SWE National Conference: WE09
October 15-17, 2009

Less than a week after Fall Break, Cornell’s SWE leaders ventured to Long Beach, CA for WE09—SWE’s National Conference. More than 6,000 women engineers from across the country attended, including undergraduates, graduates, and professionals. Highlights for Cornell’s representatives included an alumni dinner with Cornell SWE presidents from recent years and other Cornell graduates.

Cornell’s SWE chapter was also honored with the Gold Level Award for Outstanding Collegiate Section at the conference. Cornell was judged against a few hundred other collegiate sections based on a report submitted months earlier that outlined a range of its achievements, including: planning and administration; communication and member recruitment; regional/national participation; education and outreach; inclusiveness and diversity; and alignment with the national SWE mission. Cornell was last honored with SWE’s top national honor in 2007. Congratulations to all SWE members!

Upcoming Events

Sciencenter Event
Sat., November 14, 2009
1:30PM-5:00PM
Want to help children make silly putty? Volunteer your time to help set-up, instruct the activity, and clean up. Contact Sarah (see42) if you’re interested!

Faculty Social
Thurs., November 19, 2009
3:00PM-4:30PM
Come to Upson Lounge and enjoy a fun apple-themed social with faculty—think apple pies, apple cider, caramel apples... yum! Contact Chloe (cmd248) if you have any questions.

General Body Meeting
Wed., December 2, 2009
4:30PM-5:30PM
Come to our next general body meeting in Phillips Lounge to get the latest SWE updates!

SWE Presidents accept the Gold Level Award for Outstanding Collegiate Section for Cornell’s SWE chapter at the 2009 National Conference in Long Beach, CA

Current Cornell SWE members chat over dinner during the conference with recent alumni; last year’s presidents Kavita Baba (far left) and Adwiti Balakrishna (second from right) and last year’s Region E coordinator, Aditi Kolhekar (second from left)

Region E takes the stage at the Celebrate SWE Event at the National Conference
**Past Info Sessions**

- Arup
- Bloomberg
- Bristol-Myers Squibb
- Capital One
- Exponent
- ExxonMobil
- General Electric
- Hulu
- Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- Johnson & Johnson
- Kurt Salmon Associates
- National Security Agency
- Procter & Gamble
- Raytheon
- Reckitt Benckiser
- Schlumberger
- Sentrana
- Tower Research Capital LLC
- Vistaprint

**Professional Networking Dinner**

**September 15, 2009**

Tablefuls of enthusiastic engineering students and company representatives filled the Carrier Grand Ballroom of the Statler Hotel the night of this year’s annual Professional Networking Dinner, sponsored by SWE. The day before the Engineering and Technical Career Fair, students had the opportunity to meet with three of their favorite companies of the 26 represented through a series of three rotations. While students asked questions of company representatives and passed out their resumes, they enjoyed a delicious catered meal, followed by desserts and coffee.

Attendees also heard from keynote speaker Rosemary Farrell, Program Director of Naval Helicopter Programs at Lockheed Martin Systems Integration, who spoke about her career and the importance of networking. Other speakers included Interim Director of Diversity Programs in Engineering Sara Hernandez, and Professional Networking Dinner Committee Co-Directors Liz Tutunjian and Christine Catudal. A raffle drawing for various prizes helped bring the dinner to a close as attendees wrapped up their conversations.

**Faculty Luncheon**

**September 24, 2009**

SWE members enjoy lunch at the Faculty Luncheon, an excellent opportunity to chat with women faculty in a relaxed environment.

**Women in Engineering Day**

**October 17, 2009**

SWE members volunteered their time for Women in Engineering Day, in which high school girls interested in engineering careers visited for the day. Volunteers mingled with the girls and helped ensure the day ran smoothly.

- Engineering students speak with representatives from Johnson & Johnson
- PND attendees sample a variety of foods, ranging from Pasta Alfredo to Chocolate Silk Pie
- SWE members socialize and enjoy lunch on Duffield Terrace at the Welcome Picnic, the kick-off event for the 2009-2010 school year
- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY’S WOMEN’S BUILD OCTOBER 9 & 10, 2009
- SWE members volunteer their construction and teamwork skills for Habitat for Humanity’s Women’s Build