers gathering took place on May 27, 1950 at Green Engineering camp of the Cooper Union, where nearly 65 women graduate engineers and engineering students met. The society's first elected president was Dr. Beatrice A. Hicks.

Tip of the Week
Upload your resume on MySpartanCareer!

Many companies pre-select students to interview for both full-time and co-op/intern positions. Get your Spartan Career started today by signing up on MySpartanCareer.com and submitting your resume to the companies you are interested in!

Did You Know?
The Career Gallery is the largest fair of the year — a two day event! Over 320 employers and 5,700 students attend. Don’t miss it: October 1st and 2nd!

Meet Our SWE Member of the Week

The Basics
Class: Senior
Major: Chemical Engineering
Hometown: Shelby Twp., MI
Position in SWE: Vice President

What is Your Favorite...
Color: Purple & Blue
TV Show: Lost

Lauren Kloock

Name something that people would be surprised to know about you.
I had open heart surgery.
Any advice for new SWE members?
Get involved!

The Basics
Class: Sophomore
Major: Mechanical Engineering
Hometown: Laingsburg, MI

What is Your Favorite...
Color: Blue
TV Show: Grey’s Anatomy

Name something that people would be surprised to know about you.
I’m learning how to drive a motorcycle.
What do you hope to get out of SWE?
Meet people!

Michelle Flachs

General Member
Student Organizations need your help and support. The Center is sponsoring a Spartan Engineering Cram 2008, on Monday and Tuesday night (9/29 & 9/30) of Gallery Week. These events, one night for co-op/intern interested students (Monday), one night for Senior / Full-time (Tuesday) will be held from 6 - 9 pm each night, and will focus on preparing engineering students for their participation in Gallery. We ask that all Engineering Student organizations (with SEC as the coordinating body) and faculty/staff support this event.

Co-op / Intern Night – Monday, September 29th, 2008
Senior Night – Tuesday, September 30th, 2008
Both Nights 6 – 9 pm in the Engineering Building (EB)

Rotating Sessions: Each hour and Both Days - 6-6:45pm, 7-7:45pm, & 8-8:45pm

Networking Rotation – Round robin introductions (3 mins) with employers and students (limited to 30 students each round). Change representative each session (2400 EB)

Resume Critiques – Lobby area stations with up to 12 employer representatives critiquing resumes each hour (Change representatives each session) (EB Lobby)

Date Specific Sessions:

Monday – Sept. 29th:
6 – 6:45 pm - Preparing for and Standing out at Career Fair (1345 EB)
  Employer panelists discuss their impressions and tips for success for Intern / Co-op candidates.

7 – 7:45 pm - “Why Co-op/Intern? What kinds of experience do you need” (1345 EB)
  Employer panelists present and discuss the need for “career related” work experience.

8 – 8:45 pm - “Apply on-line” – Following up and proceeding from the Fair. What’s next after we meet at Career Gallery? (1345 EB)
  Employer panelist discuss and answer questions regarding follow-up from an on-campus meeting/fair and what to do next.

Tuesday – Sept 30th
6 – 6:45 pm - Preparing for and Standing out at Career Gallery (1345 EB)
  Employer panelists discuss their impressions and tips for success for full-time candidates.

7 – 7:45 pm - Rotational Programs: Engineer in Training, College graduate in Training – How do these work? (1345 EB)
  Employer panelists present and discuss these programs from their perspective.

8 – 8:45 pm - “I got a Second Interview – What’s this about? Many introductions at Gallery will lead to 2nd / On-site Interviews – How do these work?” (1345 EB)
  Employers share and discuss what goes on in these interviews and “keys” to success.