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THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS (SWE) IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT EDUCATIONAL AND SERVICE ORGANIZATION THAT EMPOWERS WOMEN TO SUCCEED AND ADVANCE IN THE FIELD OF ENGINEERING, AND TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR LIFE-CHANGING CONTRIBUTIONS AS ENGINEERS AND LEADERS.

SWE is the driving force that establishes engineering as a highly desirable career for women through an exciting array of training and development programs, networking opportunities, scholarships, outreach and advocacy activities, and much more.

Dallas SWE at Abbott Laboratories – Speaker Nicole Koritsaris, Director – ADD Packaging (pictured far left, middle row).

Advance: Professional Development

Engage, Network, Learn & Connect

Dallas SWE kicked off the year with a meeting featuring an interactive discussion focusing on self-reflections! We continuted the momentum by partnering with AIAA for a meeting in September. We hosted several meetings featuring tours including the the Frito-Lay test kitchen, Abbott Laboratories & the WaterSense House at the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Center.

Other meetings included a dynamic presentation about "Selling in a Skirt" and learning why diverse engineers fit into a financial services company thank to Capital One. With all these great opportunites to connect & learn with other women engineers in the Dallas area we have grown our membership roster and increased membership engagement this year!

Social events included viewing the Chihuly glass sculptures at the Dallas Arboretum, a Holiday Social & cookie exchange at SMU & She Networks, She Wins during E-week at SMU.

Nadia Aziz (far left, back to camera) addresses Dallas SWE to explain why engineers are a great fit at Capital One.

SMU hosts Region C Conference

SMU welcomed almost 400 students and professionals to Dallas February 1-3rd for two days of tours, sessions, speakers and a career fair that featured over 30 companies! Nicole Navinsky from SMU was recognized as the Emerging Leader Collegiate for Region C and Hope-Toole Schwalls from the Fort Worth section was recognized for her Distinguished Service to the Society! Thank you to the SMU conference team as well as the individuals in Dallas SWE who served as part of the programs committee, Neha Dobhal, Barbara Read, Nandika D'Souza & Jennifer Blount.

Pictured Left to right are Mayra Magana, Region C Region Collegiate Representative (RCR), Carol Bachman, Region C Governor, Jennifer Vilbig, Dallas SWE President, Jessica Maxey, SMU Conference Committee & Nicole Navinsky, SMU Conference Chair. We spent a lovely evening enjoying the views from the Winspear Opera House that included a tour of the Wyly Theater!

Volunteers at the Sally Ride Festival at UT Dallas.

Aspire: K-12 Outreach

We hosted two workshop events this year and also participated in several festival fairs!

Etiquette Creative launched our year with a three-day electronic circuits fashion camp! Using the expertise of several graduates from the UT Dallas Emerging Media & Communications program, campers learned about electronic circuits, coding and created their very own LilyPad Aduino projects. More details and picture are at the link below www.etiquettecreative.org/

We invited 50 high school students to participate in hands-on activities as well as to listen to engaging speakers tell about their careers in engineering, plus coached them how to be brave at networking events. Activities included learning about polymers and mixing their own epoxy keychain charm as well as creating circuits with switches, resistors & different types of light bulbs.

A full press release is available under the past events tab at www.designyourworld.org/

"The program was completely relevant, engaging, and aligned with many of our objectives/ TEKS for technology and science." - Irving ISD teacher Laura Guimond

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Dallas SWE Awards Winners:

Outstanding K-12 Educator: **Lynette Bachand** - Travis Middle School - Irving ISD
Emerging Leader Award: **Jennifer Vilbig, EIT**
Outstanding Outreach Event: **Etiquette Creative – Fashion Camp**

The Dallas SWE Booth at the Perot Museum of Nature & Science during Engineers Week in Feubary.

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