

September 20th, 2022

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## 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.



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# Upcoming Events

[See All Upcoming Events on the Website Calendar](#)



A purple banner with the text 'Confidence for Conference' in large white font, and 'PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT' in smaller white font below it. The banner features four circular images: a person at a desk with a camera, two women shaking hands, a handshake, and hands writing on a document.

**Professional Development Event**

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](#)



# Catch Up Over Coffee

@ Southern Sweets Bakehouse  
Sat. Oct. 1st  
9:30 - 10:30am



## SWE-HA Coffee + Networking

Join us for our October coffee + networking at Southern Sweets Bakehouse in Bellaire!  
Attendees are responsible for their own beverages.

**Date:** Saturday, October 1, 2022

**Time:** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

**Location:** Southern Sweets Bakehouse (4530 Beechnut St, Houston, TX 77096)

**Price:** FREE for all prospective & current members

[Register for October Coffee](#)





# Young Professional Mixer

## Young Professional Mixer

Come meet and network with other Young Professional SWE - Houston Area Members. Come when you can and stay as long as you are able! Each attendee will receive 2 drink tickets. Food will be available for purchase.

**Date:** Thursday, September 29, 2022

**Time:** 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

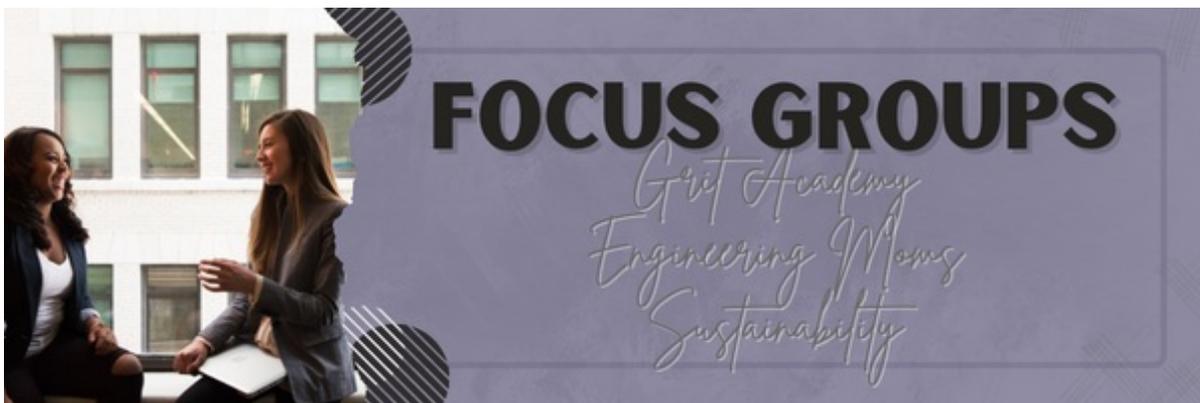
**Location:** Angel Share HTX, Reserved Mezzanine Level  
(924 Congress St, Houston, TX 77008)

**Price:**

FREE for members

\$12 Non-members

[Register for Young Professional Mixer](#)



## SWE-HA Focus Groups

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

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
  - Last Monday of the Month at 7:00-8:00 PM
- **Engineering Moms** - Open to all
  - Date/Time TBD-survey will be sent to respondents
- **Sustainability** - Open to all
  - 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7:00-8:00 PM

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# 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.

If you are interested in volunteering or presenting, please contact Katherine at [swe.ha.outreach@gmail.com](mailto:swe.ha.outreach@gmail.com) for more information and to register. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

**Date:** Saturday, November 5, 2022

**Time:** 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Location:** Kerr High School  
(8150 Howell Sugar Land Rd, Houston, TX 77083)

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# 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.

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## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, SWE Houston Area would like to celebrate all of our Latinx/Hispanic women engineers! [Read More & Learn about SWE's Latinos Affinity Group](#)



## 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 Polo

WE22 Boutique Item



## SWE-HA Polo (WE22 Boutique Item)

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

WE22 Boutique Item



## SWE-HA Cowgirl Hat (WE22 Boutique Item)

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](#)

# 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](mailto: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

# 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@houstonwe.org](mailto:WE22Host@houstonwe.org) for more info.

Sign Up



## 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](mailto: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@houston swe.org](mailto:membership@houston swe.org)

Renew



## FHPW Women of Excellence - Amy Gelsinger

Congratulations to Amy Gelsinger (Former FY20 SWE-HA president) who is our SWE-HA honoree. [Read more about Amy here.](#) We celebrated Amy and all the other Women of Excellence at the FHPW Gala this past Saturday.



## Past Event: Membership Kick Off Event

On Saturday, August 27th, we held our kick off event at City Orchard. Thanks to everyone for joining us. We raised over \$400 for school supplies.



# 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.

If you have any questions regarding SWE-HA professional development (PD), please contact us at [professional\\_development@houston swe.org](mailto:professional_development@houston swe.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.](#)

## SWE Texas Space Center

### TSC General Meeting at Clear Lake City

Join SWE Texas Space Center on Tuesday, September 27th at 5:30 pm for networking and WE22 conference discussion at the Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library meeting room. Bring your SWE conference questions and experience to share with the group! All SWE TSC events are open to everyone; SWE membership is not required. Stick around the library for the ISS MIMIC Community Build at 6:15 pm (not sponsored by SWE)

**Date:** September 27th

**Time:** 5:30 - 6:30 PM

**Location:** Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library: Meeting Room  
(16616 Diana Ln, Houston, TX 77062)



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