

# The Society of Women Engineers

University of California, Berkeley Chapter "Aspire, Advance, Achieve"

## LeaderShape

LeaderShape is a six-day retreat in the Redwoods designed to produce a breakthrough in the leadership capacity of participants and facilitators. The institute took place this year on January 13-18, 2013, and 60 Berkeley engineering students came together to build community, lead with integrity, and create and learn how to implement their visions for the future. Some of our fellow SWE officers participated in this program. See what their take on LeaderShape was on page 4!

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## Letter from the President

Welcome back to SWE! There are many clubs out there vying for your membership, but there are a few reasons why SWE has been such a big part of my life since freshmen year.

Community- In a college where only 20% of undergraduates are women, it may be difficult to come across women engineers in class. SWE has members that range across almost every engineering major who are eager to help you.

SWE National Conference- This is seriously the best opportunity for getting jobs and a ton of fun. You can go to places like Chicago and Houston to network with 200+ engineering companies. I got my internship at Genentech from here which has led to my full-time offer.

Outreach- We get to teach adorable little kids how to make bouncy balls and boats to sail in the Hearst Mining Pool. Sometimes things get a little chaotic, but going to outreach events really brightens up my day.

Leadership Opportunities- We are always looking for people to chair events and take on officer roles! This is a great resume booster and helps you work better on teams. Keep an eye out for officer applications after GM 3.

Food- Thai, Indian, Sushi... food at club events really doesn't get any better than this. :)

I am so excited to see you here and hope you that you begin lasting friendships and see why so many of us have stuck with SWE throughout college.



# Meet the Officers

## ~Execs:

### **President**

Supada Sritanyaratana  
Hometown: Union City, CA  
Major: Bio Engineering

### **VP of Outreach**

Tahoura Samand  
Hometown: Fremont, CA  
Major: Bio Engineering

### **Secretary**

Amy Zhang  
Hometown: Eden Prairie, MN  
Major: EECS

### **Vice President**

Monica Mohal  
Hometown: South Brunswick, NJ  
Major: Mechanical Engineering

### **VP of Corporate Relations**

Sylvia Qi  
Hometown: Hong Kong  
Major: Civil Engineering

### **Treasurer**

Lisa Yan  
Hometown: Holmdel, NJ  
Major: EECS

## ~Officers:

### **Student Advisor**

Elina Lin  
Hometown: Rowland Heights, CA  
Major: Mechanical Engineering

### **Webmaster**

Stephanie Ku  
Hometown: Bangkok, Thailand  
Major: Computer Science

### **Elementary Outreach**

Denise Doan  
Hometown: San Diego, CA  
Major: EECS

### **Membership Director**

Joanna Wu  
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA  
Major: Mechanical Engineering

### **Career and Collegiate Development**

Manali Sawant  
Hometown: San Jose, CA  
Major: Bio Engineering

### **Middle and High School Outreach:**

Leanne Chan  
Hometown: Fairfield, CA  
Major: Chemical Biology

### **EWI**

Rachel Leung  
Hometown: Rocklin, CA  
Major: Civil Engineering

Paroma Varma  
Hometown: Fremont, CA  
Major: EECS

### **Assoc. Treasurer**

Lauren Farrell  
Hometown: High Bridge, NJ  
Major: Mechanical Engineering

## ~Chairs:

### **Have No Fear Engineer**

Jingyan (Phyllis) Wang  
Hometown: Beijing, China  
Major: Chemical Biology

### **Engineering 4 Kids**

Emmalyn Chen  
Hometown: Palo Alto, CA  
Major: Bio Engineering

### **Intersocietal Coordinator**

Tasha Hodgson  
Hometown: Calabasas, CA  
Major: Mechanical Engineering

### **Social Coordinator**

Sravani Kondapavulur  
Major: Bio Engineering

### **Public Relations**

Mara Minner  
Hometown: Bakersfield, CA  
Major: Civil Engineering

Amy Tsai

Hometown: Mission Viejo, CA  
Major: EECS

### **JSSC**

Courtney Chow  
Hometown: Sugar Land, TX  
Major: IEOR

### **Alumni Relations**

Anran Li  
Hometown: Sunnyvale, CA  
Major: EECS

### **Historian**

Sahana Rajasekar  
Hometown: Bangalore, India  
Major: EECS

# Getting Involved

SWE is organized into four different committees, each with their own role. The best way to become more involved in SWE is to join one of the committees.

## Public Relations

The Public Relations committee is in charge of publicizing events and keeping members up to date through General Meeting newsletters, flyers, tabling, and social media updates. Joining the PR committee is a great way to get involved in SWE in a relaxed, low-stress environment. We are looking for new members so, if you enjoy photography, writing, graphic design, or social media updates please fill out the questionnaire to sign up for PR Committee. No experience is necessary!

## Social

The Social Committee is responsible for planning social events within SWE, in addition to intersocietal events between SWE and other engineering societies. We welcome anybody who would like to contribute ideas about exciting activities we could have, in addition to those who would like to practice leadership skills by chairing individual events, such as Bagel Breaks, Ice Cream Socials, Holiday Socials, and more!

## Outreach

One of SWE's main goals is to inspire girls in K-12 to consider careers in science and engineering. To achieve this goal, we hold multiple outreach events each academic semester aimed at Elementary-age students, and at Middle to High school age students. Outreach committee is responsible for planning these events and running them. We hold about 18-20 events per year (impacting about 650 students!), from small two-hour SWE Science Saturdays, to larger events like E4K and JSSC (Junior Solar Sprint Challenge). While there are plenty of opportunities for leadership in our committee in planning and tv organizing these many events, committee members are also welcome to just volunteer! Email us at [tahourasamad@gmail.com](mailto:tahourasamad@gmail.com) if you're interested! :)

## New Admit

SWE's New Admit OHP is a unique 2 days, 1 night program over Cal Day weekend for admitted engineering students to show them the many great things UC Berkeley has to offer. We are looking for enthusiastic, Cal-spirited students to be involved with establishing the program itinerary, designing, planning the program's events, and attending to the small details to make this an enjoyable experience for potential students of UC Berkeley's COE Class of 2017! Apply online at [swe.berkeley.edu](http://swe.berkeley.edu) > resources > applications and forms.

## <<Top 10>>

### Movies of 2012

(by total Gross)

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Happy belated new year everyone!  
Have you watched all of the top movies of 2012 yet?

1. The Avengers
2. The Dark Knight Rises
3. The Hunger Games
4. Skyfall
5. The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
6. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2
7. The Amazing Spiderman
8. Brave
9. Ted
10. Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted

## <<Joke's>>

### of the Month

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"I saw a documentary on how ships are kept together. Riveting!"

"Somebody asked me if I was Bi, and I told them it was none of their Bismuth."

"A neutron walks into a bar. 'I'd like a beer' he says. The bartender promptly serves up a beer. 'How much will that be?' asks the neutron. 'For you?' replies the bartender, 'no charge'"

# LeaderShape

LeaderShape was an incredible experience! It made me dig deep down to think about things I had not spent much time pondering before--to pinpoint what core values are important to me, what positive change I want to see in the world, and the steps I can take to be the one to make that vision happen. It also greatly improved my confidence in my ability to lead, and I HIGHLY recommend applying to LeaderShape next year!

-Mara Minner

LeaderShape was a transformative experience where I not only gained confidence in who I am as a person and what I value, but also a close group of highly supportive friends whom I would never have met otherwise. And of course, the massive swing set at the site made everything that much better.

-Sravani Kondapavulur

LeaderShape was an absolutely rewarding experience. I learned so much about what it means to lead and the importance of values. The program isn't just about growing as a leader, but building a community to inspire and to be inspired by. At the end of the program I gained many valuable friendships and experienced many laughs and good conversations.

-Joanna Wu



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Have a top 10 list or joke you're dying to share? Send newsletter suggestions to Amy Tsai: [amietsai@gmail.com](mailto:amietsai@gmail.com)

## << calendar >>

February						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Pixar Infosession 6:30 PM	5 GM 1 6:30 PM	6 Study Session 6PM	7 Ice Cream Social 7PM	8	9 SWE Science Scholars 10 AM
10	11	12	13 Cisco Resume Workshop 6 PM Game Night with BEAM, BMES	14	15	16 Curling Clinic (Tentative) 3PM
17	18	19 SWEet Breakfast 8AMbhh	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

\*\*For times, location, and absolute up to date information on future events, please visit [swe.berkeley.edu/calendar](http://swe.berkeley.edu/calendar) or check our Facebook page