



## June: Celebrating Pride Month

In celebration of Pride Month, SWE Houston Area would like to celebrate all of our LGBTQ+ member Engineers! "SWE supports the LGBTQ+ Affinity Group and by embracing diversity and championing LGBTQ+ inclusion, SWE works towards building a more equitable and vibrant future for all those in engineering and technology." [Join the LGBTQ+ Affinity Group](#)

See All Upcoming Events on the  
Website Calendar

See Past Events on our Houston  
Happenings Blog

# Upcoming Events

## Book Club - July

Join us for summer reading! SWE-HA Members are invited to join us for our 6th book of the year. [Atomic Habits](#) by James Clear

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

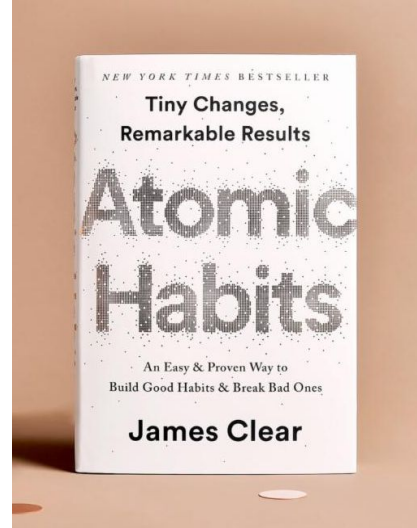
**Time:** 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**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](#)



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# 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](#)

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## From the SWE-HA Team

2023 **LOCAL AWARDS**  
WINNERS



**Erin Smith**  
NEW MEMBER AWARD



**Natasha Goode**  
EXEMPLARY LEADER  
AWARD



**Katherine Hoerner**  
COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH AWARD



**Diondria Holliman**  
CAREER  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

## FY23 Local Award Recipients

SWE-HA is pleased to announce the winners of our 2023 Local 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.

[Diondria Holliman, PMP, CISSP](#) - Career Achievement Award

The Career Achievement Award recognizes a SWE HA member who has made significant contributions to the field of engineering thus helping pave the way for future female engineers

[Natasha Goode, MBA](#) - Exemplary Leader Award

The Exemplary Leader Award recognizes a SWE HA member who has demonstrated leadership abilities in their work and community.

[Katherine Hoerner](#) - Community Outreach Award

The Community Outreach Award recognizes a SWE HA member who has made significant contributions to the community where they live and work.

[Erin Smith](#) - SWE HA New Member Award

The SWE HA New Member Award recognizes a SWE HA Member who is new to SWE HA and made contributions to the success of SWE HA.

CALL FOR  
FY24 CHAIR AND COMMITTEE  
VOLUNTEERS

## Call for FY24 Volunteers!

Interested in getting more involved this FY24 year?

Fill out this survey to let us know that you'd like to join a SWE-HA FY24 committee or take on a committee chair role!

Feel free to reach out to the past FY23 Chairs as well as the FY24 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@houstonswe.org](mailto:professional_development@houstonswe.org).

# Partner Organizations



**Save the Date: 2023 Women of Excellence Awards Gala**

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**Retaining Women  
In Engineering**  
*Promote Change*

**Free  
Webinar**  
**Thursday  
June 22  
1pm EST**

LPPDE 

**Info -  
Register  
Here**



**Retaining Women in Engineering: Leveling the Playing Field**

Hosted by Bob Stavig, co author of: Retaining Women in Engineering: The Empowerment of Lean Development.

At the current rate, it will take 350 years to achieve gender parity.

During this session, we will focus on 3 aspects of this challenge:

- 1) The Gender Schema (broader than stereotypes) that begins to form as early as 2 years old which shape our expectations and beliefs of girls and boys which eventually drives career and life choices.
- 2) The current methods of traditional product development, how they create an unlevel playing field for women and the learnings from medicine. (Women now make up 50% of Med Students.)
- 3) How to apply the six Principles of Lean Development to:
  - Significantly improve your organizations business performance.(by 4 Times)
  - Drive innovation, and
  - Promote Change to Level the playing field for women.

**Date:** Thursday, June 22, 2023

**Time:** 12:00pm

**Location:** Virtual

**Register Here:** [Webinar DETAILS and REGISTRATION](#)



## NSBE Houston's 2023 Awards & Scholarship Gala

**Date/Time:** Friday June 23rd 6pm -10pm

**Speaker:** Dr Ruth Simmons - Prairie View A&M University's President Emeritus

**Location/Venue:** TAMU School of Engineering Medicine TMC Tower Roof-Top Banquet Hall

**Registration:** <https://www.nsbehouston.org/events-1/2023-awards-scholarship-gala>

**Price:** \$50 Donation for 1 seat (Additional options to sponsor tables)



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