UPCOMING EVENTS

Envelope Stuffing Party

*Help Summer Camp stuff envelopes and earn SWE points!*
Thursday, December 2nd, 7pm
322 Zachry

Big Sis Lil’ Sis Social

*Laser Tag*
Saturday, December 4th, 11:30-1:30pm
Grand Station Entertainment

Ultimate Frisbee with SEC

Saturday, December 4th, 4-5:30pm

TGI Christmas

*Bring your own goodies/food to share and sleeping bag/chair/bean bag and get excited for watching It’s a Wonderful Afterlife!* 
Tuesday, December 7th at 7pm
Kristen’s House 1707 Boardwalk ct.

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Dear Momentum Readers,

As the semester comes to a close, I am excited to reflect on the wonderful activities our members have participated in!

SWE-TAMU kicked-off the semester with a luncheon for the freshman female engineering students. The Class of 2014 has continued their participation in several programs offered to freshman such as Big-Sis/Lil-Sis and Mosher Hall Office Hours.

In Big-Sis/Lil-Sis, the freshman and sophomore students are paired with upperclassmen in their major. This program is an additional resource for students to ask questions about their major and student life. During class registration for the spring semesters, this proved to be a great resource for many of our freshman to achieve the optimal work load.

SWE-TAMU is hosting office hours in Mosher Hall, the freshman engineering dorm, to get to know our freshman members better. Snacks and drinks are provided every other Wednesday as a study break for our members. In the couple of hours that we spend in Mosher, we are able to share our experiences as engineering students.

In addition to the programs for freshman, we are continuing outreach programs for our members and community. FLAME (Females Leading Aggies as Mentors in Engineering) is having one of its most successful years! The participation of our undergraduate mentees and graduate and industry mentors has been outstanding through e-mail and at the Houston luncheon. Outreach community events have been hosted in the Bryan/College Station area through Discover Engineering and Viva Technology. These programs targeted elementary and high school students, respectively.

There are many other amazing events that SWE-TAMU has hosted this semester. I encourage you to read about them and participate in the spring.

I would like to acknowledge our co-chairs and members for their time and dedication to SWE-TAMU. Thanks for a wonderful semester!

Study hard & best of luck with final exams,

Nahomi Merida Morales
Sisters Meet Up
*Katherine Zanghi, Big Sis L'il Sis Co-Chair*

Howdy! This semester has gone by so quickly! This year, we have had a record amount of participants in the Big Sis Lil Sis mentorship program, with over 85 women involved! The groups were split up by major and graduation plans, where an upperclassman acts as a “big sis” to the underclassmen, giving them advice on everything from which professors to take, how to balance school and a social life, and how to get the job of your dreams. The BSLS groups have gotten to know each other through bi-weekly emails, and outside socials with their group. We had our first ice cream social of the year on October 13th, where over 40 people came out and got to know each other! Our next social will be at the end of the semester, and we look forward to another successful mixer!

Flag Football with Students Engr. Council
*Lily Raabe, SEC Representative*

At Texas A&M, all the engineering organizations are unified by the Student Engineers’ Council, which strives to represent the students and organizations of the Dwight Look College of Engineering. This semester SWE participated in the Student Engineers’ Council’s Flag Football Tournament, where teams from various engineering organizations had the opportunity to compete against each other. Even though the rain from the previous night made the fields muddy, and many of the girls had no previous experience with football, the Society of Women Engineers played Women in Nuclear and had a great time!

Graduate Student Luncheon
*James Robertson, Graduate liaison Co-Chair*

Another successful semester has passed for the SWE graduate student program. At the first luncheon, SWE members received financial advice from IMG Financial. Dr. Ruth Schemmer demonstrated effective methods for building a professional network at the second luncheon. Dr. Tim Lomax concluded the semester with a discussion on presenting research to the public. The graduate liaisons look forward to organizing next semester’s luncheons, social event, and graduate student panel.
High School Conference on the Way!

Carrie Pottmeyer, HSC Co-Chair

Preparation for the 35th Annual SWE High School Conference is currently underway! This conference is designed to introduce, engage, and inspire high school students to pursue a degree in engineering at Texas A&M. The conference offers over one hundred students interested in STEM (math, science, and engineering) fields an introduction to engineering through workshops with dynamic speakers, engineering department tours, freshman courses, student panel discussions, and our innovative engineering competition. This year’s conference will be held February 11-12, 2011 so mark your calendars!

Reaching out to Future Engineers

Leigh Ann and Catie, Outreach Co-Chairs

This semester Outreach has participated in both Celebration of Learning and Discover Engineering. Celebration of Learning is a tutoring and mentoring program for local elementary students in College Station. College students meet with their elementary student once a week to either have lunch with or tutor them in various subjects. Discover Engineering is an open house event hosted by the Dwight Look College of Engineering. Its purpose is to inform the public and prospective students about engineering. SWE hosted a booth that had hands-on activities for elementary age kids. The kids could create structures out of marshmallows and pretzels or make a foil boat and test its buoyancy in water. Outreach’s next event is the Viva Technology “Great Minds in STEM” Program which provides science, technology, engineering, and math hands-on activities for students K-12.

Why SWE-TAMU?

Cindy Rodrigues, Secretary

My freshman year, an officer in SWE was my peer teacher. She told me about all the opportunities SWE had to offer an engineer. I attended most of the meetings, but got more involved my sophomore year when I applied to be an officer. That was when I learned about all the programs within SWE. This year I attended the National Conference for SWE and was overwhelmed with its magnitude. SWE is just an awesome organization and I am very proud to be a part of it. I definitely recommend it to all engineers!
Each year SWE members from around the world travel to network at the SWE Annual Conference. This year 14 SWE-TAMU members attended the conference from November 4-6th in Orlando, Florida.

Our journey began at 3:30AM on Thursday morning. After driving to Houston and flying to Orlando, we were just in time for the Region C Joint meeting, with all the professional and collegiate sections of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. In addition to this meeting, our members attended various seminars that enable our members to grow professionally and learn about how to better implement different programs at SWE-TAMU. Some examples of seminars that our members attended are:
• Competing in a Creative World
• Communication Etiquette for the Modern Workplace
• The Academic Career Pathway
• The Laws of Networking
• Outreach Programs: Practical Advice for Promoting STEM
• Managing the Ever Growing To-Do List

In addition, our members attended the large career fair to seek internship, co-op, and full-time job opportunities. Various engineering graduate schools were also in attendance for members interested in pursuing their education further. On Saturday night, along with all SWE members, SWE-TAMU attended the Celebrate SWE! banquet. At this banquet, we were awarded the Outstanding Collegiate Section -- Bronze level award.

Our group was also able to squeeze in some time to tour the beautiful city of Orlando. One group got a behind-the-scenes tour at Sea World; they even got to feed dolphins! Another group visited the Wizarding World of Harry Potter; the experience was absolutely magical!

This year’s national conference was a success! We hope to see you next year in Chicago!

SWE Region C Conference!

**When:** January 28-30th, 2010  
**Where:** Austin, TX  
**Applications Due on December 13th**  
Applications are available at swe.tamu.edu
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