March 2016 Newsletter

From the Director

Wow! It's a busy time for Women in Engineering!

Please remember to register if you can attend "Hack Your Style (HYS): Mastering Nonverbal Presentation in the Workplace." Taking place Tuesday, March 15th from 12:00 - 1:30 pm in CIMS 2210/2220, HYS will start off with a pasta buffet, followed by various alumnae sharing vlogs with their professional dress and best tips for projecting confidence. Keynote Speaker Hannah Morgan will be leading an interactive presentation to help you present your most confident self in the workplace. Register now, and if you’ve already registered please show up!

Volunteer trainings for WE Retreat will be starting soon (see below). Please be on the lookout for more communication from our office as events draw nearer. Your involvement as a volunteer is pivotal to the success of this program, and we really can’t thank you enough.

Best wishes to all of you as we work toward a successful spring semester!

- Kathy

Hack Your Style: Mastering Non-verbal Presentation in the Workplace

Thursday, March 17th from 12:00 - 1:30PM in CIMS 2210/2220,

Alumnae have sent in vlogs describing their work outfits, and their best advice for projecting confidence at work. Keynote speaker Hannah Morgan, the self-described
"Career Sherpa," will be presenting 8 tips for appearing more confident, tips for interpreting your interviewer's body language, and 15 words & phrases to avoid at work. For more information, click here! Register to join us for a pasta buffet with an extra helping of confidence!

Register Here!

**WE Retreat Volunteer Training!**

Attention WE Retreat Volunteers!! Do not forget about your mandatory training sessions coming up this month in preparation for the Retreat in April. During these sessions, you will get your schedules based off of your availability from the volunteer surveys. The sessions are taking place:

**Monday 3/14 @ 9:00 - 10:00AM GLE 2255 (Kelly Conference Room)**

**Thursday 3/17 @ 1:00 - 2:00PM GLE 2030 (Mobile Conference Room)**

**Thursday 3/17 @ 6:30 - 7:30PM GLE 2255 (Kelly Conference Room)**

**Tuesday 4/5 @ 12:00 - 1:00PM GLE 2255 (Kelly Conference Room)**

**Instagram Photo Contest**
Follow us on Instagram and join in this semester’s photo contest. Simply follow the directions below to share your #EngineeringInRealLife photos for a chance to win prizes! Photos can include mentoring, lab work, studying, co-op and whatever else you do in your engineering lives! Winners will be announced at the end of the semester. You can see some of the photos that have already been submitted on the left! Keep it up WE!

**Harris Resume Review Success!**

Thank you to all of the Harris employees that came to go over resumes with KGCOE students. The event was a success! Every student left with improved resumes and improved confidence in themselves for the career fair!

**Volunteer Spotlight!**

Our volunteer spotlight of the month is Annika Garbers! Annika is a first year Industrial Engineering student. She has participated in WE Retreat and WE’re in Motion, and volunteered for the WE/WiC Open House, alongside attending multiple events held by the WE office.
Open House, she was given the opportunity to "meet a ton of smart young girls who were interested in STEM, and loved the chance to serve as a role model and talk to them about engineering". According to Annika, being a volunteer, "has given me greater confidence as an engineering student and a stronger sense of belonging at RIT".

**Society of Women Engineers**

The American Cancer Society **Relay For Life** movement symbolizes hope and our shared goal to end a disease that threatens the lives of so many people we love. If cancer has touched your life, participating in a Relay For Life event is a way to take action and help finish the fight. This is your opportunity to honor cancer survivors, remember those you have lost, and raise funds and awareness to fight back and help end cancer forever.

*Join SWE's Relay for Life Team right here at RIT on **Saturday April 9th at 7:00PM**. The relay goes until the next morning, but you are not required to stay the whole time.*

**Join the Team!**

**Want more information about upcoming SWE events? Click below to learn more about SWE here at RIT!**
Time is ticking away this semester, and the HotWheelz team is kicking it into overdrive in order to get their vehicle up and running by race time. The team is competing in a Formula Hybrid competition in New Hampshire the first week of May. With 7 weeks left, they have the electrical portion up and running with the display screen successfully working, showing all of the critical stats of the car.

Looking for Volunteers to Share Their Stories:

"Hello - I am a doctoral candidate in STEM education at the University at Buffalo and am undertaking a research study to examine the culture in engineering education. I will specifically be investigating the experiences of students in engineering education with a goal of better understanding what teaching practices students find most engaging and motivating. As women engineering students your stories are especially important in this data collection.

This notice is a request for volunteers who are willing to participate in group interviews of approximately 3 to 5 students. The time commitment for volunteering is 1 hour and a light meal will be provided. The research design has been approved by RIT’s institutional review board and measures are in place to protect the identity of all participants.

If you are willing to share your experiences as a woman engineering student, please
contact me at jxciee@rit.edu. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding your participation.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this call for volunteers."

-Jeanne W. Christman, Associate Professor in Computer Engineering Technology.
Building 82-2134

Innovator's Hour

Sunday, April 10th at 9:00AM, join a group of people who want to find ways to deal with complex social issues that create division among people. Come to 1600 Student Innovation Hall (AKA. The Fish Bowl) and bring your ideas to light. Join the group Facebook page here to learn more about the event!

Contact the WE@RIT Office Today

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