

April 2017

Welcome to the last SWE Newsletter for the 2016-2017 school year! This month, we had a general meeting hosted by Abbott, a few fundraising BBQs, officer elections, leadership position applications, Profs and Profs, and many more activities. In this newsletter, you can read about the new leadership team, Professional Development's Profs and Profs event, our new president's ideas for next year, and few last remarks from our graduating seniors!

## **Senior Plans**

### **Madeline Arpin**—Electrical Engineering

I will be continuing my internship over the summer (GE Water) and having some adventures before I start my real job! I will begin applying for full-time positions during the summer. I love volunteering with SWEeties! I looked forward to hanging out with the kids at Ronald McDonald house every month.

### **Hana Boudlali**—Biomedical Engineering

Minors: Leadership & Neuroscience

After graduation I'll be working at Abbott, St. Paul as an Engineer I, Pre-Clinical R&D. In the next couple of years I would also like to learn Arabic, travel to the 7 wonders of the world, and earn a Master of Public Policy

### **Kelly Collins**—Materials Science & Engineering

Minor: Sustainability Studies

After graduation I'll be working in the Polymer Modified Binders division for Bostik Smart Adhesives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where I had an internship last summer. My favorite thing about SWE is the support structure of so many women who are currently in your classes or have previously taken them who can offer you advice.

### **Emily Cowing**—Math-Actuarial Science

My plans for post graduation are working as a Benefit Analyst for the Pension Administration Group of Willis Towers Watson in Bloomington, MN. My favorite part about SWE was working with younger kids to make them feel excited rather than scared to pursue STEM.

### **Elizabeth Dranch**—Chemical Engineering

After graduation I'll be working as a Process Engineer at Bühler Group in Plymouth, MN and Uzwil, Switzerland. My favorite thing about SWE is getting to know people from other majors that I wouldn't normally get to interact with!

### **Laurel Hunt**—Mechanical Engineering

This summer I'll be an intern with Andersen in their polymers department in Bayport, MN. My favorite thing about SWE was forming a coalition of diversity- focused STEM groups and making plans for a K-12 outreach effort!

### **Kaitlyn Koerner**—Materials Science & Engineering

After graduation, I am taking the summer to travel Europe before finding an industrial position in Minneapolis/St. Paul or surrounding area. As someone from out of state, I didn't have many friends and connections as a freshman here at the U. SWE helped me integrate into the community and become close with classmates and teachers. This made me well rounded in my interests, academics, and social life.

### **Nicole Olsen**—Industrial & Systems Engineering

I will be traveling to Europe for a month and a half before beginning a three year rotational program with Eaton Corporation. My favorite thing about SWE, besides getting to meet so many amazing female engineers across CSE, is having the opportunity to attend the regional conferences!

### **Kathryn Vlasic**—Materials Science & Engineering

I will be working as a Field Engineer at Schlumberger (MI-SWACO). It has been fun to meet other SWEeties from different majors and connect about our excitement for engineering!

### **Elia Zanella**—Mechanical Engineering

I will be working as an Operations Management Leadership Program Associate at General Electric – Power Business after graduation. I will be going on a 3 - 8 month rotational program to different locations - SC, FL, NY, etc. My favorite thing about SWE is all the amazing friendships, memories, and leadership opportunities I have acquired during my four years at the U!



Senior Send Off Event

**SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS**  
**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SECTION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

**New Leadership Team:**

Listed below are the new directors for the 2017-2018 year! Each director is responsible for leading their committees and planning events for their respective roles. The roles of each directorship are listed in the March 2017 newsletter.

**Career Fair:**

Hayley Ortvals, Kamilah Amen

**Corporate Relations:**

Morgan Conley

**Professional Development:**

Sam Volkmeier

**Special Events:**

Natalie Sayles

**Public Relations:**

Sarah Prescott, Nicole Walker, Sierra Schultz

**Community Service:**

Elsa Hauschildt, Marissa Ellner

**Mentorship:**

Christine Walz, Megan Johnson

**SWERT:**

Devon Urness, Andrea Wennen

**Team Tech:**

Erin Louwagie, Laura Sevcik

**Outreach:**

Mackenzie Schuster (SWEekend)

Liz Blount (K12)

Krista Keranen (K12)

Ellen Aas (Technically Speaking)

Sarah Eyer (See Yourself in CSE)

Mandy Hansen (General Events)

Sarah Wexler (Pilot)

**Diversity & Inclusion:**

Abigail Valero

**A Note from the President**

Hey y'all! I am so excited to be your president next year. I've felt so at home in SWE and I hope to create an awesome community and support system for everyone next year. I had a roller coaster of a freshman year (didn't we all) but in my three years here no matter what happened in my personal life or academics I learned that SWE would always be a constant, and I would always have a shoulder to cry on or someone to celebrate with. SWE is your constant was the Society's overarching theme this year and I think it's a very fitting reminder in this last newsletter as we make our transition. For all you seniors out there about to graduate and go grab those bright futures we all know you will have, please keep SWE in the back of your mind and know you will always have a home here. For all of you returning next year, no matter how involved you were this year or what your plans are for the future you are welcome in this community and we're here to support you. Life is variable, let SWE be your constant.

We have an incredible team and some fun ideas lined up for next year. I am most excited for our two open committees. We will be allowing members to join our Public Relations committee and K12 Outreach committee without application. There will be more information in the fall, but this is an incredible opportunity for more members to get involved in our leadership and help us run events. The leadership team has a ton of planning to do this summer, but I cannot wait to get to work for you! As always please let us know if you have any suggestions, questions, or comments. Have a great summer!

With hopes you all ace finals,

*-Kelsey Harper, President*

**Profs and Profs**

SWE PD's Profs and Profs included a discussion on diversity with CSE's Dean, Sam Mukasa, presentations from Ulteig on how to be successful in your first full-time job and gender labels and biases in the workplace, and a presentation from Professor Azarin from the Chemical Engineering Department on her research/ "following your instincts when everyone says your idea is bad." We also had representatives from 3M and Professors Mantell and Abel of the Mechanical Engineering Department join us for a networking luncheon.

*-Kiera Kaufman, Professional Development*



*Dean Mukasa speaking at Profs & Profs*

*The Society of Women Engineers is the world's largest advocate and catalyst for change for women in engineering and technology. We help members reach their full potential as engineers and leaders through networking, professional development and the shaping of public policy. And, we inspire young girls to become engineers and support them with scholarships.*