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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone! Thank you for tuning in to the Drexel SWE Fall Newsletter. This term brought a level of excitement and engagement from our members that we had been missing throughout the bulk of the COVID-19 pandemic. Being able to host in-person events again was incredible, and something that I have been looking forward to ever since March 2020. Through this term, we have been able to explore what events work better virtually versus in person, setting a foundation for future event planning.



Notable events from this past term included the sixth annual Lives and Lessons of the Underrepresented in STEM, SWE Quizzo Night, and the annual WE21 conference. Lives and Lessons was hosted virtually this year, which allowed for panelists from all across the country to join us for important conversations regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion in STEM. L&L is an event near and dear to my heart, so being able to watch this event grow every year is incredibly rewarding. Our SWE Quizzo Night was one of the first in-person events we hosted since the beginning of the pandemic and resulted in a massive attendance.

Drexel SWE brought 16 attendees (12 in-person and 4 virtual) to the annual WE21 conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Attendees gained important networking skills by attending the career fair and speaker sessions. Our attendees had the honor of supporting five Drexel SWE alumni who hosted sessions and won awards at the conference. WE21 was a success for all involved!

As we move into Winter Term with the Omicron variant on the rise, I am not sure what is to come in this hybrid world. Though, I can say with certainty that Drexel SWE will continue to host engaging events allowing members to be the best versions of themselves. I hope to see you all there!

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MEMBERSHIP

GBM #1

During the first GBM of the Fall Term, the SWE Membership Committee virtually welcomed everyone back to campus! The event opened with a discussion about the value of societal SWE membership and what SWE means to its members. To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, we discussed different holidays for Hispanic countries and Latinx representation in the workplace. We also provided resources for students about on-campus organizations that can provide support and education. Each committee talked about their upcoming events and how to stay involved throughout the term. After a group screenshot, we finished the event with a classic Drexel SWE speed friending session to help our new members get to know one another.

GBM #2

The second GBM of Fall Term welcomed our members back in person. We opened by inviting attendees to get to know each other and share some fun facts with the group. We highlighted the impact that COVID-19 has had on women in STEM, as well as the impact of a few stand-out young women who are combating the pandemic. Then, our members got updates from the SWE Executive board as well as each of the committees regarding past and upcoming events and remarkable opportunities. We wrapped up with a group picture to remember the occasion by!



SWE QUIZZO NIGHT

Our final event of the term was a trivia night about SWE, science, pop culture, and many other interesting topics. We enjoyed six rounds of friendly competition over sandwiches and laughs. Our members got a chance to get to know each other in person and connect with new people while learning fun facts. The event closed with a fun tie-breaker round and winners were rewarded with prizes such as SWE merchandise and gift cards.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MEET WHITING-TURNER WITH SWE, SHPE, AND NSBE

During the Drexel Fall Term Career Fair, the Professional Development Committee held a large collaborative event with Whiting-Turner, the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and the National Society of Black Engineers. Attendees learned about Whiting-Turner as a company and were able to talk directly to recruiters and other company representatives. Although this virtual event was a success, Whiting-Turner looks forward to collaborating with the PD Committee to host a similar in-person event next year!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



CAREER FAIR PREP: A HOW-TO WITH FAST ENTERPRISES, WICS, AND SWE

In preparation for the Drexel Fall Term Career Fair, the Professional Development Committee partnered with FAST Enterprises and the Drexel Women in Computing Society to host a Career Fair Prep event to help everyone get ready for the fair. This is our second time partnering with FAST. Company representatives advised attendees how to interact with recruiters at a career fair. The session was a great way to learn more about the company and their employment opportunities.

WELLNESS

TIME MANAGEMENT WITH CLASS

The Wellness Committee kicked off the term by collaborating with the Professional Development Committee and The Center for Learning and Academic Success Services (CLASS) in an engaging and interactive workshop on time management. Handouts and tips were shared with all participants to help them prioritize tasks and plan their time better. SWE is grateful to CLASS for their presentation and advice, and we look forward to working with them in the future! Thank you to everyone who attended!



YOGA AT THE DAC

Just before finals, the Wellness Committee and Drexel's Women's Empowerment hosted a relaxing yoga class at the Drexel Recreation Center. All participants ranging from beginners to more advanced yoga practitioners got the chance to immerse themselves in the practice of restorative yoga and deeply relax their bodies and still their busy minds. The event was successful and had a large turnout from both organizations. The Wellness Committee extends a special thank you to the instructor Jackie Herman from Holistic Flows Yoga for the amazing class as well as everyone who attended this event!



NETWORKING

SOLVAY INFO SESSION

The Networking Committee and Solvay teamed up for their annual info session for Solvay's Foundations For the Future (FFF) program. The FFF program is a rotational development program dedicated to new graduates performing all around the world in order to help them expand their horizons. This program specifically looks for training mechanical and chemical engineers, which make up many of our Drexel SWE members.



MENTORSHIP 101

In preparation for the upcoming year of the Undergraduate and Professional Mentorship Programs, the Networking Committee hosted its Mentorship 101 event. This was one of our first in-person events at ACE. Members munched on snacks as we shared a presentation outlining our mentorship programs. This event helped members to understand what the expectations are for mentors and mentees, as well as to learn about the respective goals each program aims to accomplish.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

THE 6TH ANNUAL LIVES & LESSONS CONFERENCE TO SHOWCASE THE UNDERREPRESENTED IN STEM



Lives and Lessons was a panel event that featured industry and academic panelists discussing different issues and challenges they face in STEM. The goal of the event was to spread awareness of some of the challenges they encounter and to share advice, motivate, and inspire other minority groups to continue their journey in STEM. The panel featured five academic panelists consisting of Drexel professors and graduate students, and three industry panelists who work for engineering companies in the Philly area. The event did well, had a large turnout, and the discussions that occurred were important and eye-opening. The Diversity & Inclusion Committee is grateful to everyone who attended our biggest event of the year!

COFFEE & CHAT

The Diversity & Inclusion Committee hosted Coffee & Chat for their second Fall Term event. It was a first-generation engineering student social. Attendees participated in a discussion that focused on the struggles that first generation STEM students face. At the event, university and SWE resources were shared for those who may need them. Notable resources include: First Forward, the SWE Mentorship Program, and the Drexel College of Engineering Mentorship Program. Overall, this event was a successful way to bring attention to the experiences of first generation engineering students at Drexel.

OUTREACH

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Drexel SWE collaborated with Kattie Regretta from Drexel University Human Resources and the Lindy Center for Civic Engagement to host our virtual 'Become a Volunteer' Workshop. This workshop allowed several Drexel students and SWE members to complete the Pennsylvania Background Checks process, so that they could volunteer in future Outreach events that involve minors. Thank you to the Lindy Center for funding the FBI fingerprinting clearance, and thank you to Katie for supporting us during this workshop! Without this event, many students would not have received their clearances to become official volunteers! If you are interested becoming an Outreach volunteer, please reach out to the Outreach Committee anytime, and we will assist you!



COLLEGE SEARCH WORKSHOP



As part of the High School Mentorship Program, the Outreach Committee hosted a College Search Workshop. We shared college search tools, tips, advice, and resources with the mentees. The mentors also shared their personal experiences with the college search process. To make this event more impactful and

hands-on, we incorporated a college search activity where the mentees had the opportunity to brainstorm about their college choices and search for some colleges during the workshop. Overall, the event was a success for both mentors and mentees!

MISWELLANEOUS

WE21 CONFERENCE



Drexel SWE is so proud to have been represented at WE21 by 12 in person and four virtual attendees! Many of our collegiate members are recognized leaders in the LDP (Leadership Development Program) and CLI (Collegiate Leadership Institute). Attendees toured the Career Fair, viewed technical and special topic speaker sessions, and networked with professionals and peers! Drexel SWE cheered on five of our alumni as they contributed to the conference through industry and academia. Thank you to Drexel University for their support!

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