

October 4th, 2022

A Note From Our Executive Team

SWE HA is very excited to be the recipient of this year's Mission Award - Gold. The SWE Mission Awards recognize SWE groups that embody SWE core values and demonstrate continuous improvement and growth as they work to achieve the Society's strategic goals. We thank everyone for your support as we continue to elevate our section.



Upcoming Events

See All Upcoming Events on the Website Calendar

Professional Development
**CONFIDENCE
FOR
CONFERENCE**



Sign up now to join SWE-HA
Tuesday, Oct. 4th
6-8pm
United Way Houston

**Libby Gravatt -
Fashion that works for work!**
Libby holds a BS in Engineering Science from Trinity University. After more than a decade in offshore oil and gas, she directed sales and business development for a designer women's fashion startup, delivering product to over 70 retailers nationwide. She has recently moved back into the energy industry in Solar Asset Management at EDP Renewables, and she still loves fashion!



**Inaas Darrat -
Resume Reviewer**
Director - Chemical Sector Services
at Trinity Consultants



**Tanushri Jain -
Resume Reviewer**
Engineering Leader at Dow



And more!.... Professional headshots, Dinner, Networking, Elevator pitch perfection, & a virtual goodie bag with tips, tricks, advice!

Last Chance: Professional Development Event TONIGHT

We invite you to attend our first Professional Development Event of the year. **Dinner and Networking** is included with four interactive breakout sessions:

1. Professional headshots by Radiant Film and Photography of Houston
2. Resume review
3. Peer-to-peer elevator pitch review
4. Women's professional fashion advice, and resource packages for networking and professional conferences

This event is perfect not only for those planning on attending WE22, but also to freshen up your LinkedIn profile and build confidence in the workplace.

Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: United Way of Greater Houston
(50 Waugh Drive, Houston, TX 77007)

Price:

\$10 for members

\$20 Non-members

\$15 extra for Professional Headshot

[Register for Event](#)



FOCUS GROUPS

*Grit Academy
Engineering Moms
Sustainability*

SWE-HA Focus Groups

SWE-HA Members Only. Our Focus Groups will be kicking off this Month!

Join us in continual learning, sometimes venting, and always growing together! Each focus group will meet virtually for one hour once a month. We will not meet during holiday weeks. The groups have rolling, open enrollment throughout the year so it's never too late to join. See below the dates for each focus group's meeting schedule. [Read more on our website page](#)

- **Grit Academy** - Young Professionals - We will discuss topics about work and life as we all explore the first 10 years of our careers.
 - Last Monday of the Month at 7:00-8:00 PM
- **Engineering Moms** - Open to all - Are you a current or expecting working parent? Want to meet other Houston Area engineering moms? Join us as we connect, ~maybe vent~ and learn the tips and tricks of the trade from each other!
 - Last Friday of the Month at 12:00-1:00 PM
- **Sustainability** - Open to all
 - 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7:00-8:00 PM

Sign Up for a Focus Group



Grit Academy Kick Off

Date: Monday, Oct 24, 2022
Time: 7 to 8 pm CST
Location: Zoom
Topic: Ikigai - The Theory of Finding Joy in Your Own Purpose
[Register Here](#)

Engineering Moms Kick Off

Date: Friday, Oct 28, 2022
Time: 12 to 1 pm CST
Location: Zoom
Topic: General Introduction
[Register Here](#)

Sustainability Kick Off

Date: Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022
Time: 7 to 8 pm CST
Location: Zoom
Topic: General Introduction
[Register Here](#)



November Book

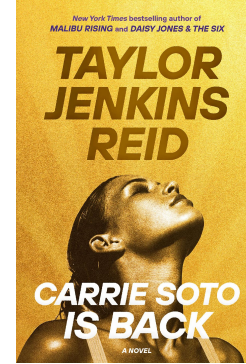
The Book Club will meet virtually to discuss our current selection ([Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid](#)). There are two sessions:

- Tuesday 11/1/22 at 8pm
- Saturday 11/5/22 at 10 am.

Email Bethany, Book Club lead, at bmiller@quiddity.com to sign-up.

We'll meet virtually every 6 weeks to discuss a new book (alternating between fiction and non-fiction). Book title will be selected based on feedback from registered participants.

[Book Club Website Page](#)



Scholarships

Call for Named Scholarship Sponsors

The SWE Houston Area section invites our members and supporters to donate and create a named scholarship.

Visit [Our Website Scholarship Page](#) to Donate and Honor Someone with a Named Scholarship. Commitments must be made by **December 3rd**.

You can forever make a difference in someone's life!

The SWE-HA Scholarship Program encourages female students to pursue engineering or related science disciplines in ABET accredited programs. The recipient(s) will receive a monetary award. When you donate you can decide whether to support first year students or Upper Class students (or either).

By donating, the sponsor can pick the "Name" of the scholarship they award, setting additional criteria and honoring their school, their family, and those that helped them in their lives. In addition, all donations are tax-deductible!

Year-round Named Scholarship Grants are accepted. However, donations committed on or before December 3rd will be for scholarships awarded the following spring. Sponsorships received after this time will be applied to next year's scholarships.

Society of Women Engineers – Houston Area Call for Named Scholarship Sponsors



To Donate and Honor someone with a named scholarship: Visit <http://www.houstonswe.org/scholarships.html> and click on Sponsor a Named Scholarship Form. Due by December 3, 2022
You can also email swe.ha.scholarship@gmail.com to discuss



Volunteer Opportunities

SWE-HA actively creates and participates in outreach events that support our mission to encourage young bright ladies in pursuing a career in STEM. We always welcome volunteers who can help with scholarship committee/judging, STEM toy drive in November, girl scouts badge day, and many other events. Check out our [Outreach Website Page](#) for all our current opportunities. Events in the next two weeks are listed below. If you're interested in signing up for any of the events below or have any questions about the opportunities, please reach out to Katherine Hoerner at vp_careerguidance@houstonewe.org.

[Sign Up for Volunteer Opportunity Emails](#)

[Visit our Outreach Website Page for All Volunteer Opportunities](#)

National STEM Day Celebration at Alief ISD

Alief STEM is currently seeking presenters and volunteers for their 2022 National STEM Day Celebration. 400 students will rotate through hands-on STEM stations where they will experience subjects such as aviation, chemistry, coding, robotics, engineering and more.

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2022

Time: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Kerr High School

(8150 Howell Sugar Land Rd, Houston, TX 77083)

Lone Star College - Kingswood STEM Symposium

LSC-KW is looking for guests for a Women in STEM Symposium with lunch followed by a panel discussion.

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022

Time: 12:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: LSC-Kingswood

(5000 Research Forest Drive The Woodlands, Texas 77381)

Katy GRO (Girls Robotics Organization)

Katy GRO (Girls Robotics Organization) is looking for guest STEM speakers as a part of their monthly speakers and networking events.

Date: Thursdays in October, November, and February

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: KISD Robert Shaw Center for STEAM

(1730 Katyland Dr., Katy, Texas 77493)



We22

World's Largest Conference for
Women in Engineering and Technology

WE22 SWE Conference

Registration for WE22 is open! We are thrilled to have the world's largest conference for women in engineering and technology in Houston, TX! There are incredible presentations, exhibits, events, and opportunities lined up. Don't miss out!

It will be on October 20-22nd at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

[Register for WE22](#)



SWE-HA WE22 Conference Message Group

Join our [WhatsApp Group](#) to connect with local SWE Members, find a buddy for sessions and lunch, and ask questions about conference.

Conference Eve
at The Ion



Conference Eve at the Ion

You're invited! Kick off WE22 right with this Free, Members-Only Networking Event! Join us at this unique destination for food, fun, and a chance to get a head start on your WE22 Networking! Share the flyer at your office and to your friends.

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: The Ion (4201 Main St, Houston, TX, 77002)

Price: FREE, SWE-HA Members Only

[Register for Conference Eve at the Ion](#)

[Download SWE Conference Eve Flyer](#)



Rodeo-Themed Wine Tasting Fundraiser at WE22

Hosted by SWE-HA

Come celebrate and help support our local scholarship fund at the SWE-HA Rodeo Wine Tasting during the 2022 SWE Conference (WE22). Taste 5 championship wines selected at the Houston Rodeo along with a chef-paired buffet. In addition, a raffle will be taking place.

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (Check-in begins at 5:00 PM)

Location: Houston Center Club ([1100 Caroline, Houston TX, 77002](#))

Price: \$75 Member / \$80 Non-Member / \$65 Student

Parking: Enter the garage on Lamar Street (Parking will be validated)

Attire: Dress in your best rodeo attire (optional), yee-haw!

Sponsorship Levels - Company and Individual

GOLD \$500: Receive 2 tickets to the event with your name displayed on the event brochure, a table display with your name, an opportunity to give remarks at the event; donation value of \$400

SILVER \$250: Receive 1 ticket to the event with your name displayed on the event brochure; donation value of \$200

GIFTS-IN-KIND: Donate an item for our raffle; merchandise items, sports tickets, gift cards, and other items are appreciated!

Please contact Ann Green-Terrell, WE22 Reception Lead, WE22Host@houstonswe.org for more info.

[Sign Up](#)

SWE-HA MEMBERS

Presenting at WE22



SWE-HA Members Presenting at WE22

Mark your WE22 schedule & plan to attend the following sessions by our very own SWE-HA Members.

Are you presenting? Please let Kathryn know by emailing secretary@houstonswe.org

Machine Learning - Intersecting Health, Comfort, and Efficiency

- Date/Time: Thursday, Oct 20 from 2:30pm- 3:15pm
- Speaker: Julie Surfus

Own It! (Entrepreneurship Panel)

- Date/Time: Thursday, Oct 20 from 3:45pm- 4:45pm
- Panelists: Liz Parent, Patricia Vega, Jennifer Fontenot, Tanhee Galindo
- Moderator: Amy Gelsinger

Navigating STEM: Perspectives from African American Women in Engineering

- Date/Time: Friday, Oct 21 from 10:00am – 11:00am
- Panelists:
 - [Courtney Cunningham](#), PE Roadway Design Engineer at Freese and Nichols
 - [Bethany Robinson](#), Engineering Program Manager at Hewlett Packard Enterprise
 - [Mercedes Harris](#), Energy Sales Director at Microsoft
 - [Nelia Mazula](#), MBA, PMP Digital transformation global executive strategist, Siemens
- Moderator: [Leteshia A. Lowe](#), Senior Software Engineer - Quality Assurance/Test Engineer, FlashSystems & Technology, IBM Systems

Women in Charge - Leading Manufacturing Sites

- Date/Time: Friday, Oct 21 from 1:15pm- 2:15pm
- Panelists:
 - Tanya Travis – Sr. Director Manufacturing, Lubrizol Deer Park and Bayport sites
 - Kimberly Ontiveros – Facility Manager, Gulf Coast Authority – Bayport Facility
 - Kathy Steward – Terminal Manager, Vopak Terminal Deer Park
- Moderator: Marie Laplante, SWE Fellow and Principal Project Engineer, Space Systems, Collines Aerospace

From Team Player to Team Leader

- Date/Time: Saturday, Oct 22 from 11:15am-12:15pm
- Panelists: Marilyn Tears, Judy Moses, Dianne Eldridge, Rashi Tiwari
- Moderator: Ashley Zamore

Managing Motherhood: Resilience Strategies and Life Hacks for Working Parents

- Date/Time: Saturday, Oct 22 from 1:15pm - 2:15pm
- Speakers: Brandie Dessauer, Christine Faulkner, Lauren Gonzalez, Akilla Hameed
- Moderator: Susan Howes



Invent it. Build it. at WE22 Conference

The Invent it. Build it. program is a unique experience that helps students with an interest in STEM take their passion to the next level! Combining creativity, innovation, and exploration, Invent it. Build it. brings hands-on engineering activities to life for students ages 10-18.

Studies have shown that due to a lack of support, resources and programming surrounding STEM, girls will lose interest and confidence in engineering and math, even while performing at similar levels as their male counterparts. How do we resolve this? As part of the mission of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), the Invent it. Build it. program was created to be the solution and encourage girls to follow their STEM Pathway however they see fit.

To support the young engineers in your life, [click here](#) to register!

Middle School - The cost to attend is \$5

High School - The cost to attend is \$7

Parent Educator Program - The cost to attend is \$5

Financial assistance is available upon request for all.

[Sign Up for IIBI](#)



SWE-HA
Polo

WE22 Boutique Item



SWE-HA
Cowgirl Hat

WE22 Boutique Item

SWE-HA Polo

Need a new polo for casual Friday? Want to proudly show-off our SWE-HA section? Purchase one of these limited edition SWE-HA moisture wicking polos! Polo pre-order is available now. You will have to the option to pick up your shirt shortly before or at the WE22 conference. Shirt size exchanges will be available during conference.

Price: \$30 (+\$1.25)

[Buy a Polo Today](#)

SWE-HA Cowgirl Hat

Fully embrace your inner cowgirl at WE22! Want to proudly show-off your Houston spirit? Purchase one of these limited edition light up SWE logo cowgirl hats! Hat pre-order is available now. You will have to the option to pick up your hat shortly before or at the WE22 conference.

Price: \$35 (+\$1.25)

[Buy a Cowgirl Hat Today](#)

Check Out WE22 Local Business Promotions!



WE22 Local Business Promotions

Hosted by SWE-HA

Attending conference? Here's some great discounts for those who are.

These discounts will only be available during WE22 on Oct 20-22 and generally require a WE22 badge.



Volunteers Needed

Be a Volunteer at WE22 Conference

Hosted by SWE HQ

SWE is getting ready for our WE22 conference in Houston, TX on October 20-22 and need more volunteers! There are general and lead volunteering opportunities. Sign up is first come, first serve! You do need to be registered for conference to volunteer.

Fulfilling a volunteer role at WE22 is easy and fun and makes you eligible to earn a registration refund post-event. In order to be eligible for a refund, please read the registration discount and eligibility policies below. Volunteers for WE22 are eligible for the following refund rates:

- A 25% post-conference refund for volunteers with a single shift of 3 hours of work or less
- A 50% post-conference refund for volunteers with a shift(s) between 3-6 hours of work
- A 75% post-conference refund for lead volunteer positions or a general volunteer shift(s) over 6 hours
- All volunteers must ensure they check-in prior to starting their volunteer shift
- Only one volunteer refund or promo code is allowed per attendee. Refunds cannot be combined with a registration promo code. Volunteers cannot combine multiple IIBI or WE22 shifts to receive multiple refunds.

Give back and take advantage of the many volunteer opportunities that this year's WE22 has to offer!

If you have any questions, please reach out to weannualvolunteer@swe.org.

[Sign Up to be a WE22 Volunteer](#)

From the SWE-HA Team

Don't Forget to Renew Your SWE Membership

Renew your commitment to the SWE community today by logging into the SWE member portal & clicking My Payment Notices or My Order Details on the left-hand side. Be sure to list **SWE-HA** as your section.

Questions? Contact Katherine at membership@houstonwe.org

[Renew](#)

Past Events: YP Mixer and October Coffee Networking

In the last week, we have had two networking events. Our members had a chance to network with one another and learn about the mission of SWE-HA.



CALL FOR FY23 CHAIR AND COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Interested in getting more involved this year?

Fill out this survey to let us know that you'd like to join a SWE-HA FY23 committee or take on a committee chair role! [See our Organization Chart for Chair & Committee Positions.](#)

Feel free to reach out to the respective FY23 Executive Board Member to learn more.

[Fill Out Interest Survey](#)



Professional Development Speaker Opportunities

Are you interested in being a speaker or know someone who would be a great speaker for one of our Professional Development events?

Fill out the form below to be added to our speaker database.

[Speaker Interest Form](#)

If you have any questions regarding SWE-HA professional development (PD), please contact us at professional_development@houstonswe.org.

Partner Organizations

SPE-GCS Fall 2022 Hiring Event Energy Professionals Hiring Event

This hiring event is for experienced professionals of energy and upstream oil & gas disciplines and renewable energy.

Date: Tuesday, Oct 4th

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Location: GRB Convention Center, Houston TX
(1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, Texas 77010)
Price: FREE for SWE-HA members as a collaborating organization
[Register Here.](#)

Women's Beach Retreat Galveston

Ignite your inner awesomeness at the Women's Beach Retreat with Margaret Johnson on October 7th to 9th in Galveston. As a result of this weekend, you will come away feeling relaxed and renewed with a clear vision of where you want to go personally or professionally and how to get there – From SOS (Same Old Stuff) to WOW (Well On the Way). You will find ways to balance your life, clarify effective habits and have the courage (and a plan) to make changes that will bring you closer to true happiness. Registration and complete details at www.margaretajohnson.com. SWE members can receive the early bird registration rate by letting Margaret know.

SPE-GCS - What It Takes to Flip the Barrel: A Women's Perspective in Oil & Gas Q&A Webinar

Date: Friday, Oct 28th
Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm
Location: Webinar
Price: FREE
[Register Here](#)

WEBINAR
Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Q&A Session: What It Takes To Flip The Barrel

Join us for a discussion with Jamie Elrod and Massiel Diez, inspiring Oil & Gas leaders and co-founders of Flipping The Barrel podcast. This will be a great opportunity to get to know their journey, the challenges they have faced and how they have overcome them, and to ask all questions to these amazing individuals whose mission is to shine a light in the industry and provide a women's perspective in different topics.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28
11.30 AM – 1 PM

Registration and event information: <https://www.spegcs.org/events/6196/>

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