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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello! Thank you for tuning in to our Spring 2023 Quarterly Newsletter! As yet another term ends, I would like to commend all of our members for their hard work and dedication to Drexel SWE! We held numerous events this term, including the return of some favorites - a Tie-dye event at Drexel Park, our Outreach Committee partnering with the Franklin Institute for a STEM demo, and the new launch of our first annual Drexel SWE Gala!



Spring term is always full of excitement as we transition our new board of officers, commemorate our seniors, and wrap things up with our first-year members so they can start a well-deserved summer break.

I'd like to say this past Spring term can be best described as a huge celebration: we hosted 3 events where we honored our active High School Mentorship Committee volunteers, the mentors and mentees of the Networking Committee's mentorship programs, and our graduating seniors plus the rest of our members at our first annual SWE Gala.

One of the fundamental values of our organization is to help our members grow both as students and professionals. We hosted events such as Resume Reviews, How to Improve Communication in the Workplace sessions, Become a Volunteer, Spring Fling with Drexel's Mechanical Engineering and Mechanics department, International Co-Op, and a de-stressing game night before Finals week. I want to give a huge acknowledgment to our directors and chairs for all of their effort toward making these events both meaningful and successful!

Reflecting on the past 5 years of my involvement with Drexel SWE, I can say that our officers and members have amazed me with their perseverance and empowering spirits. It has been an honor to represent Drexel SWE this past year as President—I will forever cherish the memories, confidence, and friendships I gained through this organization. ! I am so excited for our fantastic new officers to thrive in their positions and allow our members to flourish and grow! I sincerely wish you all a wonderful summer term, summer break, or first summer as an official graduate from Drexel University!

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MEMBERSHIP

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To start the spring 2023 quarter off on a good note, the membership committee held a general body meeting that included fun icebreakers, introductions, and chipotle catering (crowd favorite as always)! Our general body meetings are a fun and simple way for new and existing members to stay up to date on current and upcoming events! With food and often times guest speakers, the general body meetings are always a good time!

VOLLEYBALL AND RITA'S SOCIAL

Our other event was a volleyball and rita's social. This event was a collaboration with the Department of Mechanical Engineering and was a blast! By being towards the end of the quarter, this event allowed for a multitude of students to get outside, enjoy time away from studying, and even eat rita's italian ice. The membership committee is looking forward to hosting a summer general meeting!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

INTERNATIONAL CO-OP MIXER

The Profession Development Committee had a very fruitful term due to the successful completion of the International Co-op Mixer Event. The event was an information and Q&A session about international co-ops with current students and alumni. Students talked about their experience with co-op abroad and also about their interests and queries regarding this opportunity. John Doherty, the Director of Cooperative Education at Drexel University, was also present to talk to students and answers any questions they had. The event had a great turnout and was well-loved by all attendees. All students showed interest that they would love to have similar events to be hosted in the future as well. The event was held in a hybrid setting to promote accessibility for all Drexel Students.



NETWORKING

RESUME REVIEW

The Networking Committee's first event of the Spring term was a resume review workshop. Dani Schroeder, Drexel SWE's Philly Counselor, gave an insightful presentation on effective resume writing tips and techniques. Then, attendees were paired off with professionals and seniors for 1-on-1 feedback on individual resumes!



END OF MENTORSHIP GAME NIGHT

To celebrate the end of a successful academic year and mentorship cycle, SWE Networking hosted a fun, social game night with board games and food! Everyone was able to meet up with their mentors/mentees for the last time and give a bittersweet farewell.

HOW TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION IN THE WORKPLACE

The SWE Networking Committee presented methods to leverage DISC, a work-based personality assessment, to better understand why you and others act the way you do in the workplace and to learn how to overcome your limitations. The goal was to learn how to improve how you communicate with coworkers and work better in scenarios that may be stressful to you. To achieve this, we engaged in some interactive activities where we listed our strengths and our stressors and discussed with each other what actions we can take to improve ourselves in the workplace and step outside our comfort zone.

WELLNESS

The Wellness Committee started the Spring quarter off with a relaxing paint night filled with reflection and provide an outlet during those first few tiresome weeks of classes. Paint nights, self-reflection and discussion, and mental/physical outlets provide healthy outlets when the stress and anxiety of school tend to catch up on students. Additionally, to end the term on a positive note and to relieve stress before finals week, members took a walk through the Schuylkill river trail to decompress and get their minds away from the books for a bit. We hope to provide the same sanctum of peace this term with a virtual origami lesson or craft alike to initiate or exercise our creative outlets while giving accessibility to those who are not on campus during the summer term. We also hope to include a yoga session, indoors from the heat of course, for the end of the term. The Wellness Committee looks forward to see you in future events! Stay safe!



DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

THE DIVERSITY

The first spring event hosted by the Diversity and Inclusion committee was Tie-Diversity. This was the third year hosting the event and the turnout was just as great! During the fun, outdoor event participants were given t-shirts in their chosen size and allowed to choose from a variety of colors to design their shirts. The event and discussion on diversity were successful and everyone's t-shirts came out great!

DE-STRESS GAME NIGHT

The next spring event hosted by the Diversity and Inclusion committee was a fun relaxing game night before finals week. We partnered with the new SCDI director, Jennifer Thorndike-Gonzales, to hold the event in the Rush Building. Overall the game night was successful, there was pizza, snacks, drinks, and raffle prizes for those who came and won certain games! It was also a great opportunity for attendees to learn more about SWE and for the D&I committee to become more involved with the SCDI.

OUTREACH

FRANKLIN INSTITUTE YOUTH PROGRAMS - MECHANICAL HAND DEMO

For our first event of the Spring 2023 quarter, we partnered with the Franklin Institute Youth Programs Sophomore group for a Mechanical Hand Demo! During this event, we talked with the students about mechanical and biomedical engineering and how those fields work together to make prosthetic limbs. After our discussion, the students were able to create their own functional mechanical hands, with the help of our fantastic volunteers! It was such a fun and interactive event and we could not be happier to continue our partnership with the Franklin Institute Youth programs!

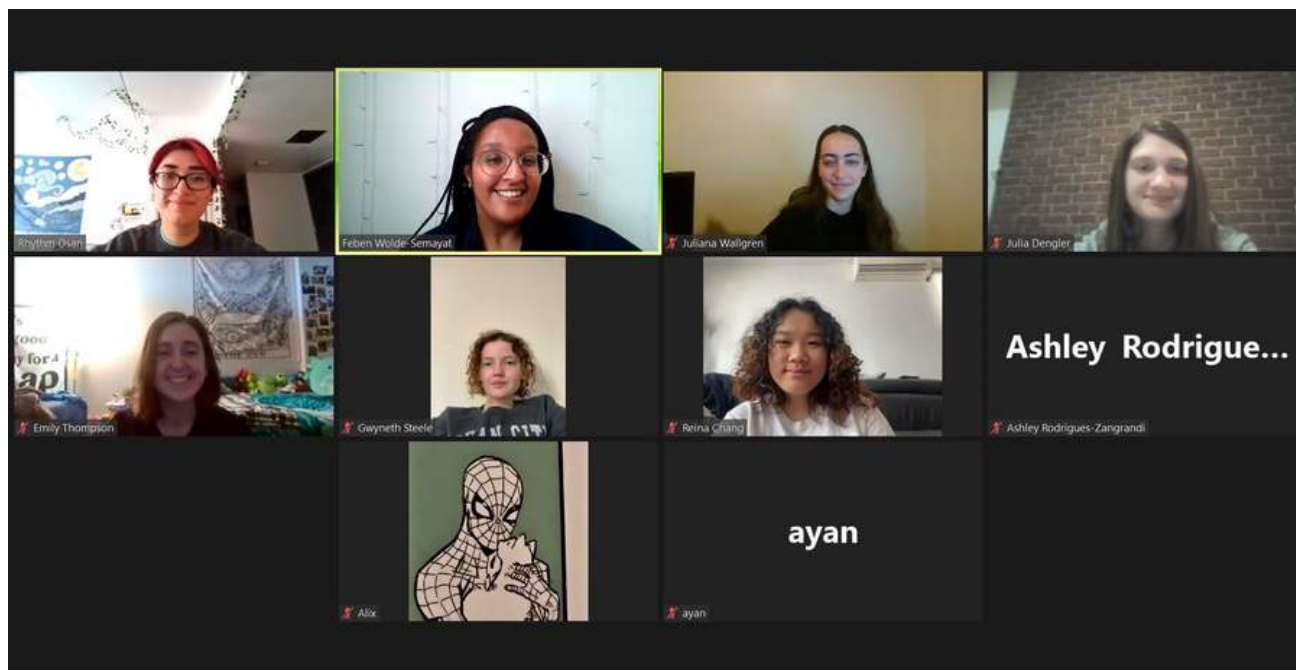


BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Our second event of the Spring 2023 quarter was our bi-annual Become a Volunteer event. During this event, students stopped by to complete their background checks through the Drexel system and got free dinner! It was a very laid-back event, but super important for our volunteer process. If anyone is interested in learning more about our Outreach volunteer opportunities or how to complete their background checks, please reach out to DrexelSWEOutreach@gmail.com and we will help you through the whole thing! Or look out for our next Become a Volunteer event that will be happening during the Fall 2023 quarter!

WHAT DOES AN ENGINEER DO?

The High School Mentorships' first event of the Spring 2023 quarter was a zoom panel event where girls from Drexel's engineering college and high schoolers joined to learn more about what the day in the life of an engineering student looks like. It was a very informal talk between the college students and highschoolers where they could freely ask questions to learn more about what to expect if they decide to pursue a degree in engineering or a STEM related field.



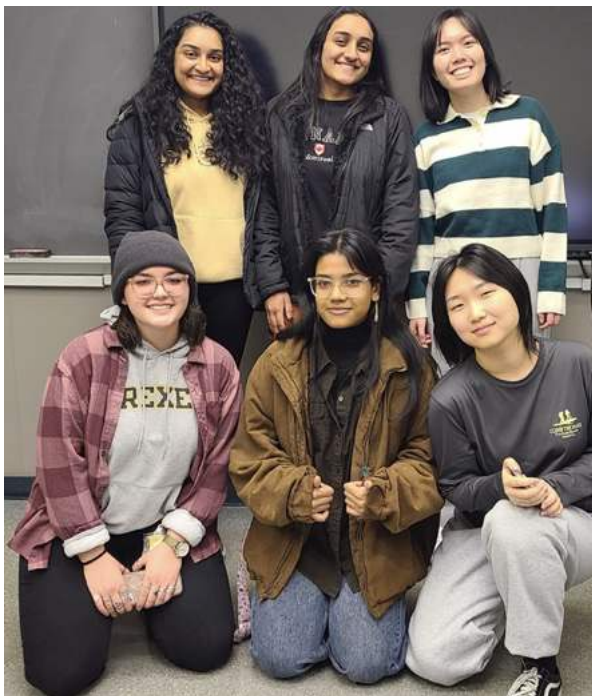
FINAL CELEBRATION

For our final event of the High School Mentorship Program, he did a chemical engineering coffee filtration demo to learn more about the properties of dissolution. This event was also a great reflection event for the past nine months and the winners of the competition we held throughout the year were awarded prizes due to their commitment to the program.

FUNDRAISING

The treasury/fundraising committee hosts various fundraisers to raise funds to help send members to annual national and local conferences at a minimal cost and to organize entertaining and engaging events for members and the wider Drexel community. Fundraising efforts are geared towards inclusivity to involve all students, faculty, and staff, regardless of their gender or field of study.

During the Winter quarter, the Treasury Committee hosted various fundraisers, including a Bracelet Sale, Merch Sale, SWEet Valentine Candygram Sale, and a Chipotle Fundraiser. Thank you for your continued support! Also Thank you to our amazing fundraising committee members!!!



The Public Relations Committee did something different this term and hosted the first ever headshot event! Members were able to sign up for a timeslot and get their headshot taken. The Public Relations Committee looks forward to providing more members with this opportunity in the terms to come!

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