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Message from the Leadership Team

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Welcome!

Welcome to FY17 SWE Southwest Texas! It is my privilege and honor as your returning President to welcome our new members and to thank all our returning members for voting in a great leadership team. We are planning an exciting year with events for everyone, including volunteer work, professional development, leadership training, and social networking, starting with our yearly kick-off brunch on Saturday, Sept. 10th. With around 300 members in the Southwest Texas Section, we are certain to have some great events!

We recently had our Leadership Summit in Dallas, Texas, where the SWTX team got together to strategize on the goals for the year, summarized as follows:

1. Membership Retention
2. Increasing membership involvement
3. Increasing number of leadership members
4. Enablement of the San Antonio Section
5. Prepare for WE17 Conference in Austin
6. Increased Collegiate Involvement

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you, and to help make a difference in the lives of our Women Engineers and Future Women Engineers.

Karella Rendon

President, SWE Southwest Texas

*2016-17 Events
continue; members
are encouraged to
participate in the fun*

Southwest Texas Section News

The leadership team wishes to thank all those members who made these events successful, attendees and volunteers. Your participation continues to help the Section grow in experience and depth. We encourage all members to "bring a friend" to the some of the events.

While we continue to have a full calendar of outreach, training, and corporate sponsored events for the membership.

We are pleased to announce that Austin has been selected for the 2017 site for national WE17 and Society Conference. As we progress and details become known, the local planning committee will be reaching out to members for participation.

Upcoming Events (2016)

Date	Event	Description	Location	Volunteers Needed?
9/10	SWT Kick Off Breakfast	Leadership and membership networking at Waterloo Icehouse	Austin	
TBD	YWTF Younger Women's Task Force	http://www.aauw.org/membership/ywtf/	San Antonio	
TBD	Meet an Executive	Speaker joint event with SHPE	Austin	
TBD	Waco Engineering Day	STEM Engineering Event: http://www.waco-texas.com/pdf/information/press-releases/October%2014%20is%20Engineering%20Day%20in%20Waco.pdf	Waco	Yes
10/13	Capital One	Professional Development & Career Fair	Austin	
10/22-23	Student Game Dev Summit	Joint Event with WIGI and ACC, held at ACC	Austin	Yes
10/27-10/29	SWE Annual Conference	http://we16.swe.org/	Philadelphia	Yes
11/9	Dell	Professional Development (Speaker), Networking, and Recruiting (Dell HR)	Austin	
TBD	IBM	Brown Bag Lunches	Austin	
TBD	RetailMeNot	Networking	Austin	
TBD	Post Conference Discussion	Presentation from members who attended National Conference	Austin	
Dec (tbd)	Holiday Party	Networking Event	Austin	
TBD	2016 Planning	Leadership Mid-Year Planning Session	Austin	
TBD	IBM	Professional Development and Career Fair (6-7:30pm)	Austin	
2/15-2/18	Austin Regional Science Festival	STEM Outreach event http://www.sciencefest.org/	Austin	Yes
tbd	Intel PDCS (series I)	Professional Development & Career Fair	Austin	
2/19-2/25	DiscoverE Week	http://www.discovere.org/our-programs/engineers-week	Multiple Loc.	Yes
2/23	Introduce a Girl to Engineering	http://www.engr.utexas.edu/wep/k12/girlday	Austin	Yes
Tbd (Mar?)	National Instruments	Professional Development and Career Fair	Austin	
TBD (Apr?)	UT and SW Texas Section	Relaxed Networking event for graduating collegiate with professional members, fun for all	Austin	Yes
TBD (Apr?)	San Antonio College	STEM Outreach with San Antonio College Scobee Education Center	San Antonio	Yes
TBD (May)	Emerson	Professional Development and Career Fair	Austin	
TBD (May)	Central Texas Discover Engineering	http://www.centexeweek.org/	Austin	Yes
May (tbd)	Transition Planning for 2016-2017	Networking event	Austin	
May-Jun	New Officer Elections	Digital/email voting event	Austin	
Jun	End of Year	Annual Closing Event, Awards, Networking, etc.	Austin	

SWE Region C Sections (2016)

Professional Sections

Baton Rouge
 Fort Worth
 Greater New Orleans
 Houston Area
 Southwest Texas
 Texas Space Center

Collegiate Sections

Arkansas, Little Rock, University of
 Arkansas, University of
 Baylor University
 Dallas
 DeVry Institute of Technology, Dallas
 Harding University
 Houston, University of
 John Brown University (new 2015 section)
 Lamar University
 Le Tourneau University
 Louisiana State University
 Louisiana Tech University
 Mississippi River City
 Mississippi State University
 Mississippi, University of
 New Orleans, University of
 Prairie View A&M University
 Rice University
 Southern Methodist University
 Southern University
 Texas - Pan American, University of
 Texas A&M Galveston
 Texas A&M University - Kingsville
 Texas A&M University
 Texas at Arlington, University of
 Texas at Austin, University of
 Texas at Dallas, University of
 Texas at El Paso, University of
 Texas at San Antonio, University of
 Texas Christian University
 Texas State University
 Texas Tech University
 Trinity University
 Tulane University
 University of Arkansas - Fort Smith
 University of Louisiana at Lafayette
 University of North Texas

SWE History

Founded in 1950, and now with over 33,000 members, 100 professional sections, 300 student sections, the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is a not-for-profit educational and service organization that empowers women to succeed and advance in the field of engineering and technology, and to be recognized for their life-changing contributions as engineers and leaders. SWE is the driving force that establishes engineering as a highly desirable career for women through an exciting array of training and development programs, networking opportunities, scholarships, and outreach and advocacy activities

Region C encompasses Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi. We have 43 sections of both professional and collegiate members to support you as well as Members At Large (MALS), reach out today.

Until 1979 all of Texas was contained in one Section, with the explosive growth, Texas was divided into multiple sections and our Southwest Texas Section, which covers Austin, San Antonio, Brownsville, and areas all the way to Corpus Christi was born. Today we proudly support close to 400 professional members.

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