PRESIDENT'S LETTER
by Amy Gum

Hello SWE-KC! We’ve launched into another great fiscal year, and I’m excited about all the things in front of us. We’ve already gathered for two excellent meet & greets and hosted our 3rd annual professional development conference, WE KC, “Growing Up: Continuing Development Throughout Your Career”. Thank you to our event hosts and to the WE KC planning team who worked so hard this summer to plan the event. I also want to thank everyone who attended these events. It is a delight to see and get to know the new faces and members to SWE-KC.

Things are growing with SWE. SWE has made changes to the governance structure to propel SWE from a national group to a broader international organization. One of the most visible changes is the dissolution of the regions. You’ve probably seen some of the effects with the introduction of WE Local conferences last year, replacing regional conferences. This is an exciting time to be part of SWE! As part of this change, our section needs to update our by-laws, and this will require a vote by the section membership. Watch your inboxes in
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October and November for this crucial vote. Also, please be patient with us as we work to remove references to Region i from our website and other communications.

Speaking of WE local conferences, there are two WE local conferences near Kansas City this year. WE Local St. Louis will be held March 1-2 and WE Local Denver will be held March 15-16. These conferences provide opportunities to gather valuable leadership and technical information, expand your network, and explore new career opportunities. Stay tuned to your email inbox for possible scholarship opportunities from SWE-KC to help with travel costs to attend these conferences.

Let’s get back to what’s happening around Kansas City. Earlier this year, the SWE-KC leadership team met to set our goals for the fiscal year. We will maintain our four areas of focus. Here are some of our goals within those areas:

- Professional Development – In addition to WE KC, host two smaller events focused on professional development.
- Outreach – Impact 450 students through K-12 Outreach
- Networking – In addition to the events above, host at least one event each month. Events will be varied and include at least one service project and multiple meet & greets
- Recognition – Nominate SWE-KC members and programs for WE Local Awards, a Society Award, and the SWE Mission award. We’d also like to gain visibility to all the great things women engineers are doing around Kansas City. Nominate yourself or a friend for recognition [1]!

We’re always looking for people to lend a hand to help accomplish our goals. If you can lend an hour or more, please let us know by dropping us a line here [2]. SWE is what we make of it and helping out with our initiatives is an excellent way to develop leadership and professional skills, work closely with some amazing SWE-KC folks, and inspire the next generation to aspire, advance, and achieve. We are especially interested in someone to help out with our social media accounts to share all of the great things happening with SWE-KC.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event! Check out the events section of the newsletter to see what’s coming up. Don’t hesitate to contact SWE-KC at swe.kc.mail@gmail.com or a member of the leadership team to let us know how we can best serve you and the organization.

"...inspire the next generation to aspire, advance, and achieve"

— AMY GUM,
SWE-KC FY19 PRESIDENT

Until next time,

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[1] Recognize yourself or another engineer for a personal or professional accomplishment: https://airtable.com/shv2EeS3VYUoeJm8oJ

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WE KC 2018
GROWING UP: CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT YOUR CAREER

by Myette Simpson

In August, SWE-KC hosted its annual WE KC professional development event. Co-hosted by Burns & McDonnell, this event drew over 100 professionals from the Kansas City area for a night of conversation and reflection on the theme “Growing-Up: Continuing Development Through Your Career”. SWE-KC had the privilege of hosting Leslie Duke, the group president and general manager of Houston, Austin, and Oklahoma City Burns & McDonnell sites. Leslie shared her story along with thoughtful tips and tricks when planning short term and long-term goals. She also provided her top books that were key while reaching and hitting her goals in upper level management. Leslie’s insightful and personal story of her progression through Burns & McDonnell provided an impactful launching ground for the breakout sessions soon after.

Stories from shakers and movers at various engineering firms and Kansas City filled the rest of the night. The diverse topics framing each break out session provided a space for attendees to dial in on a topic that fit their personal career goal. These discussions touched on management growth, learning opportunities, paving a career that fits your needs, and much more. In mist of all the thoughtful conversation and learning opportunities, there was still time for goodies along the way. A networking dinner was held before the keynote and desserts during break. As a successful WE KC ends for 2018, SWE-KC is excited for the future years to come!

CONGRATS TO THE WE KC COMMITTEE FOR ORGANIZING SUCH A SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

SHOUTOUT TO JANE KNOCHE FOR HER GENEROSITY!

"When I announced Jane’s anonymous donation for 2 free SWE memberships at WE KC 2018, there was an audible gasp from the audience, followed by loud applause. It was such a generous gesture! We are lucky to have Jane Knoche as an active member of SWE-KC, and I’m glad that she is letting us recognize her!" – Sunita Lavin
JULY | BREWERY EMPIRAL
by Suzy Corria

July 17, 2018. It was a dreary day but that didn’t stop the SWE-KC gals from going out and having some fun! There was a last minute venue change, and everyone met up at Brewery Emperial. Nine ladies attended. We all sat outside enjoying what we could of the day. Okay, we eventually broke down and had to run for cover as the rain started. We had a terrific waiter attending to us. Stories were swapped and new friends were met. Thank you to Stacy Friling for hosting.

SEPTEMBER | MARTIN CITY BREWING
by Aswathi Pradeep

We had a great meet-and-greet in September at Martin City Brewery. Over 15 women met up after what felt like (to me at least) a long Thursday to decompress and enjoy each other’s company. The pizzas and flatbreads were delicious and the wide variety of beers made us promise we’d come back another day to try more. There were many new and familiar faces and we all went home with full bellies and new mates. Thank you to Becca Brader for hosting - it was a great choice!
NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWE-KC SECTION SCHOLARSHIP

Thanks to the generous endowment from SWE Fellow Cheri Leigh, Kansas State University junior Cierra Cowley, who is studying electrical engineering, received the SWE Kansas City Section Scholarship. Congrats, Cierra!

RECOGNITIONS

HELP US RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESSES OF SWE-KC MEMBERS!

LET US KNOW HERE: AIRTABLE.COM/SHR2EES3YY5EJM8EJ

LEND A HAND!

Want to get more involved with SWE-KC? Drop us a line here to let us know:
airtable.com/shrFWIKhRYnEXGAp

IGED Jr. is looking for female engineers to be mentors to middle schoolers on November 9, 2018. Mentors will help guide the students through the day’s activities and show them how awesome engineering is! If you can’t make the entire day, we are also looking for dedicated volunteers to help out at various time slots. Visit kcsweiged.blogspot.com to learn more.

SWE-KC is amping up our social media presence, and we are looking to fill the Social Media Chair position. Fill out the AirTable link above to express your interest!

SWE-KC MEETS UP AT THE STEMMY AWARDS LUNCHEON

The ladies of SWE-KC met up at the Central Exchange’s STEMMy Awards Luncheon on September 27, 2018, and cheered on as fellow SWE-KC members Kerrie Greenfelder and Amy Gum received their Rising Trendsetter awards. Congrats to these two amazing trendsetters!

LARGE EVENT MEETUPS

ARE YOU ATTENDING AN UPCOMING LARGE EVENT (E.G. WE18, WE LOCAL) AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET UP WITH OTHER SWE-KC MEMBERS?

LET US KNOW HERE: AIRTABLE.COM/SHRNFI5BOYNMASQHL

KEEP UP WITH US ON THE WEB!

SWE-KC IS NOW ON ALL THE FOLLOWING POPULAR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

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