Hi everyone!

Welcome back to spring semester. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable winter break! These next few months are a busy time for The Society of Women Engineers and I am so excited to kick it off with this first general meeting. If you haven't already, turn to the person next to you and introduce yourself! You may even have classes together and can find some new study buddies. Share with each other a goal you have for the semester!

You can expect a lot if you want to get involved in SWE. Our three main areas of focus are social/intersocietal events, professional development, and outreach. Committees exist for both general and specific areas. Special events coming up include Junior Spirit Solar Challenge, Mini University, and the ever popular Overnight Host Program. Our goal is to support and empower women to reach their full potential as engineers--we welcome anyone that is looking to help accomplish that.

Visit our website at www.swe.berkeley.edu to get more information on our events, committees, and much more. You can also find us on Facebook (UC Berkeley SWE). Again, thanks for coming tonight, and WELCOME!

Best,
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TOP 10 REASONS TO JOIN SWE! (IF YOU REALLY NEED CONVINCING)
BY Nicole Parker

1. SWE works towards equality and equal opportunity for women!
2. Great networking events like EWI!
3. Fun social events!
4. Fancy evenings like Winter Ball and Membership Gala!
5. Amazing free food
6. Meeting other women in engineering
7. Inspiring guest speakers at meeting
8. Workshops like PDW
9. Networking within and beyond SWE
10. National Conference!
Our first social event of the semester was Ir-Resistor-ble jewelry making, where we used cool tools and made some awesome bracelets out of resistors!

Membership Banquet in the Fall! Everyone had a great time eating yummy food - you can become a member online!

SWE Social Media
Snap some festive pics at GM and tag them on Instagram @ucb_swe to be featured on our page! Or email them to ucb.swe.pr@gmail.com.

FOLLOW US at ucb_swe!
UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS
BY KRISTAL CELIK

It’s not too late to lock in those summer internships! There are several wonderful opportunities coming up to take advantage of.

2015 Spring Career Fair: THIS Wednesday and Thursday, January 28th and 29th - RSF Field House Gym

Wednesday is labeled Engineering, Science and Technical Opportunities, while Thursday is labeled Business, Nonprofit and Public Service Opportunities, but there will be technical recruiting on Thursday as well, so head over to the RSF between 11am and 4pm to make an impression. Register online through Callisto to upload a resume and create a complete profile for companies to view. Some great companies will be attending, check out a full list on Callisto!

Career Center Mock Interviews: now through February 27th.

The UC Berkeley Career Center is hosting 45 minute mock interviews for engineering and technical undergraduate students. Students are allowed one mock interview per semester. Use this awesome resource as a no-risk practice round and get feedback from professionals.

Spring 2015 Internship Career Fair: February 18th and 19th - RSF Field House Gym

Wednesday is Engineering, Science & Technology Day, Thursday is Business, Nonprofit & Public Service day. Once again, check Callisto for the full list of employers, register for the event, and update your profile!

Professional Development Week Information!
BY HEATHER HUGHES

Are you still looking for a summer internship? Do you want to learn how to make yourself a better job candidate and find your best-fit career? Join us February 9th-February 12th for the first inaugural SWE Professional Development Week!

Each night of Professional Development Week (PDW) will feature a different workshop hosted by a different company. The workshops will be interactive and cater to your particular interests and needs. Each workshop will focus on a different aspect of career development and the week will conclude with a networking finale party where you can put all of your new skills to use and interact further with a number of companies in an informal career-fair-like setting.

RSVP to the facebook event “SWE Professional Development Week 2015” to learn more about this exciting series of events and stay updated throughout the week. Stay tuned to find out which great companies will be attending!

Monday, February 9th
Navigating a Career Fair & Perfecting Your Elevator Pitch
6:30PM-8PM 290 Hearst Memorial Mining Building

Tuesday, February 10th
Optimizing Your Resume & Cover-letter
6:30PM-8PM 240 Bechtel

Wednesday, February 11th
Finding Your Best-Fit Career & Company (SWE Alumni Panel)
6:30PM-8PM 290 Hearst Memorial Mining Building

Thursday, February 12th
Acing the Interview
6:30PM-8PM
290 Hearst Memorial Mining Building

Networking Finale Party
8PM-9:30PM
Hearst Memorial Mining Building Foyer
Note from the Editor:
Thank you all for coming out to the first General Meeting of the Spring Semester! To those of you returning, welcome back! To those of you who are new to SWE, WELCOME! You are here so you are already off to a great start in getting involved with this incredible organization. I can't emphasize enough how lucky I feel to be part of a group of such unique, driven, interesting and inspiring women. I encourage you to join a committee and a house, attend as many events as possible, and take advantage of all that SWE has to offer - especially the yummy food :) Have fun!

-Nicole