

January 25th, 2024

See All Upcoming Events on the
Website Calendar

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Happenings Blog

DRUMROLL PLEASE...NEW WEBSITE!

Take a look at our new website layout at houston swe.org

Please bear with us during this transition - things may look odd at times, but don't worry, we are working it!



Upcoming Events

February Coffee + Networking

Join us for our February coffee + networking at Qahwah House. Attendees are responsible for their own beverages.

Date: Saturday, February 3rd, 2024

Time: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: Qahwah House (232 Hwy 6 Sugar Land, TX 77478)

Price: FREE for all prospective & current members



Register for Coffee Here

Young Engineer of the Year Celebration

Come celebrate SWE-Houston's Young

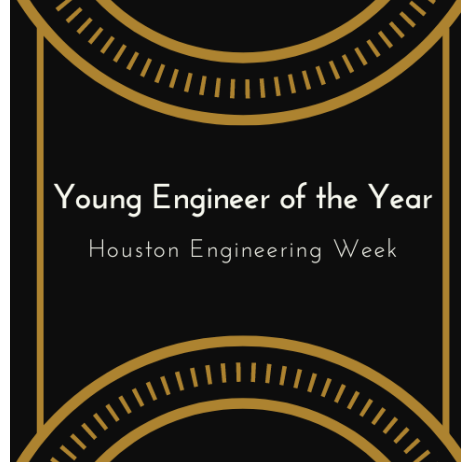
Engineer of the Year, Katherine Hoerner, at the Young Engineer of the Year Casino Night! Congratulations, Katherine!

Date: Monday, Feb 19th, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Norris Conference Center - Houston/CityCentre (816 Town and Country Blvd, Suite 210, Houston, TX 77024)

Price: \$43



[Register for the YEOY Casino Night](#)

Society of Women Engineers (SWE)

Katherine Hoerner is a Mechanical Asset Engineer who is responsible for the availability and reliability of assets within the Hydrochloric Acid unit at Covestro, LLC. Over the course of her 9 years in the chemical industry, Katherine has held roles in project management and process safety, earning her Project Management Professional Certification in 2017. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University at Buffalo. Katherine has a passion for STEM outreach and has held multiple outreach leadership positions for her company and SWE-HA. For the last two years, Katherine has served as the VP of Outreach at SWE-HA and has enjoyed sharing her passion for engineering with students and introducing them to the many opportunities that careers in STEM offer. She has successfully led the last three signature SWE-HA Introduce a Girl to Engineering events which served young girls all around the Houston area.



Katherine Hoerner, PMP

SWE-HA Annual Membership Brunch

Come join SWE-Houston Area for our annual Membership Brunch held at The Houston Museum of Natural Science Morian Overlook! Kick off 2024, connect with other members, and find ways to get involved! Breakfast food and beverages will be served. A general museum admission ticket is also included with registration so you can explore the museum after!

Date: Saturday, February 24th, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Houston Museum of Natural Science (5555 Hermann Park Dr. Houston, TX 77030)

Price: Members: \$15, Non-Members: \$30



[Register for Brunch Here](#)

The Reprise

Breaking Barriers: Stories of Triumph on the Technical Career Path

Wednesday, Feb. 28th
6-8pm
Rice Campus - Duncan Hall

Leteshia Lowe
*Sr. Technical Staff
Member - IBM*



Ankita Majumder
*Research Scientist
- Dow Inc.*



Kim Padeletti
*Head, Energy Data
Platforms - AWS*



Moderated by Catherine Dorsi
*Sr. R&D Engineering
Specialist - Dow Inc.*

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Professional Development Panel

Join us for a panel event featuring stories of triumph on the technical career path. This panel lineup was a success at WE23 and we are excited to share it with you!

Date: Wednesday, February 28th, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Rice University - Duncan Hall (6100 Main St., Houston, TX 77005)

Price: Members: \$10, Non-Members: \$15

[Register For Breaking Barriers Panel](#)



International Women's Day Celebration

Houston is one of the most diverse cities in the world, making SWE-HA one of the most diverse sections of the Society of Women Engineers. Join us at our International Women's Day Celebration to honor all the amazing women engineers that have found their way to Houston on Friday March 8th, 2024. Our Keynote Speaker is Dianne Eldridge - check out her bio below!

*If you are interested in purchasing a table, please contact the VP-Internal via email.
vp_internal@houstonswe.org

Date: Friday, March 8th, 2024

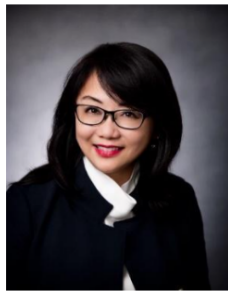
Time: 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Location: The Junior League of Houston - The Tea Room (1811 Briar Oaks Lane, Houston, TX 77027)

Price: Early Bird Rates (Close February 1st, 2024) - Member: \$40 | Non-Member: \$55

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

SPEAKER:
DIANNE ELDRIDGE
MBA, B. ENG, B. COMM



Dianne Eldridge is currently the worldwide business development leader

at Amazon Web Services (AWS) for Industrial AI/Machine Learning. Before this post, Dianne spent twenty-one years with Emerson, as executive director of the Strategic Business Unit.

Dianne had the global responsibilities of a multi-hundred-million-dollar manufacturing portfolio in the United States, China, and Italy. She was part of the executive leadership team of the complete actuation business. Dianne is a first-generation immigrant, and her parents are Indonesian Chinese. She grew up in Beijing, China, lived and worked in Canada, China, Singapore, and the United States and is married to her Canadian/IT executive/Navy officer/MBA husband. She is a full-time working mom of a son and a daughter. Both children are recent graduates of STEM majors and have started their engineering careers. Dianne Eldridge is a 2011 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin MBA program. She also holds two bachelor's degrees in biomedical engineering and commerce from China and Canada.

Friday, March 8th
**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY
CELEBRATION**

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS
HOUSTON AREA

REGISTER: [HTTPS://LP.CONSTANTCONTACTPAGES.COM/EV/REG/Q4JXX49](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/Q4JXX49)



From the SWE-HA Team

Win a **SUITE FOR 14 PEOPLE**
to a 2024* *Rockets Game!*



* Date of weekday game to be mutually agreed upon with suite owner (most games from March to May available)

\$25 **\$100**
1 ticket *5 tickets*

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Drawing held at the
Engineer of the Year Gala

**Includes food
& drink!**

**Do not have to be
present to win!**

Raffle: Win a SUITE FOR 14 PEOPLE to a 2024 Rockets Game!

Drawing will be held at the Engineer of the Week Gala on 02/23/2024. Do not have to be present to win! Includes food & drink. Date of weekday game to be mutually agreed upon with suite owner (most games from March to May available).

\$25 for 1 ticket / \$100 for 5 tickets - Purchase tickets using the QR code or direct link below and make sure to add "SWE" under the "Organization" filed.

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

SWE'S NEW AWARDS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Awards & Recognition Program Structure

There are no changes to Collegiate Competitions and SWENext Awards under the new awards structure.

These competitions and awards will still take place at Annual and WE Local conferences.

PREVIOUS SWE AWARDS PROGRAMS

NEW SWE AWARDS PROGRAMS

Deadline March 1, 2024

The nomination deadline for the SWE Awards Program is March 1, 11:59 p.m. CT. Awards will be presented at the WE24 Annual Conference Oct. 24-26. Please note the deadline change to March 1. The SWE Awards Program offers 33 different awards. Contact Susan Howes, SWE HA Awards Chair, at c.susan.howes@gmail.com if you have a candidate(s) to nominate. For more information: <https://swe.org/awards/swe-awards-program/>



SWE-HA 2024 Awards Deadline February 16, 2024

The Society of Women Engineers strives to advance and honor the contributions of women at all stages of their careers as well as recognize the successes of SWE members and individuals who enhance the engineering profession through contributions to industry, education and the community.

SWE HA is happy to announce our 2024 Awards Program. We are looking to recognize our members in the following four categories:

- **Career Achievement Award**
- **Community Outreach Award**
- **Exemplary Leader Award**
- **SWE HA New Member Award**

Applicants must be active SWE-HA members and have attended at least one event within the current fiscal year. Information for each award category and to submit nominations, visit the [**Awards Form**](#). Nominations will be accepted through **Friday, February 16th 2024** and winners will be announced at the SWE HA End of Year Celebration.

If you have any questions please reach out to Andria Carpenter at vp_internal@houston swe.org.

Society of Women Engineers
Houston Area

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

OPEN NOW THUR MARCH 1, 2024
Senior High School Female Students
& Current Undergraduate Students

WILL BE AWARDING OVER 24 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
OVER \$68,000 INCLUDING A RENEWABLE ANNUAL
\$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY CHEMOURS
TO APPLY VISIT WWW.HOUSTONSWE.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS



SWE-HA Scholarship Applications Open Deadline March 1, 2024

SWE-HA is now accepting applications for scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year. SWE-HA wants to recognize the amazing work that Houston area students do and encourages females to pursue engineering related fields! SWE Houston has been awarding scholarships to deserving students in the Greater Houston area for over 30 years. Scholarships are given based on online merit applications along with letters of recommendation and reviews of resumes. Scholarships for Fall 2024 Freshman and Sophomore/Junior/Senior Female students pursuing an engineering or engineering related major are available.

Please visit the [scholarship page on our website](#) to submit applications.



WE24 Call for Participation Deadline March 11, 2024

WE24 Call for Participation for breakout sessions are now open! Learn more about this opportunity on the [SWE website](#). Submissions are due by March 11, 2024. We know this is a competitive process and want you to know SWE-HA is here for you! We can provide support for this process whether that is identifying potential panel members or reviewing abstract submissions. Reach out to Amanda Cain at president@houstonwe.org with questions.

Volunteer Opportunities

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THINK LIKE AN
Engineer
BADGE DAYS

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Volunteer at our Think Like an Engineer Badge Days!

Volunteer with us at one of our upcoming Think Like an Engineer Badge Days with the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto, sponsored by The Chemours Company. Volunteers will help lead ~30 girl scouts through (3) hands on activities introducing them to different engineering disciplines and STEM concepts to earn their Think Like an Engineer badge.

Saturday March 2nd, 2024: 09:00 AM to 12:30 PM (Brownies)

Saturday March 23rd, 2024: 09:00 AM to 12:30 PM (Daisies)

Saturday April 20th, 2024: 09:00 AM to 01:00 PM (Juniors)

Location: 3000 Southwest Fwy, Houston, TX 77098

[Register to Volunteer Here](#)

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR OF HOUSTON



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17TH, 2024
12:30 PM – 04:30 PM

Join us to judge and award SWE-HA's Aspire Award to (2) female students whose projects at the Science and Engineering Fair of Houston exhibit outstanding engineering skills and thought processes.

Location:
Fort Bend Epicenter
28505 Southwest Fwy,
Rosenberg, TX 77471

VOLUNTEER NOW!



[Register to Volunteer as a SEFH Judge](#)

CALL FOR FY24 CHAIR AND COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Call for FY24 Volunteers! Are you interested in any of these positions?

Open Volunteer Role: Newsletter Chair

Would you like to have a more active role in our SWE-HA section? Does the role of creating and editing our biweekly newsletter spark your interest? Then this Chair position is for you!

If you are interested or have questions about this position, please contact Secretary Katherine

Yolitz via email at secretary@houston swe.org.

Brief Role Summary: The Newsletter Chair works with the Secretary to advertise all of our events and activities to our SWE-HA section. This Chair is needed to edit the newsletter and send out in a timely manner every two weeks to maintain engagement with our section and communicate all of the awesome things we do! The Newsletter Chair will work with the Secretary and Executive Council to create newsletters that best showcase our section activity.

SWE HA FY24 Committee Interest Form



Society of Women Engineers - Houston Area Section | P.O. Box 1355, Houston, TX 77251

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