

Society of Women Engineers Monthly Newsletter

• *UC Berkeley Chapter* •



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What is SWE?

A bit on what the Society of Women Engineers is all about

The Society of Women Engineers is a non-profit educational and service organization that empowers women to succeed and advance in the field of engineering, and to be recognized for their life-changing contributions as engineers and leaders. Founded in 1950, SWE is the driving force that establishes engineering as a highly desirable career for women through an exciting array of training and development programs, networking opportunities,

scholarships, outreach and advocacy activities, and much more.*

As a member of the Cal chapter, you have the opportunity to build a support network of friends in a highly competitive environment and field. Furthermore, you get the chance to pass on your love for engineering, and have some really good times along the way!

*Taken from swe.org (about SWE section)

Officer Introductions

Get to know a few facts about your 2011-2012 SWE officers!

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The monthly calendar that has all the cool upcoming SWE events on one nifty page!

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Engineering Joke of the Day

There are four engineers traveling in a car; a mechanical engineer, a chemical, an electrical engineer and a computer engineer. The car breaks down. "Sounds to me as if the pistons have seized. We'll have to strip down the engine before we can get the car working again", says the mechanical engineer. "Well", says the chemical engineer, "it sounded to me as if the fuel might be contaminated. I think we should clear out the fuel system. "I thought it might be an grounding problem", says the electrical engineer, "or maybe a faulty plug lead." They all turn to the computer engineer who has said nothing and say: "Well, what do you think?" "Ummm - how about if we all get out of the car and get back in again?"

Meet Your Officers

The Execs !

President: Sara LaVigna EECS 2012

Hometown: Beltsville, MD



Vice President: Elina Lin MechE 2013

Hometown: Rowland Heights, CA

VP Outreach: Supada Sritanyaratana BioE 2013

Hometown: Union City, CA



VP Corporate Relations: Constance Lu EECS 2012

Hometown: San Jose, CA

Secretary: Tracy Chuong BioE 2012

Hometown: San Leandro, CA



Treasurer: Deirdre Chen MSE 2013

Hometown: Newark, CA

*Got a joke you want to share? Send it to amyzhang92@berkeley.edu

Officers and Chairs!

Public Relations Officers:

Amy Zhang EECS 2014
Hometown: Eden Prairie, MN

Rachel Leung CivilE 2013
Hometown: Rocklin, CA

Inter-societal Officer

Monica Mohal MechE 2014
Hometown: South Brunswick, NJ

Social Officer

Nicole Ng EECS 2013
Hometown: Saratoga, CA

Webmaster:

Neal Master EECS 2012
Hometown: Bedminster, NJ

Alumni Chair

Mara Minner CivilE 2014
Hometown: Bakersfield, CA

Historian Chair

Michelle Bu EECS 2014
Hometown: Hefei, China

EWI Coordinators:

Sylvia Qi CivilE 2013
Hometown: San Leandro, CA

Helen Wan BioE 2013
Hometown: San Jose, CA

Career and Collegiate Development Officer

Sarah Wang CivilE 2014
Hometown: Beijing, China

Membership Officer:

Manali Sawant BioE 2014
Hometown: San Jose, CA

CLCC Leadership Coach, Region A Senator:

Cassi Janakos MechE 2012
Hometown: Burlingame, CA

RCCE

Jessie Tung BioE 2012
Hometown: Cerritos, CA

SWE Advisor

Kelsey Boulanger CivilE 2012
Hometown: Davis, CA

Outreach Officers:

Middle and High School –
Kathleen Lo BioE 2012
Hometown: Thousand Oaks, CA

Elementary School –
Tahoura Samad BioE 2013
Hometown: Fremont, CA

Associate Treasurer:

Lisa Yan EECS 2013
Hometown: Holmdel, NJ

Outreach Chair - Junior Solar Spring Challenge

Vicki Ni BioE 2014
Hometown: Saratoga, CA

Outreach Chair - Have No Fear Engineer

Stephanie Ku CS 2014
Hometown: Bangkok, Thailand

Outreach Chair - Engineering 4 Kids Day

Leanne Chan ChemBio 2014
Hometown: Fairfield, CA



Back to School Tips

1. Stay Organized- It's easy lose your footing at the beginning of the year, being overwhelmed with everything. Try to keep track of all the things you have to do. You'll thank yourself for it later.
2. Go to Class and Office Hours- You might think you don't need the help, or that attending lecture is optional, but take it from someone who has had the experience, there's nothing wrong with

asking for help and it never hurts to go to class.

3. Have some fun! – Don't forget to take some time off for yourself. Hang out with friends, attend some SWE socials, there's always time to enjoy yourself a bit. Besides, it's good for your mental health ☺

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 -First GM + ISS (6pm)	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 -Chevron Infosession (6pm)	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 -Game Show Night (6pm) -Abbot Infosession (6:30pm)	16	17
18	19	20	21 -Quidditch (4pm)	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

For times, locations, and absolute up-to-date information on future events, please visit
swe.berkeley.edu/calendar

Want to Get Involved with SWE?

Join a committee! Below is a list of 4 committees you can be a part of and a bit on what they do:

1. Public Relations: If you've got a creative side that's dying to shine, come join PR committee! You can help write the GM newsletters, design flyers, and promote SWE throughout campus.
2. Outreach: In outreach committee, you will have the opportunity to chair and volunteer at events that introduce engineering to young girls. Through planning fun science activities such as making mini catapults, contacting professors give presentations, and speaking to Cal engineers to rally up volunteers, outreach committee is a wonderful place to gain leadership experience and make friends! Come check it out or email Supada at supada@berkeley.edu if you have questions!
3. EWI: Evening with Industry provides students with an opportunity to meet and mingle with company representatives. Beginning with a career fair, EWI then provides students with the unique opportunity of engaging with the company of their choice over a delicious three-course meal dinner. This year's EWI will be held on the evening of Thursday, November 10 at the Berkeley Marina. Join the EWI Committee to get involved with this popular SWE event! Applications may be found at <http://tiny.cc/nid09> and are due September 5th. Email questions to ewi.berkeley@gmail.com.
4. Inter-societal/Social: If you are interested in helping your fellow SWE members plan social and intersocietal events, this committee is for you! New members are always welcome.

Also, don't forget to join our mailing list by visiting swe.berkeley.edu. By doing so, you will receive weekly emails about upcoming events and how to get more involved with SWE! For more information about national SWE membership and

If you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter please email suggestions to amyzhang92@berkeley.edu