Our Mission

The Society of Women Engineers exists to encourage women to pursue engineering as a career. At WSU we focus on three main goals that are represented in our yearly activities. These are:

- **Recruitment**
- **Retention**
- **Service**

A Month in the Life of SWE

This year we invited our members to monthly meetings. We had a variety of meetings including parties (for holidays or the end of the semester), informational meetings (about our next events and how to get involved in SWE), guest speakers (for career, car or life advice), even discussion panels. We even planned a trip to Scarywood. All of these events helped women not only to establish, but to grow connections with other women in engineering.
SWE Tea

Within the first few weeks of school, SWE hosts a casual social gathering to give new engineering students the opportunity to meet each other. At this event we also invite older students and faculty, to provide an early opportunity to network and make connections. The officers give a short presentation about the purpose and goals of SWE, and what our chapter does, and then the group is invited to mingle with refreshments provided by SWE. It is a great way to start off the year!

National Conference

The 2015 SWE National Conference was held in Nashville, Tennessee. Four students from WSU were able to attend; SWE President Cynthia Van Wingerden, Vice President Mikaila Kelly, Treasurer Abby Anderson, and Secretary Roslyn VanSickle. Attendees participated in the Region J meeting, where they learned more about the organization and section goals. There was a multitude of seminars available ranging from technical talks to relocation and leadership tips. The two day Career Fair had over 300 companies participating, many of which offered interviews on the second day. The SWE National Conference is a great experience to network, practice interviewing, learn about industry, and talk to new companies. The next National Conference is in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Evening with Industry

On October 5th we held our annual Evening with Industry dinner with 14 different companies and over 80 students and WSU faculty members. The night started with a social hour when students could network with members from different companies which was followed by dinner provided by Banyans. Guest heard from Dr. Candis Claiborn, Dean of Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture, and professionals from different companies. We are looking forward to doing it again next year!
Kid’s Science and Engineering Day

Over 130 kids, from ages 5 to 12 attended the event that was hosted in the Sloan Hall on WSU’s campus. We invited clubs from the school of engineering as well as the community, to set up a booth that was interactive and would engage kids in science and engineering. The activities this year were amazing! We encouraged kids to explore space in the planetarium and create hand tendon models with the bioengineering club. Other activities ranged from making chalk to playing with robots, we even had pressurized film canister rockets for the kids to launch in the courtyard. The crowd favorite for the kids was making slime and the adult favorite was the floating semiconductor. Each child received a goodie bag with supplies to become a scientist and they got to take home their projects.

Research Mixer

In April, SWE hosted a casual social gathering where students had the opportunity to network with professors. It was a great way for students and professors from Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture to learn about the different research going on at WSU. Students heard from 20 different professors from different engineering disciplines. We are planning on hosting this event again in the upcoming fall semester.
**Region ABJ Conference**

Twelve students were able to attend the Region ABJ Conference in the Seattle. We sold SWE gear, attended seminars, and networked at the career fair. We also had two students who did a great job presenting at the poster competition. At each meal there was a keynote speaker that inspired and encouraged women in engineering. These ladies showed what it truly meant to be a member of SWE and reminded us that even though it might be hard work sometimes, it will all be worth it.

**Mentor Brunch**

This year SWE held the first annual Mentor Brunch in Seattle. This year SWE had nearly 20 students participating in the Mentorship Program, which is a program that aims to match students with professionals in the field in order to help undergraduate students learn about career opportunities, receive advice, and cultivate relationships. The brunch provided an opportunity for students to meet their mentors face to face, and to learn more about them personally. This year all the students who attended the region conference were able to meet with the mentors in the Seattle area who were able to attend. We are looking forward to hosting a similar event next year and continuing to strengthen and promote the mentor program.
Meet the New Officers of the 2016-2017 Academic Year

SWE is excited and ready for next year! There are a lot of new faces, and some returning officers. This year’s group is determined to continue SWE’s mission and to help promote women in engineering across campus.

President: Alyssa Norris
Alyssa is a senior civil engineering student. She is from North Pole, Alaska and loves traveling.

Vice President: Kiera Rust
Kierra is a junior mechanical engineering student. She is from Anchorage, Alaska and enjoys running.

Treasurer: Rachel Johnson
Rachel is a sophomore mechanical engineering student. She is from Santa Clara, CA and enjoys golf.

Secretary: Roslyn VanSickle
Roslyn is a senior bioengineering and mechanical engineering student. She’s from Clarkston, WA and loves corgis.

Mentor Program Coordinator: Abbey Bottemiller
Abbey is a junior civil engineering student. She is from Snoqualmie, WA and is a Cougar Connector!

Little SWester Coordinator: Sierra Bishop
Sierra is a junior in material science and chemistry. She is from Bellingham, WA and loves to travel.

Activities Coordinator: Sam Grindrod
Sam is a junior in bioengineering. She is from Chehalis, WA and loves scrapbooking.

Graduate Student Chair: Arghavan Telebanpour
Arghavan is a mechanical engineering PhD candidate. She from Iran and loves hiking.

Thank you for allowing us to serve SWE!

The 2015-2016 SWE Officers
Back (left to right): Roslyn VanSickle Secretary, Alyssa Norris Mentor Program Coordinator, Renee Peterson Advisor, Cynthia VanWingerden President
Front: Mikaila Kelly Vice President, Samantha Grindrod Activities Coordinator, Abigail Anderson Treasurer
Not Pictured: Sahar Vahabzadeh Graduate Student Chair

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