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FY25 SWE-HA Executive Committee and New BOT Member

SWE-HA is happy to announce our FY25 Executive Committee and new BOT Member!

Executive Committee

President: Katherine Hoerner

Vice President, Internal: Erin Smith

Vice President, External: Kavitha Bhat

Vice President, Outreach: Kalie Makowski

Secretary: Andria Carpenter

Treasurer: Catherine Dorsi

Board of Trustees: Victoria Herman

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming our incoming Executive Committee and BOT member. We are excited for FY25 which will begin July 1st.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Cain at nominations@houstonswe.org

Upcoming Events

End of Year Celebration

Join us at Grotto Ristorante (Galleria) on Westheimer to celebrate the end of

FY24! We want to recognize all of our volunteers and award recipients.

Date: Saturday, June 8th, 2024

Time: 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Location: Grotto Ristorante (4715 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77027)

Price: Free (For Members) & \$10 (For Non-Members)

[Register Here](#)

From the SWE-HA Team

Congratulations Inaas!



**FY25 SWE
President Elect!**

SWE-HA is so excited that our very own members, Inaas Darrat has been elected as the FY25 President Elect of the Society of Women Engineers! Congratulations Inaas! We can't wait to see where you take SWE and know that SWE-HA is supporting you all the way!

May 2024 Member Spotlight



This month SWE-HA is spotlighting, Leteshia Lowe, for her dedication to K-12 STEM outreach. Leteshia spearheaded the Society of Women Engineers Houston Area Section's first SWENext group this fiscal year. By providing monthly programs for middle to high school students on differing engineering disciplines, she has made significant impact in bringing engineering to young girls within the Houston Area and further expanded SWE-HA's reach to the next generation of women engineers.

Leteshia Lowe is a Senior Technical Staff Member (STSM) at IBM, where she is responsible for testing of the IBM FlashSystem product family, an all-flash enterprise storage platform. She has over 20 years of experience in hardware and firmware test focused on storage solutions, data backup and more recently Flash memory. As a technical test specialist, Leteshia provides debug and failure investigation, strategic test management and innovative Reliability, Availability and Serviceability (RAS) testing solutions, while helping to mentor new employees to the overall team.

As a first-generation college student, Leteshia is passionate about encouraging and motivating women to pursue careers in engineering by sharing her journey. She is currently on the Advisory Board for the NSBE Houston Professional Chapter Outreach Zone and chair of the SWENext Committee for SWE Houston Area Section, hosting monthly STEM sessions; working to increase STEM access to minorities and underrepresented communities. Leteshia is a past Pre-collegiate Initiative Chair of the NSBE Houston Professional Chapter, past Vice President of Outreach and FY23 President of the SWE Houston Area section. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from HBCU Tennessee State University and a Master of Education degree in Secondary Education from the University of Arizona. When not engaged in her varied volunteer activities, Leteshia enjoys movies, bike riding, and spending time with family.

Renew Your SWE Membership Today!



It's time to renew your SWE membership for fiscal year 2025, which begins July 1!

Renew today and use code **EBIRDFY25** to receive \$5 off your FY25 membership

Now is a great time to check that you are registered as an official SWE-Houston Area member! To do so check that the Community Group in your profile says "Houston Area". If it does not, send an email to membership@swe.org to request an update to your Community Group.

Looking forward to an exciting FY25!

Volunteer Opportunities

Robotics Team Mentors Need for Incarnate Word Academy

Incarnate Word Academy is starting a FTC Robotics Team and is looking for 4-6 Engineers to serve as Engineering mentors for their new team next year. IWA is would love to recruit at least 2 mechanical engineers and at least 2 software or computer programming engineers, to help mentor the team.

Time commitment would be from 4 pm to 6:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and on occasional Saturdays for build days and robotics meet days (*about once a month on a Saturday*). IWA is located at 609 Crawford Street, Houston, 77002. We are right across from Minute Maid Park, between Capital, Texas, Crawford, and Jackson streets.

If you are interested in getting more information about being a mentor, please reach out to Ann Marie Girardot, Incarnate Word Academy Engineering and Robotics teacher at agirardot@incarnateword.org

Are you interested in getting more involved with SWE-HA? If so, reach out to us or fill out the FY25 Committee Interest Form linked below!

[SWE HA FY25 Committee Interest Form](#)



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