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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Just like that, another term has flown by! Thank you to all who have stuck by us these past couple of months as we “settled into” our new virtual way of life. Summer term tends to be a slower term for us, so we aimed to hold a few events of quality while we took the time to plan for fall. Although there is a lot to look forward to in the upcoming term, I would like to highlight some of our programming from this past term.



We tried to think outside of the box for our ten events this term, keeping in mind the fact that soon enough, regular old zoom meetings can get a little old. We held a virtual Movie Night, BYO-Blanket style of course, an online cooking class featuring a tasty treat, and partnered with TechGirlz to teach young students about roller coasters, to name a few. We also encouraged our members to learn and grow with us through teaming up with the Drexel Black Action Committee to discuss the Black Lives Matter movement and allyship and by participating in a book club discussion on systemic racism. We hope to continue insightful programming like this in the future.

Fall term is full of new beginnings as we welcome new students to campus. We also have a lot of great things happening in the coming months: Undergraduate/Professional Mentorship programs, a new SWE Discord server, the annual SWE Conference WE20, applications for chair board positions, and much more! I am sure everyone is going to be bombarded with emails and zoom links as we navigate the online landscape, so we will make sure to keep things exciting and fresh. If you have any suggestions for platforms you like to use or programming you'd like to see, always feel free to let us know!

Here's to a successful and fulfilling new school year, best of luck to all!

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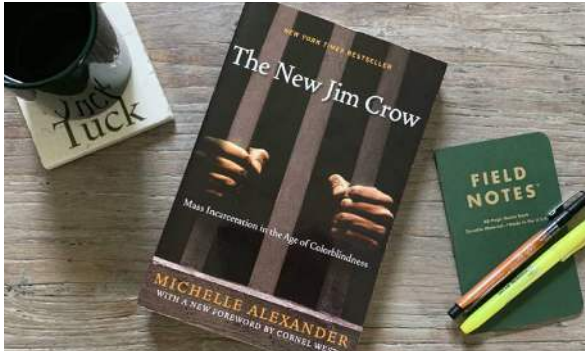
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# MEMBERSHIP

## SWE BOOK CLUB

This term we had a number of members meet to discuss “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness” by Michelle Alexander. It was very exciting to bring everyone together for an important discussion about systemic racism.



## BRING YOUR OWN BLANKET: MOVIE NIGHT

Our virtual Bring Your Own Blanket Night was a hit with a showing of “Unnatural Selection” on Netflix Party, we hope to bring this event back to unwind and discuss interesting shows and movies with members.

## GBM/ALONE TOGETHER SCAVENGER HUNT!

Our last event of the term was a relaxed General Body Meeting with a stay at home scavenger hunt. We discussed our events while getting to know one another with a little bit of competition.

# WELLNESS

## VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS

This term we held our first virtual SWE Cooking Class! We asked participants to register in advance so we could send them the recipe before the event. Each participant purchased their own ingredients before logging on to Zoom where we whisked, blended, poured, flipped, and schmearred together. What did we make?! Crepes! Each participant tried their own toppings from a range of savory and sweet options. We displayed our creations to one another and enjoyed our distanced meal. It was a very successful event and we look forward to hosting another one this Fall! We hope you will join us!



From [Celine Khoo](#) to [Everyone](#):  
Peach compote

From [Elvira-Marie Mikhael](#) to [Everyone](#):  
fig, brie cheese, and lemon/fig marmalade

From [Abbey](#) to [Everyone](#):  
Classic Nutella and banana

From [Elvira-Marie Mikhael](#) to [Everyone](#):  
walnut, brie, lemon/fig marmalade

From [Radiyana Mancheva](#) to [Everyone](#):  
Nutella and banana  
ham, chese and tomatoes  
cheese\*

From [Celine Khoo](#) to [Everyone](#):  
Soppressata and mozzarella

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## RESUME REVIEW WITH PROFESSIONAL MENTORS

To help in preparation for many student's upcoming co-op application cycles, we held a resume review to benefit those looking for a second pair of eyes. This time was more personal and in depth as our collaboration with several mentors in this PD/Networking collaboration were able to take part and each review 1-3 students' resumes. Students were able to get great feedback as well as plenty of time to really discuss potential edits to their resume or certain strategies to implement. Thanks to all our fantastic professional mentors who volunteered their time and wisdom!



## ESTABLISHING YOUR LINKEDIN PRESENCE

In conjunction with our resume review, we also held a LinkedIn info session with Steinbright! Online presence is important, now more than ever with most jobs and interview processes going online. Steinbright representatives gave a great interactive presentation of several LinkedIn tips, tricks, and strategies to get ahead.

# OUTREACH

## TECHGIRLZ ROLLERCOASTERS WORKSHOP

On August 21st the Outreach Committee held its first virtual volunteering opportunity with Techgirlz! The Techgirlz Rollercoasters Workshop provided the opportunity for the girls to design their own rollercoaster at home using common household materials, as seen in the constructed rollercoasters on the right. While incorporating the mechanics and physics that play a huge role in the construction of their roller coasters. The virtual platform also allowed more girls to take part in this event from different locations all over the US!





# NETWORKING

## UNDERGRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL MENTORSHIP

The Networking Committee is excited to announce applications for the SWE Undergraduate and Professional Mentorship programs for 2020-2021 are now open! This is an amazing opportunity to form new, meaningful, and supportive relationships with other undergraduates or industry professionals within the field of engineering! Please reach out to Networking Director Liz Moroz (eam422@drexel.edu) or Networking Chair Karli Akin (kna48@drexel.edu) if you have any questions!

[Undergraduate Mentee Application](#)

[Undergraduate Mentor Application](#)

[Professional Mentee Application](#)

# DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

## HEFORSWE ADVISORY MEETING

The HeForSWE Advisory Meeting was an event that included some of the current HeForSWE ambassadors and general SWE members to discuss the topic of asking diversity and inclusion questions during an interview. The event began with a general discussion about questions that interviewees frequently ask their interviewers and then progressed into a conversation about potential questions that could be asked. Articles with appropriate questions and tips regarding appropriate diversity and inclusion questions to ask interviewers were shared and discussed. The event was successful and provided an opportunity for the ambassadors and general members to share their personal interview experiences and get to know each other better.



## THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT

The Black Lives Matter Movement event was a collaborative event organized by the Drexel SWE Diversity and Inclusion committee and the Drexel Black Action Committee (Drexel BAC) to discuss the Black Lives Matter Movement. The Drexel BAC developed a slideshow presentation to address the Black Lives Matter Movement, misconceptions regarding the movement, and how anyone can support it. Following the presentation was a discussion based on anonymously submitted questions about the movement and how Black students in STEM are affected by prejudice. The event was a success and allowed the participants to gain a greater understanding of the Black Lives Matter Movement and become allies in the fight against injustice.



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

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