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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello SWE Philadelphia,

I'm honored to be your new FY14 Section President and, along with the other section officers, will do my best to bring you another fun and productive year with SWE. I want to thank Jackee Mohl for all of her hard work as President up to this point, and for helping us make our mid-year officer transition as painless as possible. We'll miss her but will be delighted to welcome her back when her assignment in Seattle ends! Additionally, thank you to Diane Ess for stepping into the role I vacated as Vice President of Professional Development.

As I'm writing this, the first snowfall of the season is predicted for tomorrow. Though I've lived in the Philadelphia area for the last 10 years, I grew up in Houston, so part of me still greets snow with a feeling of disbelief and mild awe. I hope you all are looking forward to the wonders of the holiday season, including some more fun with SWE. We are in the process of planning another mother/daughter/sister/friend afternoon tea social event in December, as well as a vaccine manufacturing facility tour at Merck, so keep an eye on your email.

The section has had a busy fall, especially with the annual Society conference being held right in our region, October 23-26 in Baltimore, MD. The conference boasted a record attendance of over 7,000 people, including at least 20 from our section, and featured some excellent speakers. More recently, SWE Philadelphia members toured the Chinook helicopter facility at Boeing's Ridley Park site on November 6. You'll find highlights from these events and lots more info in this issue of *SWE Outlook*.

Danielle Dunn
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SOCIETY NEWS

What did you miss at WE13?

Villanova University sent 4 members to conference. The girls enjoyed the career fair because of the numerous opportunities to talk to different companies and professionals. They were also impressed with their new knowledge of the extensive network SWE has across the country and opportunities beyond college. They were particularly grateful for how "nice and awesome the professional SWE members are especially when it comes to giving advice!"



The University of Pennsylvania sent 20 members to conference. Here are a few of their personal take-aways:

"I am always blown away by the sheer amount of creativity, inspiration, and knowledge packed under one roof. Conference attendees are genuinely interested in getting to know each other, and I've forged wonderful relationships by simply striking up a conversation with a stranger. Take the time to reach out; you may be leveraging their expertise and experiences before you know it. SWE conferences are always a whirlwind of fun and I'm re-energized every time I attend." -- Nicole Woon (Class of 2014)

"It was very inspiring to be surrounded by that many female engineers. The variety of companies that were there also made me realize how many different career paths an engineering degree can open up" -- Emily Chen (Class of 2016)



Drexel University sent 25 members to conference. As a chapter they were awarded the Gold Award for the 2013 Outstanding Collegiate Section. Neha Thomas and Savannah Lee submitted a poster together and won 1st place in the National SWE Technical Poster Competition. Three Drexel students participated in the SME bowl: Samantha Cassel, Melissa Dubois, Jennier Lui (from Binghamton, NY), and Anna Lu pulled together a last minute team and won 4th at SME bowl. Sam Schneider, Drexel Secretary, said that her biggest takeaway was learning that "leadership is about seeing potential in others and motivating them to accomplish great things. "



Collegiate members aren't the only ones who attended the conference. At least 20 SWE Philadelphia members attended the conference, including Jessica Snyder, who co-presented a very informative workshop on "Expanding Your Strategic Network". When asked about her experiences Amanda Weissman, a young professional engineer says, "Whether it's about professional work, life balance, education, or SWE stuff, the people I meet and see each year at the conferences are the most enthusiastic, inspiring and helpful group of individuals! I always leave conference feeling inspired and like I could take on the world after seeing what these amazing individuals and groups do."

SECTION NEWS

Save the Date!! Region E Conference

"Engineer the Future"

March 28-30, 2013 at Virginia Tech

Save the Date!! Penn Society of Women Engineers Presents: GEARS Day

Saturday March 22nd at the University of Pennsylvania

The girls at UPenn are looking for workshop leaders, workshop volunteers, or general volunteers who would be willing to help out for the day. Contact gears.day.upenn@gmail.com with questions or interest in volunteering.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Drexel SWE Programming Outreach – November 23rd

Drexel SWE is looking for professionals who use programming in their jobs to talk to young girls about their experiences and how they use this skill. The event will be Saturday, November 23 at Drexel University. Please email Amanda Weissman at outreach@philaswe.org if you have questions or are interested.

Merck Tour, Gardasil Facility – December 4th

GARDASIL is a vaccine to prevent disease caused by Human Papillomavirus (HPV). It helps protect against 4 types of HPV, 2 of which cause about 75% of cervical cancer cases. Join us for a 6 p.m. window tour of the Merck manufacturing facility where GARDASIL bulk vaccine is produced.

Note: The tour will be limited to the first 20 people who RSVP. SWE Philadelphia members who RSVP prior to Nov 22nd will receive priority in the event that the tour becomes full. All who RSVP will receive confirmation of their status by Nov 27th. No RSVPs will be accepted after Nov 27th.

To RSVP:

Send an e-mail to rsvp@philaswe.org by November 22, 2013:

- Provide your full name and current employer, if applicable
- Indicate if you are interested in having dinner afterwards at a local restaurant

Mother/Daughter Tea – Early December

Details coming soon!

PREVIOUS EVENTS

Boeing Chinook Tour

6:30 PM November 6, 2013

Nearly 40 attendees from SWE Philadelphia and local collegiate sections joined us for a tour of the Boeing facility in Ridley Park, PA where Chinook helicopters are manufactured. The Chinook is a multi-mission, heavy-lift transport helicopter whose primary mission is to move troops, artillery, ammunition, fuel, water, and other supplies on the battlefield. Chinooks also help with medical evacuation, disaster relief, and search and rescue. Attendees were able to see these impressive aircraft in various stages of production and learn about the lean manufacturing practices at the Boeing facility. Special thanks to Vicki Sholtes for her help in organizing this event!

MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have exciting news to share? It could be anything from graduations to birthdays, engagements to professional accomplishments. Email the [SWE Newsletter Editors](#) with your exciting news!

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Open Officer Positions

We have an open officer position that needs to be filled for the FY14 year. Taking on an officer role is a great way to get more involved in the section and have an impact on the decisions made. Below is a list with a short description. Feel free to contact Mary Beth (communications@philaswe.org) if you are interested for more information.

Engineer's Club of Philadelphia Liaison - Responsible for coordinating with the Engineer's Club to share information with our section.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August	
Nov 23 rd	Drexel SWE Programming Outreach
Dec 4 th	Merck Tour, Gardasil Facility
Early Dec	Mother/Daughter Tea



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Women Engineers

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Mission: Stimulate women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders, expand the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life, demonstrate the value of diversity.

The Philadelphia Section was one of the original chartering sections of SWE, chartered on May 27, 1950.