Be Your Own Boss: A Panel on Entrepreneurship

Date: Saturday May 18th, 2019
Time: 10 am - 1 pm
Location: Brown Gallery at the Houston Museum of Natural Science
Cost: $15 Members, $30 Non-Members;
Includes parking and access to permanent museum exhibits

Are you an Experienced Professional and considering venturing out on your own? Do you hear about start-ups and wonder if you could build a business around your ideas and skills?

If you've seriously considered, or simply just wondered, about starting your own business, come listen to our panel of women engineers and scientists who own their own companies here in Houston. They'll share their experiences: the good, the bad and the "we can laugh about it now," and you can ask questions.

Our panelists include:
Fatima Alshubi, Principal & CEO at Certis Information Services Inc
Danielle Forget Shield, Owner at Smart Waste, Owner at Moooseum Ice Cream
Candice Landry at 10e5
Liz Parent, Principal at 5Engineering
Patricia Vega, Founder & CEO at Quantum New Energy

Join us to listen to these inspiring women's stories on Saturday May 18th at the Houston Museum of Natural Sciences, Brown Gallery. Breakfast from the French Gourmet Bakery will be served and registration includes free parking and admission to the museum's permanent exhibits. This fantastic event is generously sponsored by Fugro.

Event Agenda:
Registration and Breakfast: 10 am - 10:30 am
Presentation: 10:30 am - noon

Link to register

You must register by May 7 in order to receive a voucher for museum access.
Call for FY20 SWE HA Executive Council Leadership Team Nominations

Consider becoming a member of the SWE HA leadership team for this upcoming year or help nominate someone. SWE HA is seeking qualified, diverse, and motivated leaders for the position of President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP Career Guidance (outreach), Internal VP, External VP, Section Representative and Chairs for the fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020).

Being an Officer or Chair is an excellent opportunity to serve SWE while developing leadership skills that will last you a lifetime. If this is something you like to do please consider reaching out to any of the current FY19 officers.

Nominations will be accepted from March 26 to April 30th. Officer Descriptions, Roles and Responsibilities can be found here.

Any voting SWE-HA member can nominate by sending a nominations package to: nominations@houstonswe.org

Nomination package should include the following information:

(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 50 words).
(5) Resume detailing both professional and SWE activities (max 2 pages).

After the deadline, applications will be reviewed and the selected applicants will be contacted by the nominations committee.
Scholarship Awards Banquet

Friday April 26, 2019 for our Annual scholarship awards banquet. Your registration will go towards outreach and future scholarships.

Listen to our distinguished keynote speaker sharing her 40 year engineering journey with The Boeing Company

Anita Gale
Engineer
The Boeing Company

Where: HESS Club, 5430 Westheimer Road, Houston TX 77056
Time: 6-8pm, including dinner
Please register at:
Continue your journey with SWE - Join or renew your SWE membership

At each stage of your career, SWE is there to help you build your local and global community. Together we inspire the next generation of engineers, advocate for those within the profession, and learn from fellow members who are legacies in the making.

Please renew your commitment to the SWE community today by logging into the SWEmember portal and making your annual dues payment.

Having issues logging in or need help? Drop us an email at membership@swe.org or call 1-312-596-5223 and press 3 for membership and we'll be happy to assist you.

Executive Council Meeting (in person)

Date: Monday, May 13th
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Location: Bellaire City Library

SWE HA Executive Council (EC) meeting is open to all members! We will be discussing future events and volunteer opportunities. We welcome you and your ideas. Come and get more involved!

RSVP

Questions contact Bujana - secretary@houstonswe.org

SWE HA Series + Coffee

Date: Saturday, May 4th
Time: 10:00-11:30 am
Location: Campesino Coffee House (2602 Waugh Dr)

New to SWE or Houston? Come explore Houston coffee shops with fellow SWE members every 1st Saturday morning of the month. Join in for a fun, informal networking event. Attendees are responsible for their own beverages. Future coffee shops will include Boomtown and Paper Co among others.
Meet your fellow local SWE members at conference - Survey

Your opinion matters! Take a few minutes to fill out our short survey. We would like to hear if you are planning to attend any of the WE Local Conferences or WE19 Annual Conference. Link is provided below.

Thank you in advance for your collaboration. We really appreciate your time!

Access the survey

Outreach Activities

FIRST Innovation Faire

Please join us at the SWE Booth at the FIRST Innovation Faire.

As a Strategic Partner, SWE is invited to exhibit at the FIRST Championship in Houston April 18-19, 2019. The Innovation Faire will be held in the George R. Brown Convention Center, Grand Ballroom. Our booth is #1202. You can find more information about the championship here: [https://www.firstchampionship.org/houston](https://www.firstchampionship.org/houston).

At our booth (#1202) we will see thousands of students and the students really benefit from meeting you! Please consider volunteering for a shift on Thursday, April 18 from 10 am - 5 pm or Friday, April 19 from 10 am - 4 pm at [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iHEUsxffKumr3VQPIe3mTsa9YPABnyq6tgW-H9fN7U/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iHEUsxffKumr3VQPIe3mTsa9YPABnyq6tgW-H9fN7U/edit?usp=sharing). If you cannot access this google doc, just email outreach@swe.org and we will sign you up. Shifts are divided up into one-hour blocks, but you may choose as many shifts as you like.

Hope to see you in Houston. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact SWE's Director of Student Programs, randy.freedman@swe.org or 312 596 5232.

For questions contact Randy Freedman, M.Ed. Director of Student Programs, Society of Women Engineers randy.freedman@swe.org 312.596.5232
Volunteer at championships in Houston April 17-20. (Lego, First Tech Challenge, and FIRST robotics)

Apply at https://www.firstinspires.org/
Contact Victoria for volunteer position descriptions!
vp_careerguidance@houstonswe.org

Society of Women Engineers Professional Virtual Career Fair - Spring 2019

April 30, 2019 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

New Employers Added to SWE's Virtual Career Fair

See the link for more details: SWE Virtual Career Fair

SWE HA Leadership Opportunities

SWE-HA outreach volunteers for chairs and committee members

Would you like to improve your leadership skills? We have many opportunities where you can test and sharpen your leadership skills.

For more information contact Carolyn president@houstonswe.org

Brand New Website

Don't forget to check on our website - we have new contact information
Take a look and explore the rest of our site http://www.houstonswe.org/

Questions: Bujana - secretary@houstonswe.org

SWE HA - STEM group

Be part of our SWE-HA STEM group on Facebook.

Here you can post and share any activity/information/event related to STEM. Everybody can use this group as a form of communication for any event happening in the Houston area with other SWE members.
To find the Society of Women Engineers - Houston Area Facebook page search on Facebook for @swehoustonarea.

2019 WE Local Conferences

WE Local conferences provide all the professional development, career advancement and networking opportunities as SWE’s Annual Conference, but on a local level, so you can Meet Locally.

Baltimore, MD - February 8-9, 2019
Tampa, FL - February 15-16, 2019
St. Louis, MO - March 1-2, 2019
Denver, CO - March 15-16, 2019
Bellevue, WA - April 5-6, 2019
Bengaluru, India - April 11-13, 2019
Berlin, Germany - May 15-17, 2019

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You can also link Kroger or Randalls card.

The Events Calendar

**Save the Dates!**
April 26: Scholarship Banquet, at the HESS club
May 4: Golf OTC
May 13: EC Mtg (6 pm - 8 pm)
May 18: PD Event

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