

February 7th, 2023



February: Celebrating Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, SWE Houston Area would like to celebrate all of our African American women engineers! [Read about some fellow SWE women excelling in some of the world's most innovative STEM fields](#)

Upcoming Events

See All Upcoming Events on the
Website Calendar

See Past Events on our Houston
Happenings Blog

SPRING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NOTHING IS IMPORTANT (WHEN EVERYTHING IS)

PD Event: Nothing is Important (When Everything is) This Thursday!

New year, new priorities! SWE-HA presents Cassandra Moody, a professional engineer with 15 years of pipeline engineering experience and owner of Time For Change, a Houston-based engineering consulting firm. Expect an interactive workshop, dinner, and networking - the perfect way to kick-start your 2023 and prioritize your professional development!

Date: Thursday, Feb 9th, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location:

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

Price:

\$5 Students /

\$10 Member /

\$20 Non-member



SWE-HA Professional Development Presents
Cassandra Moody, P.E.
Nothing is Important (When Everything is)

When everything is important, by default, nothing is. Given drastic changes in the workplace and world, women in engineering and technology have been subjected to an ever-increasing expansion of roles and responsibilities. This session will explain personal prioritization engineering in a practical approach based on principles of energy balance and the First Law of Thermodynamics to help overcommitted professionals decide, clarify, and define their priorities.

The workshop will include a vision board activity and the goal is to reduce stress through clear priorities and practical implication and execution strategies!

Thursday, February 9th
6-8 pm
United Way Houston

[Register for the Professional Development Event](#)



2023 Houston Engineers Week - YEOY Casino Night

Come celebrate SWE-Houston's Young Engineer of the Year, Julie Surfus, at the Young Engineer of the Year Casino Night!

Date: Monday, Feb 20, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Location: JW Marriott Houston by The Galleria
(5150 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 77056)

Price: \$40

Society of Women Engineers (SWE)

Julie is a Senior Energy Engineer for Siemens Smart Infrastructure, helping customers implement energy efficiency strategies and clean energy solutions through a sustainability consulting approach. Prior to joining Siemens, Julie spent 8 years at Dow in hydrocarbons manufacturing. She is a continuous learner, fueled by her passion for travel and the outdoors. Julie holds a degree in Chemical and Biological Engineering from CU-Boulder where her SWE involvement began in 2010. She served as the collegiate section Vice President for 2 terms. As an alumna, she enjoys mentoring as an Engineering Ambassador. As a SWE Houston Area professional member, she has held various roles and is currently the Professional Development Chair. Her career began with an internship awarded at the WE12 National Conference and came full circle participating as both a speaker and exhibitor at WE22.



Julie Surfus

2023 Houston Engineers Week Run of Pi

Calling all Houston runners to lace up and participate in a 5k (or 1k) to benefit local STEM school programs.

Date: Saturday, Feb 18, 2023

Time: 8:00 AM (7:00am registration)

Location: MacGregor Park
(5225 Calhoun Road, Houston, TX 77021)

[Register Here](#)



Book Club - February

SWE-HA Members are invited to join us for our 3rd book of the year. We will be discussing ["The Bandit Queens"](#) by Parini Shroff

Date 1: Tuesday, Feb 21, 2023 @ 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Date 2: Saturday, Feb 25, 2023 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00AM

Location: Virtual

Price: FREE SWE-HA Member Only Event

Questions? [contact Bethany, Book Club Chair, at bmiller@quiddity.com](mailto:bmiller@quiddity.com)



Register for Book Club



SWE-HA Focus Groups

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
 - [Join our GRIT Academy WhatsApp Chat](#)
- **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

Scholarships

Scholarship Applications Open for 2023

SWE-HA is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year.

Open now through March 1st, 2023.

SWE-HA wants to recognize the amazing work that Houston area students do and encourage females to pursue engineering related fields!

SWE Houston has been awarding scholarships to deserving students in the Greater Houston area for over 30 years. Scholarships are given based on online merit applications along with letters of recommendation and reviews of resumes.

Scholarships for Fall 2022 Freshman and Sophomore/Junior/Senior Female Students pursuing an engineering or engineering related major are available.

Please visit our website at <http://www.houstonswe.org/scholarships.html> and click on Scholarship application form



The banner features a dark purple background with a graduation cap on the right side. The text is in white and yellow. It reads: 'Society of Women Engineers Houston Area' at the top. Below that, 'SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS' in large yellow letters. 'OPEN NOW THUR MARCH 1, 2023' in white. 'Senior High School Female Students & Current Undergraduate Students' in yellow. At the bottom, 'WILL BE AWARDING OVER 24 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OVER \$68,000 INCLUDING A RENEWABLE ANNUAL \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY CHEMOURS' in white, and 'TO APPLY VISIT WWW.HOUSTONSWE.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS' in yellow. The SWE logo is visible on the graduation cap.

Certificate of Merit Applications Open for 2023

Applications for the 2022-2023 Certificate of Merit program is now open! This program was established to honor high school women, who have completed three (3) years of science and mathematics with distinction. The SWE-HA Certificates of Merit and Achievement may also be awarded for other outstanding accomplishments in math or science. Please note, the Certificate of Merit is a non-monetary award.

Our online application form for the SWE-HA Certificate of Merit and Achievement program is available at this link. Your nominations are due by **Friday, March 17th, 2023 (11:59 pm CST)**.

Please visit our website at <http://www.houstonswe.org/certificates of merit> and click on the application form.

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@houstonse.org.

[Sign Up for Volunteer Opportunity Emails](#)

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

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)

Judges for Science & Engineering Fair of Houston

SWE-HA will once again be awarding (2) \$500 valued awards to Middle and High school students participating in the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston. We are looking for about 10 volunteers to attend and help judge the projects. We will not be judging on technical specifications, but instead are focused on the qualitative aspect of their projects. This includes speaking with the students on how they came up with their projects, improvements they would make on their project in the future, what was their thought process behind the project, and so on.

Date: Saturday February 11th, 2023

Time: 12:00 - 05:00 PM

Location: George R. Brown Convention Center

Think like an Engineer Badge Day - Daisy's

SWE-HA is partnering with the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto to host a "Think like an Engineer" Badge day for Daisys. Volunteers are needed to help lead girl scouts through (3) hands on activities in order to earn a badge.

Date: Saturday March 25th, 2023

Event: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: The Program Place for Girls

IAGTE - Registration Now Closed

We've received an outpouring of support and interest from both students and volunteers that registration for both is now closed.

THANK YOU to everyone volunteering for our annual Introduce a Girl to Engineering Event (IAGTE) sponsored by Chemours on Saturday Feb 18th! IAGTE is a free, all day event providing interactive workshops to introduce over 250 girls to different disciplines of engineering.

Missed the registration this year? Be on the lookout for next year!

Questions? Contact: iagte@houstonse.org

[Website for IAGTE](#)

From the SWE-HA Team

Job Posting: Chemours

Chemours has multiple job openings at their La Porte Site!

- [Reliability Engineer – Electrical & Instrumentation – JR9920](#)
- [Production Leader – JR8364](#)
- [Process Controls and Instrumentation Engineer – JR9305](#)
- [Agile Coach – JR9869](#)



Not a Member Yet? FY23 Membership is Now Prorated at the Half Year Price

SWE fiscal year runs July to June.

New and renewing members can now receive **50% off** their FY23 SWE membership and be active through June 30, 2023! Renewing members should enter **FY2350OFF** on the check-out page to receive the discount. This offer is automatically applied to the pricing at check-out for NEW members. Act fast to take full advantage of the discounted rate and gain full access to all that SWE offers before it expires on March 31, 2023.

Note: This discount is only available for regular Professional and Collegiate memberships and does not apply to Life Membership, C2C membership, joint membership options, or Back to School membership options. Any questions can be sent to membership@swe.org.

[Renew Your Membership!](#)

A banner for award nominations featuring a background of glowing, out-of-focus light spots in shades of gold and yellow. Below this background is a dark blue horizontal bar containing the text 'Call for Local Award Nominations' in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

Call for Local Award Nominations

SWE-Houston Area 2023 Awards

The Society of Women Engineers strives to advance and honor the contributions of women at all stages of their careers as well as recognize the successes of SWE members and individuals who enhance the engineering profession through contributions to industry, education and the community.

SWE HA is happy to announce our 2023 Awards Program. We are looking to recognize our members in the following four categories:

- Career Achievement Award
- Community Outreach Award
- Exemplary Leader Award
- SWE HA New Member Award

Nominations will be accepted thru **Friday, March 3rd 2023**, and winners will be announced at the SWE-HA Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Event.

If you have any questions please reach out to Emily Friedman at vp_internal@houston swe.org.

Nominate Yourself or Someone Today!



SWE FY23 Individual Awards

The National Society of Women Engineers is now accepting applications for Individual Awards!

The Society of Women Engineers strives to advance and honor the contributions of women at all stages of their careers and recognize the successes of SWE members and individuals who enhance the engineering profession through contributions to the industry, education, and the community. **Application Deadline:** Friday, March 31st <https://swe.org/awards/individual-awards/>

Need Help? SWE Houston Area Awards Committee is looking for Patent Recognition, Early Career Professionals and Fellow Grade applications to submit. If you are interested in applying or would like assistance with your any submission for the National SWE Individual Awards, please us know.

SWE Individual Awards Assistance

**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@houstonwe.org.

Partner Organizations

SPE Spring 2023 Hiring Event

The Society of Petroleum Engineers – Gulf Coast Section (SPE-GCS) is pleased to inform you that it is organizing the **12th** semi-annual Energy Professionals Hiring Event for professionals of energy and upstream oil & gas disciplines. The Spring 2023 Hiring Event will be held face-to-face on **April 18, 2023**. As a collaborating professional society, SWE-HA members are able to participate as job seekers.

Date: April 18th, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Steve Radack Community Center (Energy Corridor)

Price: FREE

[Register Here](#)

D&I Changemakers: From Community to Corporate Panel

Join the SPE GCS Diversity & Inclusion Committee for the “D&I Changemakers: From Community To Corporate” panel with Jeniree Flores Delgado, Azeezat Otulana and Anitra Smalls Bogar, moderated by Anand Nagoo on Friday, February 10th at 11.30 AM.

Discover what it takes to become a D&I Changemaker. SPE GCS is proud to host a panel session featuring outstanding advocates of diversity, inclusion and representation. Join us to learn about the lasting impacts our speakers are making in the lives of younger generation

communities as well as advancing D&I values in our rapidly changing and diverse workplaces. Engage the panelists during the webinar and find out how their journeys and D&I involvement can help you to chart yours!

Date: Friday, Feb 10th, 2023

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Online

Price: Free

[Register Here](#)


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D&I
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

WEBINAR

Diversity and Inclusion Committee

"D&I Changemakers: From Community To Corporate"

PANELISTS / SPEAKERS



Jeniree Flores Delgado
Host and Co-Creator
Latin Can Podcast



Azeezat Otulana
Co-Founder
1010coding



Anitra Smalls Bogar
Organizational Development
Officer of EmBRace,
Woodside Energy

MODERATOR



Anand Nagoo
President
Nagoo & Associates

February 10th, 2023 | 11.30am – 1pm | Registration (FREE):
<https://www.spegcs.org/events/6568/>

Registration





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