



June 27, 2024

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# Upcoming Events

## Daikin Tech Tour

Please join us for a tech tour at Daikin. There will be a networking breakfast followed by a tour of the facilities. PPE details can be found in the registration link.

**Date:** Friday, July 12th, 2024

**Time:** 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**Location:** Daikin (19001 Kermier Road, Walle, TX 77484)

**Price:** Free (For Members & Non-Members)

[Register Here](#)



Bring your summer interns and join your SWE family for an evening of networking and mocktails at Wooster's Garden on Thursday, July 18th!

**Date:** Thursday, July 18th, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Location:** Wooster's Garden (3315 Milam St, Houston, TX 77006)

**Price:** Free (For Members & Non-Members)

[Register Here](#)

## From the SWE-HA Team

### Thank you for a Wonderful FY24!

As we close out FY24, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone including the committee chairs, committee members, BOT members, volunteers and especially the executive board for making this a great year. I appreciate every single person who has helped out at any level, and we could not possibly run this section without the help, support and donation of your time, energy and effort. We've had an awesome year, with a number of events including hosting our first annual International Women's Day.

SWE-HA is closing out the year with over 900 members! We hope to see you all at future events, and don't forget to tell your friends and colleagues about our section! The Houston Area section is the largest professional section and we all should be proud of the sponsorship and promotion of SWE to the local Houston community. On that note, don't forget to renew your SWE membership if you haven't done so yet! And please double check that your "Community Group" is listed as "Houston Area".

Our goal this year was to *Understand What Our SWE-HA Members Love to help us continue to build off previous years' momentum and produce even higher quality events.* We want to know what you love most about our events and use this information to continue to improve what SWE-HA offers. We created an **end of year survey** that we would appreciate you taking time to fill out. It should only take a couple minutes, and any feedback you can provide will be very helpful as the FY25 Executive Council begins their planning for the upcoming fiscal year. We spent the year updating and optimizing many processes thanks to feedback we were able to gather throughout the fiscal year.

It has been an honor to be in this leadership role with SWE-HA. I'm very thankful for the experiences and opportunities provided through this role. I encourage everyone to consider volunteering in leadership roles within the section and take the opportunity to grow your leadership skills. (Shameless plug here, if you are interested in volunteering in FY25, please fill out the **SWE-HA FY25 Committee Interest Survey**) Please join us in

supporting our incoming Executive Committee and BOT members. We are excited for FY25 which begins July 1st.

Executive Committee  
President - Katherine Hoerner  
Vice President, Internal - Andria Carpenter  
Vice President, External - Kavitha Bhat  
Vice President, Outreach - Kalie Makowski  
Secretary - Andria Carpenter  
Treasurer - Catherine Dorsi  
Board of Trustees - Victoria Herman

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the FY25 kickoff event in August. Have a great summer!

Amanda Cain  
President, FY24

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## Renew Your SWE Membership Today!

A flyer for SWE Houston Area membership renewal. The background is dark purple with a pattern of small yellow gear icons. In the center is a white rectangular box containing the SWE logo (three interlocking gears in grey, yellow, and white) and the text 'swe™ Society of Women Engineers Houston Area'. Below the logo, the text reads: '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.', and 'Looking forward to an exciting FY25!'.

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## June 2024 Member Spotlight



Julie Surfus is a Senior Energy Engineer for Siemens Smart Infrastructure, helping customers throughout the US identify and take action towards their decarbonization goals. She helps quantify and implement energy efficiency strategies and clean energy solutions through a sustainability consulting approach. Prior to joining Siemens, Julie spent 8 years at Dow in hydrocarbons manufacturing as a Process Automation Team Lead followed by a Supply Chain Manager role. She was selected to participate in the Dow Sustainability Academy and helped execute corporate sustainability initiatives. She is a continuous learner, fueled by her passion for travel and the outdoors.

Julie holds a degree in Chemical and Biological Engineering from the University of Colorado - Boulder where she began her involvement with SWE in 2010. She served as the collegiate section Vice President for 2 terms, leading the flagship Evening with Industry event. As an alumna, she enjoys mentoring and being a Houston Area Engineering Ambassador. As a SWE Houston Area professional member, she has participated on the Professional Development Committee, acted as a Networking Committee Co-chair, and will be doing her second term as the Professional Development Chair for FY24. Her career path began with an internship awarded at the WE12 National Conference and came full circle participating as both a speaker and exhibitor at WE22.

As Professional Development Chair, Julie hosted 3 successful events throughout this fiscal year. What made these events extra special was the partnerships Julie and her team secured with local companies (SABIC and AlliantGroup) and universities (Rice University). These partnerships have extended the reach of SWE's mission beyond members to the greater Houston community.

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# Volunteer Opportunities

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## **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](mailto:agirardot@incarnateword.org)

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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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