

March 8th, 2023



## March: Celebrating Women's History Month

In celebration of Women's History Month, SWE Houston Area would like to celebrate all of our Women Engineers! Read about some trailblazing engineers who were the first in their field, breaking down barriers in the world of STEM! [Read more here](#)

See All Upcoming Events on the  
Website Calendar

See Past Events on our Houston  
Happenings Blog

*Call for FY'24  
Nominations*

DUE TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH



## Call for FY24 Executive Committee Nominations

We are looking for SWE-HA members who are enthusiastic, engaging, and excited about

leading SWE-HA for next year FY24 (Starting in July)! We are currently accepting nomination packets for all officer positions (President, VP-External, VP-Internal, VP-Outreach, Treasurer, and Secretary) and Board of Trustees. Nomination Packets are due **Tuesday, March 28!**

Nomination packets should be uploaded in the below Google Form and need to include the following items. Self nominations are accepted and encouraged!

- 1) Nominee's SWE membership number
- 2) Officer position being sought
- 3) Candidate's Biography (max 200 words)\*
- 4) Personal statement by candidate focusing on how she will contribute to SWE in terms of skills, abilities, goals, objectives as an officer or other personal attributes (max 200 words).\*
- 5) Resume detailing both professional and SWE activities (Please include current contact information so the nomination committee can reach out to you.)

\*Note #3 and #4 may be used on the voting ballot

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Hope Weller at [nominations@houston swe.org](mailto:nominations@houston swe.org).

FY24 Executive Committee Nomination



## 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, April 28th 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](mailto:vp_internal@houston swe.org).

Nominate Yourself or Someone Today!

# Upcoming Events



## NEGOTIATION WORKSHOP

During this interactive workshop, we will explore the psychology behind decision making and use it to build a framework for an effective negotiation and practice the soft skills you need to get what you want.

**When?**

Tuesday, March 21st  
6-7:30pm

**Where?**

Virtual

**Cost?**

Free to SWE-HA members



### Negotiation Workshop

Our next Professional Development event will be virtual! SWE-HA is teaming up with Ruben Sanchez of RS Financial Coaching to deliver a workshop on negotiation you won't want to miss. It's women's month - invest in yourself! This event is free to all SWE members, please enter coupon code "SWEMember" to register.

**Date:** Tuesday March 21st, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Location:** Virtual

**Price:** FREE to SWE-HA Members



[Register for Event](#)



## Meet and Greet with Rice University / University of Houston Collegiate SWE Sections



### SWE-HA Meet n Greet with Rice SWE and UH SWE!

Join us for dinner as we meet and greet with students from the Rice University and University of Houston Collegiate SWE Sections. No pre-planning needed, just show up ready to inform, advise and share all about your current role in engineering and your experience as a professional. We are looking for 10-15 volunteers across all disciplines to join us for each event.

#### **Rice University Meet and Greet -**

**Date:** Wednesday April 5, 2023

**Time:** 6pm

#### **University of Houston Meet and Greet -**

**Date:** Thursday April 13, 2023

**Time:** 6pm (Time subject to change)

For questions, please contact Erin, Collegiate Coordinator,  
[collegiatecoordinator@houstonswe.org](mailto:collegiatecoordinator@houstonswe.org).

[Register for Either or Both Events](#)

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

### FY23 Annual Business Meeting

Join us for our annual business meeting. We will review the state of the section, highlights from the year, upcoming events, and introduce the slate of candidates for FY24!

**Date:** Tuesday, April 11th, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom

**Price:** FREE

[Register for Annual Business Meeting](#)



## Book Club - April

SWE-HA Members are invited to join us for our 4th book of the year. We will be discussing "Think Again" by Adam Grant

**Date 1:** Tuesday, April 4th, 2023  
@ 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Virtual

**Date 2:** Saturday, April 8th, 2023  
@ 10:00 AM - 11:00AM  
**IN PERSON, TBD, Sign Up for Book Club Updates**

**Price:** FREE SWE-HA Member Only Event



[Register for Book Club](#)

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



## 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](#)

### March - Sustainability Focus Group

**Topic:** Oil & Gas Tubular Solutions for Renewable Energy

**Date:** Tuesday, March 14th, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual

[Register for Event](#)



### March Tech Tour - Eaton Experience Center

From a mock petrochemical refinery to a substation and power distribution grid, the Houston Experience Center provides a global education solution with the unique ability to give visitors hands-on training in a true application environment. The facility offers world-class industrial training in an innovative 55,000-square-foot facility representing a manifestation of global trends within the industrial space. In addition to live application installations, the facility features multiple training rooms all designed to help facilitate industry-specific education and hands-on demonstrations of Eaton's entire line of electrical products and solutions from a proven industry leader.

**Special instructions:** No safety gear required, but we will be walking and going up/downstairs so comfortable shoes are recommended.

**Date:** Friday, March 17th, 2023

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Location:** Eaton Experience Center (3413 North Sam Houston Pkwy W, Houston, TX 77086)

**Price:** FREE SWE-HA Member Only Event

[Register for Eaton Tech Tour](#)

### April Tech Tour - Anheuser-Busch Brewery

Founded more than 160 years ago, Anheuser-Busch is one of America's most iconic companies and the undisputed leader of the U.S. beer industry. Our visit with the Anheuser Busch Brewery includes an hour walking tour and 30 min of tasting/Q&A with the brewmaster! Pants and closed-toed shoes (no heels) are required, and no jewelry is allowed.

**Date:** Friday, April 14th, 2023

**Time:** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

**Location:** Anheuser-Busch Brewery (775 Gellhorn Drive, Houston, TX 77029)

**Price:** FREE SWE-HA Member Only Event

Register for Anheuser-Busch Tour

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

Sign Up for Volunteer Opportunity Emails

Visit our Outreach Website Page for All Volunteer Opportunities

## 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 Daisy's. Volunteers are needed to help lead girl scouts through (3) hands on activities in order to earn a badge.

**Date:** Saturday March 25th, 2023 & April 15th, 2023

**Event:** 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:** The Program Place for Girls

## Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day

The Society of Women Engineers – Houston Area held its annual Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day (IAGTED) February 18th, 2023. The goal of this event is to provide exposure to engineering concepts and activities for students in grades 6 through 9.

This year, almost 120 students participated in the day long event held on campus at the University of Houston. The event schedule featured a keynote speaker from The Chemours Company - Julie B. Johnson, who provided some inspiring words to the students on pursuing careers in STEM. Students participated in 3 different activities over the course of the day providing them an opportunity to learn about different engineering disciplines. This year's activities featured electrolysis, water filtration, and rubber band cars.

Students also had the opportunity to interact throughout the day with over 70 engineers who served as volunteers for the event asking questions about what it is like to be an engineer. The event was made possible by multiple corporate sponsors such as The Chemours Company, ChampionX, Quiddity, DiscoverE, and Time For Change, LLC..

This annual event is part of The Society of Women Engineers – Houston Area's mission to unify science and engineering communities through active participation in outreach events for grades



# Scholarships

## 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](http://www.houstonswe.org/certificates-of-merit) and click on the application form.

# From the SWE-HA Team



## Past PD Event: Nothing is Important when Everything Is



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### 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](#)



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

Renew Your Membership!



## 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.



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



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