President's Corner

BY SHAILEE SHAH

This semester has been one filled with a lot of activities and engaging sessions for SWE general body. We conducted a plethora of events that kept the beat of SWE going. These events are important to the foundation of our organization. Through such social settings, we aim to provide a platform for effective networking and relaxation with peers to the women on campus. These relations created have the power to curate career skills and friendships that will last a lifetime. Through our interactions, we hope to empower the women on campus to lead and excel in their lives and have a tremendous amount of fun while doing so! Stay tuned next semester as we plan on hosting a stem workshop for young women with plenty of volunteering opportunities, conduct SWE week and prep for our next conference in St. Louis!
Events - Fall 2018

Summer 2018 SWE and BMES Collaboration

SWE partnered with BMES to host academic writing workshops and guest speakers on campus and downtown in Chicago during Summer 2018. The goal of the collaboration was to improve students' written communication skills which could be applied to research papers, project proposals, grad school applications, and more. Dr. Kawai from the BME department led the writing workshops, ranging from resume dos and don’ts to logistical flaws in paper arguments and how to communicate mathematical supporting evidence. Guest speakers included Dr. Wendy Ng, a plastic surgeon affiliated with the University of California-Irvine, and Dr. Satoshi Tamura, an associate professor ECE department at Gifu University in Japan.

Welcome Back Sundaes with SWE

SWE kicked off the Fall 2018 Semester with our 2nd annual Ice Cream Social. Attending members joined the new executive board in enjoying our sundae bar, learning more about our organization and the WE18 Conference, and competing in a water balloon toss competition for SWE sweaters.
BOG Paint Night

Interior architecture student Valeria Zarubina from the Art Institute of Chicago led a guided paint night with SWE members in the BOG. The painting design for this event was a recreation of the Chicago Skyline. This is the 4th paint night SWE has hosted, and each event is a larger success than the last!

BOG Trivia Night

SWE Events Committee members led a game of Family Feud in the BOG to compete for Amazon gift cards.

Women In STEM Event

The IIT Undergraduate Admissions Office and SWE partnered to educate high school students in the south side of Chicago about STEM careers. The president and vice president also led interactive games with the students, such as a paper tower building competition.

Finals Study Night

SWE hosted an end of the Fall 2018 semester de-stressing event. General body members relaxed together with the executive board and committee members while enjoying seasonal drinks and snacks in the week before final exams.
Lunch and Learns

Grainger representatives Jen Keller, Xiomara Ortiz, and Eun Sem Kil joined SWE in discussing more about their company, internship and career opportunities, and gave advice to women in the IT field.

Fall 2018 Career Fair Prep

Career Services Peer Career Coach Carissa Sutherland-Smith discussed with SWE how best to prepare for the Fall 2018 Career Fair on campus. Carissa’s tips and tricks included how to approach company representative at the fair, how to begin and close conversations, general resume critiques, and elevator pitch pointers.

Cannon Design representatives Michael Brinkman and Charlotte Sauer joined SWE in discussing more about their company, internship and career opportunities, and general career advice for students in construction and design focused disciplines.
Road to Minneapolis - WE'18

A lot goes into planning and executing a 24-person trip to a conference. The behind the scenes for this conference starts with the treasurer and conference chair budgeting for funds and approaching the SWE body to apply to attend this conference. As the time counts down, we choose the candidates that show potential to represent SWE-IIT and have the drive to give back what they learnt to the SWE committee.

SWE partnered with Red Line Cafe in the Bronzeville area to help raise funds for the Annual Conference, and to help bring in new customers to an up and coming restaurant. Our Conference Chair, Alouki, also led a Dunkin Donuts Bake Sale on campus to raise additional funds for the conference.

SWE celebrated the success of the Annual Conference with the general body the week after the event. There, some conference attendees shared their personal experiences with the general body in order to better prepare underclassmen for future career fairs, both through SWE conferences and ones on campus.
Spotlight!

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