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What is SPAC?

The IEEE Student Professional Awareness Conference (SPAC) is an annual formal dinner event that serves esteemed professionals and allows them to engage with engineering and computer science students within their fields.

This year the conference will be held online to maintain health and safety regulations as due to the current circumstances regarding Covid-19. SPAC provides students, academics, and industry professionals a chance to network and bridge the gap between classrooms and boardrooms, thereby empowering its attendees to build professional connections and form a bond.

Present conditions will allow SPAC to expand its reach across communities to give new students and partners opportunities in building strong foundations. First hosted in 1979, SPAC has manifested itself as an event where future professionals receive exposure to the world of employment which complements their ongoing studies.



SPAC encourages students to learn from the varied experiences of successful industry professionals while promoting interaction with potential employers.

Event Details



DATE: January 20, 2022 **VENUE:** Aventri (Virtual Platform)

Event planning is in Aventri's DNA. Founded in 1998, as an all-in-one event management services company, it grew quickly into a web-based software-as-a-service company in 2008 known as etouches. After ten years of continual growth as a global SaaS provider, they underwent a rebrand and name

change to become Aventri. Their event management software technology has tools for powering those connections and every employee at the company is personally committed to and invested in their clients' success, which is why they have accommodated for up to 500 attendees for our event.

Event Details

Attendees Include:

- Company representatives, ranging from human resources to technical personnel
- An estimated 200 local engineering and computer science students at the graduate and undergraduate levels
- Distinguished professors and academics







SPAC 22 Activities



Presentation Session: spot for speakers and event kick off



Professional 1:1 quick one-on-one conversations with students in your discipline



Workshops: concurrently run, where you show students what you are all about



Virtual Booths:
private concurrent
session where students
can drop in for a chit chat
with your company



Exclusive Masterclass: Standalone session to reach out, showcase and finesse

Our Success Stories

Enthusiastic support from patrons, researchers, and students made SPAC a remarkable success last year. Over 30 industry professionals and 200 engineering and computer science students from Carleton University, the University of Ottawa, and Algonquin College attended SPAC in 2021. SPAC was a huge success in 2021 for the patrons as well as the students; with the large group that we were able to bring last year, we aim to bring the same successes and connections to our attendees this year.

In 2021, our patrons included Uber, Nokia, FDM Group, Ciena, Ross Video and Ellis Don, as well as the IEEE Ottawa Section. Furthermore, representatives from various companies located in the Ottawa region attended SPAC.

We are always looking for more opportunities to help students build their professional networks.





SPAC is a global event that is hosted by a majority of IEEE groups each year. Since 2005, the IEEE branches at Carleton University, University of Ottawa and Algonquin College have hosted SPAC, formerly known as *IEEE Connects*.

Benefits of Attending SPAC

By attending SPAC, your organization will get the opportunity to showcase its work and garner interest in hiring highly motivated students. You will be able to form connections with Ottawa's best and brightest engineering and computer science students who are excited to explore various employment opportunities.

In addition, your organization will establish itself as a key figure within the local Ottawa IEEE community through our various patronage options.



Attending **SPAC** gives your organization an opportunity to showcase your leading technologies and products to students, researchers, and academics.

How can you help us?

Your support will ensure the event's success and will help promote your organization. We are happy to offer a flexible range of patronage packages to fit your organization's needs.

The next page explains the different patronage options. However, it is important to note that any of these packages can be customized.





Over the last three years, **SPAC** has hosted over four hundred students and a wide range of companies. It is a unique opportunity to connect with Ottawa's leading future talent.



Patronage Options

*SPAC committee will welcome any further ideas

*There is a maximum of one (1)

Partner patron for this event.

Meet the Teams





The IEEE Carleton University Student Branch is one of the largest IEEE Student Branches in Canada with over 400 IEEE student members in various programs ranging from all streams of engineering, physics, and computer sciences. By organizing technical and non-technical events, the student branch provides members and non-members the resources to expand their careers and become successful professionals. The most recent awards the branch has been awarded include: 2017 IEEE Region 7 Exemplary Student Branch Award, 2016 IEEE Region 7 Exemplary Student Branch Award, 2016 IEEE Region 7 Gold Darrel Chong Award for IEEE Carleton's Stay Late and Make (SLAM), 2015 IEEE Region 7 Silver Darrel Chong Award for IEEE Carleton's Stay Late and Make (SLAM), and 2015 IEEE Region 7 Bronze Darrel Chong Award for IEEE Carleton's Workshop series. In recent years, the IEEE Carleton Student Branch launched the Women in Engineering (WIE) affinity group to extend their services to a wider range of students. Find us online at http://ieeecarleton.ca

Meet the Teams





IEEE uOttawa services over 2500 students in electrical engineering, computer science, software engineering and other technology option programs offered at the University of Ottawa. Its objective is to bridge the gap between students and industry while promoting a fun environment for the student body. The University of Ottawa IEEE has been awarded honors such as the IEEE Exemplary Student Branch Canada, the Outstanding Student Branch Award and Runner Up in the IEEE MGA Website Competition in 2010. The branch also hosts various community, social, academic and career events for students including the annual Cookies N Cram exam preparation workshop, Electrical Engineering Specialization Panel and semesterly Coding Challenge. The University of Ottawa WIE branch also organizes the annual Wine and Cheese event, various workshops such as Tech Law for students and members, and the mentorship program "Big Eng, Little Eng". As always, IEEE uOttawa is happy to be involved with IEEE SPAC. Find more information about us at http://ieeeuottawa.ca

Meet the Teams





The IEEE Algonquin College Student Branch is a Non-profit professional association fostering technological innovation while advancing members' careers through networking and information sharing, technical meetings and educational activities. NETWORKING and LEADERSHIP are key elements that have driven members to stand out both academically and socially. With the annual Meet-and-Greet, new-members and non-members have the opportunity to collaborate and gain the most from IEEE. In addition, the regular meetings keep students up to date with all branches' activities in the Ottawa area.

Find us online at http://algonquin.ieee.ca

Contact Us

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