

February 22nd, 2024

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Website Calendar

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Happenings Blog



## DRUMROLL PLEASE...NEW WEBSITE!

Take a look at our new website layout at [houston.swe.org](https://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

## Professional Development Panel

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  
Room #1070 (6100 Main  
St., Houston, TX 77005)

**Price:** Members: \$10,  
Non-Members: \$15,  
Students: FREE (Please

request code)

**The Reprise**

### Breaking Barriers: Stories of Triumph on the Technical Career Path

Come hear from a panel of trailblazers who are breaking through the barriers to plot their own technical careers. This multi-industry panel will help you navigate through limits and triumph over failures by providing guidance and examples from different points along the career path, from the first stepping stone to corporate technical leader. The panelists will discuss how to guide the development of your unique technical career.

**Catherine Dorsi**  
(Moderator)  
Senior R&D Specialist  
Dow Inc.

**Leteshia Lowe**  
Senior Technical Engineer  
IBM

**Ankita Majumder**  
Research Scientist  
Dow Inc.

**Kim Padeletti**  
Energy Data Platforms Head  
AWS

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**28 Feb 2024 6-8 PM**  
Rice Campus - Duncan Hall

[Register For Breaking Barriers Panel](#)

## March Coffee + Networking

Join us for our March coffee + networking at Eden Plant Co. Open to members and non-members.

**Date:** Saturday, March 2nd, 2024  
**Time:** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM  
**Location:** Eden Plant Co. (3401 Harrisburg Boulevard, Houston, TX 77003)  
**Price:** FREE (Attendees are responsible for their own beverages)



[Register for Coffee Here](#)

## 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 on our [LinkedIn](#), Instagram, and Facebook pages!

**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:** Member: \$55 | Non-Member: \$70  
**Dress Code:** Professional Cocktail

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

## March Book Club

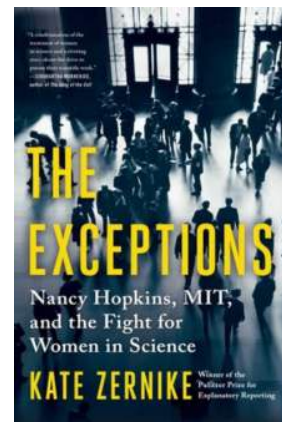
Join your SWEsters in reading *The Exceptions: Nancy Hopkin, MIT and the Fight for Women in Science* by Nancy Hopkins by Kate Zernike. We will be discussing the book virtually.

**Date:** Tuesday, March 26th, 2024

**Time:** 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Location:** Virtual - MS Teams

**Price:** Free



[Register Here](#)

# From the SWE-HA Team

## SWE Awards Program Nomination Applications 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](mailto:c.susan.howes@gmail.com) if you have a candidate(s) to nominate. For more information: <https://swe.org/awards/swe-awards-program/>

## Call for SWE-HA 2024 Local Award Nominations Deadline March 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 **Saturday, March 16th 2024** and winners will be announced at the SWE HA End of Year Celebration. **\*Self-nominations are fully supported!**

If you have any questions please reach out to Andria Carpenter at [vp\\_internal@houston swe.org](mailto:vp_internal@houston swe.org).



## 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 and engineering or engineering related major are available.

Please visit the [scholarship page on our website](http://www.houstonswe.org/scholarships) 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](http://www.houstonswe.org). **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@houstonswe.org](mailto:president@houstonswe.org) with questions.

# Volunteer Opportunities

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:** Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council Shop (3000 Southwest Fwy, Houston, TX 77098)



[Register to Volunteer Here](#)

## SWENext Volunteers Needed:

Volunteer with us at our upcoming SWENext monthly meet-ups! We are in need of Environmental Engineers to help lead students through a hands-on activity. Please use the link to sign up if you are interested or reach out to us at [swenext@houstonswe.org](mailto:swenext@houstonswe.org) if you have any questions.

**Environmental Engineering Session:** Saturday, April 13th, 2024

**Time:** 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**Location:** One Westchase Center, 10777 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77042

**Price:** FREE

[Register to Volunteer with SWENext](#)

## 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@houstonswe.org](mailto:secretary@houstonswe.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 Committee to create newsletters that best showcase our section activity.

[SWE HA FY24 Committee Interest Form](#)



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