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## SWEEKly Newsletter



# Meeting Bourns Inc

By Susana Jaimes

Last Tuesday, a couple of Bourns Engineering Day Committee members went to thank Mr. Bourns in person for all of his support on SWE's biggest outreach event! When we arrived, we were warmly welcomed by Gordon Bourns. He was excited to have us at the company and wanted to show us around.

We started by heading outside to see the replica of the garage where his parents began their company. The garage had original pieces created by Gordon's father and gave us a view into the early life of a great engineer.

We headed inside and we saw the various components that Bourns, Inc focuses on. They ranged from panel controls, telephone station protectors, even to precision potentiometers on guitars and various other integrated circuit works. Every room that we went into was filled with various types of electronics and other machinery, as well as various people working hard to make Bourns Inc products better. Mr. Bourns made sure that we were introduced to every department and every employee he saw.

It was a wonderful and certainly unforgettable experience. When we headed towards the exit, we thanked him and we gave him a gift that expressed our sincerest gratitude towards his donation and support of Bourns Engineering Day. We were truly the luckiest to have had such a great experience with Mr. Bourns and cannot wait for him to be present at next year's Bourns Engineering Day!

# WISER LUNCHEON

By Breanne Felton

UCR's new student chapter of Women in Science Engaging Riverside (WISER) invited SWE to a luncheon to meet and greet with them and some faculty. Dr. Adrienne Sims, director of the Women's Resource center on campus, and UCR professor of psychology Dr. Carolyn Bennett Murray were in attendance. They talked of their work and involvement on campus and offered us some great advice. We had a great time getting to know one another and held some great discussions about helping each other. We look forward to collaborating with WISER in the future.



SWE meets Mr. Bourns!

# IMPACT

By Scott Moon

IMPACT is a mentoring session in which a working professional is paired with a few engineering students for an hour of Q&A and worthwhile advice. Some of the companies there were NASA, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Riverside Public Utilities, etc.

At IMPACT, I was paired with an associate from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power who gave a lot of information, not only about the company he works for, but for getting hired by companies for entry level engineering associate positions in general. His helpful tips gave me insight on the engineering job market and his tips could help anyone get employed.

IMPACT was well worth going to because I learned a lot about the engineering job market. The free food only made it better. Keep your eyes out on your email for the next IMPACT session!

# LC-Meeting

By Monica Marks

On May 20th, the officers of BCOE's professional societies, including SWE, sat down and met with Dean Reza Abbaschian. The purpose of the meeting was to address any grievances the organizations might have had towards BCOE.

The majority of the meeting consisted of students presenting their concerns to a panel comprised of the Dean, Jun Wang, and the current leadership council President Camilla Villanueva. The main concerns involved problems with the computer labs, such as broken computers and printers. There were also concerns voiced about problems with class schedules as well as the amount of offered technical electives.

Dean Abbaschian assured that all voiced concerns would be taken into consideration and subsequently addressed as needed. Overall, the meeting seemed very productive and the student concerns seemed to be valued by the Dean.



# Upcoming Events

## UCR'TS Artist Community Showcase

Belltower

May 28th, 6:00pm - 8:30pm

## Praxair Company Tour

Ontario, CA

May 29th, 11:15am - 1:30pm

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## Water Day

Al Knoll

June 1st

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## BCOE Banquet

HUB 302

June 7th, 6:00pm - 10:00pm

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