

SWE Philadelphia President Nominees

Mary Beth Biddle



Mary Beth Biddle has been active in SWE for 9 years now. While attending the University of Pittsburgh, she held various positions, including Meeting Coordinator and President. After graduating from Pitt in August 2012 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, Mary Beth started working full time for Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company. She completed her MS in Mechanical Engineering from Villanova University in 2015 (and was thrilled to see the Wildcats win the National Championship!). Mary Beth was the VP of Communications for FY14, for which the section won two major awards, the VP of Outreach for FY15, and was Section Representative for FY16. She is the current FY17 Philadelphia SWE President. She is also involved at the Region and Society level. Mary Beth looks forward to another

exciting year in SWE, and hopes to engage a wide variety of members.

Mary Beth enjoys traveling and being outdoors. By the end of May, she will have visited all 50 states! She looks forward to continuing her adventures with her puppy Riley.

SWE Philadelphia Senior Vice President Nominees

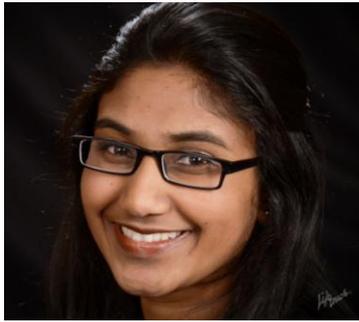
Julie Williams



Julie Williams joined SWE while studying Materials Science Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania. She served as Corporate Dinner Co-Chair, Section President, and Collegiate Leadership Coach before graduating in 2010. After four years abroad working as a Wireline Field Engineer for Schlumberger, Julie moved back to Philadelphia and is excited to be more involved with SWE again. She is currently working as a Consultant at Optymyze and in her free time is trying to grow vegetables, learning to play Frisbee, and exploring Philadelphia.

SWE Philadelphia Vice President Nominees

Jen Ligo



Hi all, my name is Jen Ligo. I work at Merck at the West Point, PA site in Technical Services supporting final formulation and filling of vaccine products into syringes and vials. I am a NJIT Chemical Engineering graduate and currently working on my Masters in Chemical Engineering at Lehigh University part time.

My previous experience in leadership roles includes serving as the ChemE representative for the NJIT Student Senate, VP of Fellowship for Alpha Phi Omega (National Community Service Fraternity) where I coordinated volunteer events, and Sisterhood Chair for Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority in which I planned bonding and learning activities for the chapter. In the past, I have worked on organizing community service events ranging from activity kits for pediatric patients, food bank volunteering, to mentoring programs. Most recently, I have been a part of the Merck Mentor Program which works with middle school students to get them interested in science and engineering.

I got more involved with SWE as a professional and love meeting and working with other female engineers from different backgrounds and industries. Learning about new topics like railway systems, career development, and wine is a fantastic bonus! I look forward to the opportunity to get more involved with PhilaSWE through the VP of Outreach position for the FY18 year to help the organization and develop myself in the process.

Jillian Ditzler



I graduated from Georgia Tech with a B.S. in mechanical engineering, and have most of my experience in manufacturing. I currently work for IKEA as a Production Engineer. In my free time I love to rock climb, travel, and cook. I live in Center City with my girlfriend, dog, and two cats.

SWE Philadelphia Secretary Nominees

Kimberly Lam



Kimberly joined SWE in 2013 during her first year at NJIT. Following joining as a member, she has taken on roles including secretary in FY14 and collegiate section president in FY15-16. On the regional level, she served as Region Collegiate Communications Editor (RCCE) in FY15 and Region Collegiate Senator (RCS) in FY16. During her collegiate years, she was recognized as a New Faces of Engineering, Collegiate edition finalist and spoke at a Region E conference. After graduating NJIT in May 2016 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, Kim returned to Lockheed Martin, Rotary and

Mission Systems, as a systems engineer and joined the Philadelphia professional section. She enjoys trying different foods (Yelping during her free time), exploring new places, and taking pictures of it all.

SWE Philadelphia Treasurer Nominees

Sharon Vuong



Sharon joined SWE in 2005 as a freshman at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. While at RPI, she was the Social/Networking/Alumni Coordinator and served as the FY09 Region F Collegiate Representative. Sharon graduated from RPI in 2009 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and went on to pursue a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, where she conducted research in the area of microfluidics under the direction of Professor Shelley Anna. During graduate school, Sharon held several SWE positions, including FY12 Collegiate Leadership Forum Coordinator, FY12 Alternate Region G Collegiate Senator, Accommodations Chair for the FY13 Region G Conference, and CMU SWE Treasurer. She successfully defended her dissertation in the summer of 2014 and joined the Dow Chemical Company as a Senior Engineer in Dow Coating Materials. In her free time, Sharon likes to knit and crochet stuffed animals, brew beer, and box.

Platform for running:

I have had the opportunity to serve as the treasurer of the Philadelphia SWE section for the past year and would like to be re-elected in order to help improve upon the continuity and financial vitality of the section for future treasurers. This includes plans to establish a finance committee to help ease the bank account transition between former and new officers, as well as to ensure that the knowledge regarding our finances is transferred to each new treasurer. I have enjoyed and been grateful for the experiences that being section treasurer has brought this year, and I hope to continue to serve in this position to help advance our section in the upcoming fiscal year.

SWE Philadelphia Section Representative Nominees

Aurora Achong



I am Aurora Achong. I earned my BS in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, my MS in Management of Technology from New York University's Tandon School of Engineering and my Master's Certificate in Information Technology Service Management from Villanova University. My area of expertise is Wireless & Telecommunications, as I worked at Lucent Technologies (now Nokia Technologies) and Verizon Wireless within their Network Organizations. The areas I managed were RF Engineering Design, Operations, System Performance and Back Office Engineering. Currently, I am a Technology Consulting Manager with Accenture Technologies' Communication, Media and Technology Practice.

I joined SWE's Philadelphia Section in October 2016. I've held active membership in my sorority for 25 years. Additionally, I will be a charter member of BWISE's Philadelphia Chapter (Black Women in Science and Engineering) and I am a STEM Mentor with the Million Women Mentors Initiative. I'm an adult literacy tutor with the Literacy Council of Norristown. Through the years, I've had activity with the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and the National Black MBA Association (NBMBA). I am excited to be a SWE member and would like to bring my energy, passion, dedication and experience to the Philadelphia Section of the Society of Women Engineers!

SWE Philadelphia Section Representative Nominees

Maria Legato



Maria Legato joined SWE in 2007 at the University of Pittsburgh. She quickly became more involved and held multiple officer positions at the collegiate level, including Section President. She graduated from University of Pittsburgh in April 2011 with a BS in Electrical Engineering. After graduation, Maria began working full time for Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) and earned her MS in Electrical Engineering at Drexel University. Maria became involved with Philadelphia SWE in 2013 when she volunteered as the Collegiate Liaison. From there, she has served as the Section's Secretary and, most recently, as a Section Representative. In

her spare time, Maria enjoys playing bass guitar, singing, exploring the Philadelphia/New York area, practicing yoga, and riding her bicycle.



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.