LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello SWE Philadelphia,

Memorial Day is drawing near! With summer almost upon us, it’s a good time to reflect on all that we’ve accomplished as a section in the 2014 fiscal year. At our annual awards brunch on Sunday April 27th at Rosa Blanca in Philadelphia, I shared a few highlights with our nearly 30 attendees:

Our section membership is continuing to grow, and we’ve now exceeded 200 members, making us eligible to have 3 section representatives at the Region level in FY15. We’re continuing to keep our members engaged with a variety of informative Professional Development events. For example, in October we hosted an interactive discussion of Sheryl Sandberg’s book *Lean In* and gender stereotypes in the workplace. Also in the fall, we held tours of the Chinook helicopter facility at The Boeing Company and the Gardasil® human papillomavirus vaccine manufacturing facility at Merck. This spring, Dow hosted a meeting where Cheryl Teich, the President-Elect of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) shared her take on the global engineering challenges we’re facing today, with an emphasis on providing access to clean water. These are just a few of the professional development and networking opportunities our section organized this year.

In terms of Outreach, the SWE/Widener Engineering Girls Camp boasted record attendance in its 15th year, with more than 260 high school girls participating. Penn GEARS Day is also growing, with 80 student attendees this year. In the science fairs, SWE volunteer judges reviewed hundreds of projects and awarded Special Awards to 63 female students with engineering-related projects. And on May 3rd, our section’s booth at the Philadelphia Science Carnival on the Ben Franklin Parkway was once again a runaway success. The SWE volunteers were delightfully overwhelmed with so many kids and parents taking part in our chemistry activity that we ultimately ran out of supplies despite three trips to the nearest market to buy more. Again, these are just a few of our section’s successes in Outreach this year.

Speaking of successes, I just saw the results of the Society elections and want to especially congratulate the newly elected Colleen Layman, FY15 President-Elect, and Nicole Woon, FY15 Collegiate Director! Colleen, who hails from the Baltimore-Washington section, volunteered at the Penn GEARS Day this year, while Nicole is a Penn student and one of our very own scholarship winners. Nice job, ladies!

Best Wishes,

Danielle Dunn
FY14 Section President

P.S. Don’t forget to **vote by June 1** for our FY15 section officers!

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SOCIETY NEWS

2015 Elections

Candidate biographies and ballots were sent via email to all members. Members of the section are requested to vote and return your ballot by June 1, 2014. The candidates are President: Tessa Anodide; Senior Vice President: Mary Beth Biddle; Vice President: Elisha Rios and Jennifer Pesch; Secretary: Maria Legato; Treasurer: Hilary Grosskopf; and Section Representative: Amanda Weissman, Tori Morgan, and Cassandra Zook.

SWE 2014 Annual Conference

Registration is open for the annual conference taking place October 23-25 in Los Angeles, California! Visit http://registration.experientevent.com/ShowWEC141/. Annual Conference is a great way to network professionally and personally as well as see the best that SWE has to offer!

SECTION NEWS

Welcome to the FY14 Philadelphia SWE Officers!

Get to know some of our FY14 section officers! Check out the answers to these interview questions below to learn more about them!

Amanda Weissman, Vice President Outreach

1. How long have you been involved in SWE?
I have been involved with SWE since my freshmen year of college in 2004. I was a member of the Rochester Institute of Technology section until moving to South Jersey in 2009 and have been a member of the Philadelphia section ever since. I just recently became a Life Member.

2. What aspect of SWE has had the most effect on your life?
SWE has been an inspiration for me. I am inspired by the amazing collegiate and professional women around me and the amazing things they do. I have also had the pleasure of being actively involved with the Societal Scholarship selection and also with outreach and am continually amazed by what the next generation of women engineers has already accomplished.

3. What do you do at work?
I'm a Manufacturing Test Engineer at Lockheed Martin in Moorestown, NJ. I design and build test systems for radars for the US Navy and Army. I also am the project manager for multiple modernization projects on the same test equipment.
4. What are your hobbies?
I'm an avid reader and an amateur genealogist!

5. What is one piece of advice you can give to your fellow SWE members?
Find a way to get involved! There are so many aspects of SWE (not just at the section level but also on the regional and societal levels), you can find something that is rewarding to you.

Seeking Corporate Contacts
If you know someone in your company who is in charge of or interested in making donations to a philanthropic organization, please let the Society of Women Engineers Philadelphia Section know so that we may get in touch!

The Society of Women Engineers is a national nonprofit educational and service organization that aims to 1) engage female students of all ages in math, science, and technology and 2) to support the development of female engineering professionals in today’s workforce. To that end, the Philadelphia section solicits donations and allocates the funds to scholarships and programs geared towards professional development and outreach.

UPCOMING EVENTS

US Mint Tour-May 31st
Please join us for a tour of the largest coin factory in the world. Children are welcome! Afterwards for those who have time we can go for a late lunch/early dinner.

Where: US Mint, 151 North Independence Mall East, Philadelphia, PA 19106
(https://www.usmint.gov/mint_tours/?action=philadelphia)
When: SATURDAY, 31MAY2014, 2:00-4:00 pm

Please RSVP now for the following event. RSVP to rsvp@philaswe.org by Wednesday, 28MAY2014.

Mother/Daughter Tea - June 22nd
Tilly Mint's Tea Room in Souderton. More details to follow!

PREVIOUS EVENTS

Philly Girls High Career Day - April 25th
Several Philly SWE members gave up their morning on April 25th to share what it's like to be an engineer with the students at Philadelphia High School for Girls. On the left, Members Alisha Troccoli and Tara Plum pose with two other presenters. On the right Dr. Parthenia Moore, Principal, gives the opening remarks.
Awards Brunch - April 27th

Philly SWE hosted our annual Awards Brunch on April 27th at Rosa Blanca where we celebrated our accomplishments for the year and awarded scholarships to our collegiate winners. Nearly 30 people attended the brunch.

Two tables full of SWE members and guests about to be very full and happy!
Philadelphia Science Festival Carnival – May 3rd

SWE Philadelphia set up a booth on the Ben Franklin Parkway on Saturday May 3, 2014. Hundreds of children stopped by the booth to participate in a hands on demonstration of how to blow up a balloon without blowing into it. Children of all ages (and their parents) were excited to have first hand exposure to the STEM field.
MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations Cassie Zook on completing her studies in the Masters of Science in Systems Engineering!

_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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- **Messiah SIG Counselor** OPEN
Open Officer Positions

We have an open officer position that needs filling for the FY14 year due to the transitioning of some of our members. Taking on an officer role is a great way to get more involved in the section and have an impact on the decisions made. 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.

### SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS
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### UP COMING EVENTS

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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.