What is SWE?

A bit on what the Society of Women Engineers is all about

The Society of Women Engineers is a nonprofit educational and service organization that empowers women to succeed and advance in the field of engineering, and to be recognized for their life-changing contributions as engineers and leaders. Founded in 1950, SWE is the driving force that establishes engineering as a highly desirable career for women through an exciting array of training and development programs, networking opportunities, scholarships, outreach and advocacy activities, and much more.*

As a member of the Cal chapter, you have the opportunity to build a support network of friends in a highly competitive environment and field. Furthermore, you get the chance to pass on your love for engineering, and have some really good times along the way!

*Taken from swe.org (about SWE section)
Meet Your Officers

The Execs!

President: Sara LaVigna  
EECS 2012  
Hometown: Beltsville, MD

Vice President: Elina Lin  
MechE 2013  
Hometown: Rowland Heights, CA

VP Outreach: Supada Sritanyaratana  
BioE 2013  
Hometown: Union City, CA

VP Corporate Relations: Constance Lu  
EECS 2012  
Hometown: San Jose, CA

Secretary: Tracy Chuong  
BioE 2012  
Hometown: San Leandro, CA

Treasurer: Deirdre Chen  
MSE 2013  
Hometown: Newark, CA

*Got a joke you want to share? Send it to amyzhang92@berkeley.edu*
Back to School Tips
1. Stay Organized- It’s easy lose your footing at the beginning of the year, being overwhelmed with everything. Try to keep track of all the things you have to do. You’ll thank yourself for it later.

2. Go to Class and Office Hours- You might think you don’t need the help, or that attending lecture is optional, but take it from someone who has had the experience, there’s nothing wrong with asking for help and it never hurts to go to class.

3. Have some fun! – Don’t forget to take some time off for yourself. Hang out with friends, attend some SWE socials, there’s always time to enjoy yourself a bit. Besides, it’s good for your mental health ☺
Want to Get Involved with SWE?

Join a committee! Below is a list of 4 committees you can be a part of and a bit on what they do:

1. Public Relations: If you’ve got a creative side that’s dying to shine, come join PR committee! You can help write the GM newsletters, design flyers, and promote SWE throughout campus.

2. Outreach: In outreach committee, you will have the opportunity to chair and volunteer at events that introduce engineering to young girls. Through planning fun science activities such as making mini catapults, contacting professors give presentations, and speaking to Cal engineers to rally up volunteers, outreach committee is a wonderful place to gain leadership experience and make friends! Come check it out or email Supada at supada@berkeley.edu if you have questions!

3. EWI: Evening with Industry provides students with an opportunity to meet and mingle with company representatives. Beginning with a career fair, EWI then provides students with the unique opportunity of engaging with the company of their choice over a delicious three-course meal dinner. This year’s EWI will be held on the evening of Thursday, November 10 at the Berkeley Marina. Join the EWI Committee to get involved with this popular SWE event! Applications may be found at http://tiny.cc/nid09 and are due September 5th. Email questions to ewi.berkeley@gmail.com.

4. Inter-societal/Social: If you are interested in helping your fellow SWE members plan social and intersocietal events, this committee is for you! New members are always welcome.

Also, don’t forget to join our mailing list by visiting swe.berkeley.edu. By doing so, you will receive weekly emails about upcoming events and how to get more involved with SWE! For more information about national SWE membership and **If you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter please email suggestions to amyzhang92@berkeley.edu**