

Hi everyone! My name is Amy, and I'm a sophomore EECS major. I stand before you today to convince you to vote me in as your secretary for the 2012-2013 school year. Although some of you may not personally know me, you may have read some of my work, as I'm the editor of the monthly newsletters. (However, for these past two GMs I would like to give a shout out to one of our committee members, also named Amy, who has stepped up and taken the responsibility of newsletter compilation. Thanks Amy!)

I've been involved in SWE since fall semester of my freshman year as part of the Public Relations committee. Starting out as merely an attendee of general meetings, I have grown to love going to SWE events and believe that I was able to find my place in this society.

Through my time in SWE, I have attended various gatherings, since being PR it's always good to know what's going on. Most notably, I was given the pleasure of accepting the "Strategic Communications Print Newsletter 1st Place Award" for our chapter at national conference this past October. Having worked hard on the newsletters the previous year, it meant a lot to me to see my hard work recognized. And meeting the president of national SWE was pretty cool too.

So why should you elect me? Well, the secretarial positions requires a well-organized time manager, something I know myself to be. If you don't believe me, you should take a look at my computer, phone, and planner calendars :P Another duty of the secretary is to make room reservations for SWE events. This I have had to do for other organizations and thus am familiar with the task at hand. Moreover, having been both a committee member and an officer for the Public Relations committee, and having to interact regularly with the webmaster, I feel that I have an adequate amount of knowledge, gained through personal experience, to help guide the officers and committee members in the coming year.

I want to help mentor future leaders in the same way that the officers who came before me did. My goals include increasing membership retention and diversity, and fostering an inclusive community across all majors represented in SWE. I want everyone here to feel like they belong and to be able to find a place of relaxation from the stresses of school and the outside world like I did.

Regardless of the outcome of this election, I would like to say that I've thoroughly enjoyed my past year and a half in SWE. It has not only given me the opportunity to grow and become a leader, but it has also given me the privilege to be a part of such a welcoming, supportive, and fun group of people. And should you elect me as your secretary, I will do my best to continue SWE's excellent tradition of professionalism, encouragement, acceptance, and merriment, as well as contributing to our legacy to the best of my ability. Thank you.