

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Membership • Pg 2

Wellness • Pg 2

Professional Development • Pg 3

Outreach • Pg 3

Treasury • Pg 4

Networking • Pg 4

Diversity & Inclusion • Pg 4 - 5

Officers • Pg 6

Acknowledgements • Pg 7

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As this whirlwind of a year comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and engagement, especially during the fall term. Although things did not go the way we expected, we made the best of it!



This term, we welcomed new officers to the board, many new members, and held 13 virtual events, such as Tips on Working from Home with Lockheed Martin, TechGirlz Roller Coasters, and Mentorship 101. We also hosted the Fifth Annual Lives and Lessons of the Underrepresented in STEM, where being virtual was actually a big benefit as we were able to feature speakers from across the country! Additionally, 25 Drexel SWE members were able to attend the virtual WE20 Annual SWE Conference to build personal and professional development skills and to brainstorm new ideas.

We have all experienced firsthand the effects of Zoom burnout, so SWE developed ways to make things a little more interesting. By hosting more dynamic events, like the Cooking Class with Dr. Schauer, GBMs with built-in activities, and a Game Night, we hoped that members would feel more engaged. Drexel SWE also launched a Discord channel for members across disciplines to chat or ask questions. We even opened a study room on Discord during finals week for members to play music and study together, just as we would in the SWE office during normal operations.

To close, I am so proud of how far each and every one of us has come this year. 2020 was incredibly challenging, but we all adapted and grew with strength and resilience—now we are all better equipped to handle whatever 2021 throws at us!

ELVIRA-MARIE MIKHAEL

 swe.drexel@gmail.com

 [DrexelSWE](#)

 [@swe.drexel](#)

 [@drexelSWE](#)

MEMBERSHIP

GBM #1

At the first GBM of Fall Term, we welcomed everyone to all of our upcoming events, discussed our updated active membership requirements, and debuted our brand new Discord server for all of our members. We finished the event off many rounds of speed friending using Zoom breakout rooms to connect members with new and old friends.

WE20 TIPS AND TRICKS!

The second membership event of this academic year was dedicated to learning how to navigate the first ever fully virtual Annual SWE Conference, WE20. We exchanged tips for networking and resources that are available to SWE members prior to the opening of the conference. We were so grateful to be able to have yet another engaging and enriching SWE Conference experience.

GBM #2

Our second GBM of the term helped us to keep the ball rolling, reconnecting with members and discussing more upcoming events. During our Diversity and Inclusion moment, we talked about the life and career of Ruth Bader Ginsberg and broke up into breakout rooms to discuss how we can be activists in our own careers!



WELLNESS

ONLINE COOKING CLASS

This term, in conjunction with the Networking Committee, we held our second Online Cooking Class! For the first time ever, we had a guest chef, Dr. Caroline Schauer from the Materials Science and Engineering department at Drexel, who helped lead the event and provided everyone with some basic tips and tricks on culinary chemistry. All participants were asked to register in advance in order to pick the perfect recipe that would suit everyone's preference as well as dietary restrictions. We ended up selecting two very tasty and fun-to-make items: an easy, delightful treat, also known as the muffin, and a classic warmer-upper that can be enjoyed on a chilly fall day- the mulled cider. Participants had the freedom to pick their own toppings to satisfy their cravings- chopped peanut butter cups, chocolate chips, and M&Ms to name a few. We cooked, we ate, and had a lot of socially-distanced fun! Thank you to everyone who joined us, and we look forward to cooking with you again in the future!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

LEARNING FROM LOCKHEED MARTIN ENGINEERS AND TIPS ON WORKING FROM HOME

We kicked off the term with a panel event with Lockheed Martin. Two female Lockheed Martin engineers along with a recruiter joined us as we listened to their answers to all things ranging from how they first started their careers to workplace environments and of course, how they have been adjusting to working from home amidst the current situation. The panel concluded with an open session for members to ask any questions bringing up topics such as Imposter Syndrome and much more. Thank you to all our panelists for coming out and sharing their stories!

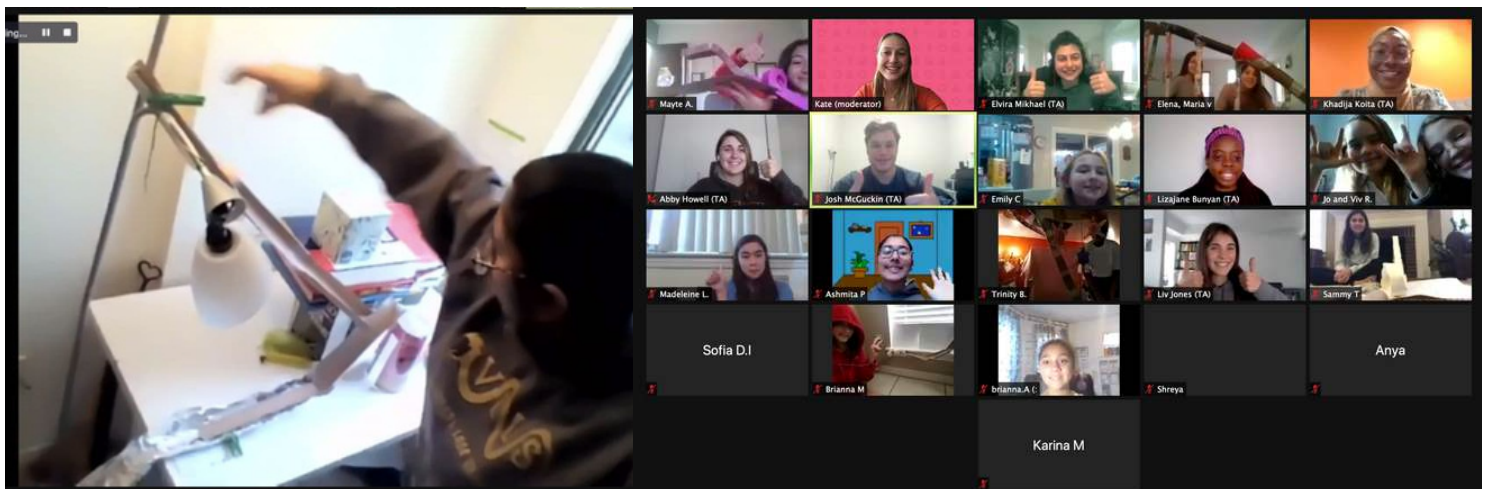
INFO SESSION W/ LOCKHEED MARTIN IN COLLAB WITH IEEE

This term, with Co-op A Round coming up, we partnered with Lockheed Martin once again to hold an info session and connect interested students with an opportunity to learn more about the company. Students were able to learn inside facts of the company as well as their employment opportunities. The info session finished up with an active Q&A between students and the Lockheed recruiter as well as promise for a Lockheed run resume review event in the future.

OUTREACH

TECHGIRLZ ROLLER-COASTERS WORKSHOP

The Outreach Committee hosted an event with Techgirlz where young girls created their own roller coasters! This workshop provided the girls the opportunity to build their rollercoaster using common household materials. Volunteers helped girls understand the key role of mechanics and physics that determined the success of a roller coaster. By having this workshop conducted virtually the volunteers and girls were able to participate globally.



TREASURY

BYO-LUNCH WITH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

This event is hosted once every term to induct new members in the fundraising committee and familiarize them with the responsibilities associated with this group. The event success was not good as only two people showed up and the involvement with the committee has been very low. Although, we had a good conversation about what ideas can be introduced as a part of it and what events the members would like us to host to promote active engagement.

NETWORKING

MENTORSHIP 101

The Networking Committee hosted a Mentorship 101 informational session for both the Undergraduate and Professional Mentorship Programs. During this event, a general overview of the committee and mentorship programs were given, as well as a general timeline of the mentorship programs, expectations, and was finished with a networking activity tied into Malcolm Gladwell's "Connector" Theory. The session finished with any questions participants may have had and a list of reading resources for networking and mentorship development.



HEADS UP GAME NIGHT

Mentors and mentees of SWE's Undergraduate Mentorship Program came together virtually for a fun night of bonding and playing games during this event. We kicked off the night by playing Heads Up and finished with playing a few rounds of skribbl.io, which were both enjoyed by everyone. This event brought together members of the mentorship program and was certainly successful in helping to facilitate new relationships between them. We look forward to hosting more fun virtual events for members of the mentorship programs in the future!

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

SWE UMN X DREXEL D&I COLLABORATIVE EVENT

The SWE UMN x Drexel D&I Event was a collaborative event where members of SWE UMN and SWE Drexel sections were able to meet, share tips, advice, stories, and best practices relating to how we could increase D&I engagement and awareness in our sections, especially during COVID times where we are not able to interact in person. Members were divided into breakout groups based on subtopics and were free to choose which group they wanted to be in. The event was successful and allowed attendees to network and meet new people, as well as share D&I-related ideas.



LIVES AND LESSONS OF THE UNDERREPRESENTED IN STEM

Lives and Lessons of the Underrepresented in STEM was a panel event that is hosted annually to raise the voices of those who are underrepresented in their field and to spread awareness of some of the challenges they face. The event had a wide array of panelists that included Drexel alumni, faculty, and professional mentors. They shared anecdotes, provided facts and information, expressed their points of view, motivated, inspired, and revealed the truth about the issues the underrepresented in STEM often face. The event was a success and inspired all of its attendees and equipped them with a stronger voice to advocate for change and equality.

MISWELLANEOUS

VIRTUAL WE20

This November Drexel SWE sent 25 members to the Virtual WE20 Conference. With the help of the College of Engineering, our group was able to learn and grow professionally, build upon our network, and be inspired by a diverse group of women engineers.

"I really enjoyed being able to connect and participate in a conference during this precarious time. It was inspiring to hear from women leaders in the field of engineering and how they are handling life during a pandemic. I think the conference was a good first networking event for me, even if it was virtual!"

-Cailey Runderman

"Having the option to view as many events as possible; in person there was often choosing between one or the other but this is a great way for everyone to get the experiences they want."

-Engy Khoshit

FALL 2020 OFFICER BOARD

Elvira-Marie Mikhael	President
Jillian Saunders	Vice President
Rhea Jain	Secretary
Abinishaa Sivaraj	Treasurer
Celine Khoo	Membership Director
Gizelle Adriguez	Professional Development Director
Khadija Koita	Outreach Director
Abigail Gard	Wellness Director
Jyrteanna Teo	Public Relations Director
Elizabeth Moroz	Networking Director
Jocelyn Liu	Diversity and Inclusion Director
Cailey Ruderman	Membership Chair
Jessica Jiang	Professional Development Chair
Abigail Howell	Co-Outreach Chair
Lizajane Bunyan	Co-Outreach Chair
Radiyahana Mancheva	Wellness Chair
Tanisha Goel	Treasury Chair
Arya Nguyen	Public Relations Chair
Sihah Joonhigh	Diversity and Inclusion Chair
Karli Akin	Networking Chair

Directors serve for 4 quarter terms, beginning in the Summer.

Chairs serve for 2 quarter terms, beginning in the Winter or in the Summer.

Officer board applications are announced through our weekly member emails and social media posts. Societal membership is required to run and to vote.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Drexel University Society of Women Engineers would like to thank the following organizations:

EVENT COLLABORATORS

Lockheed Martin

Solvay

Loft

University of Pennsylvania

DREXEL UNIVERSITY SUPPORT

Drexel College of Engineering

Drexel Office of the Provost

Drexel Biomed

Drexel University Conference Funding