A WALK OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Hola Familia! It’s been a crazy year and the 2016 is almost coming to an end. Let’s look back at some of the events that the Society of Hispanic Engineers, the Rutgers Chapter, have hosted!

Hispanic Heritage Month By Nancy Contreras
Hispanic Heritage should be celebrated every month! But in light of this controversial opinion, the Society of Hispanic Engineers like to dedicate a meeting to celebrate the richness of the culture! Our Hispanic Heritage Celebration likes to bring to light the varied and rich traditions and cultures from Latin America, while also celebrating the new quirks that formed in the melting pot of the United States! As Latinx Americans, we are often exposed to other cultures. We mix and match traits from other countries, whether it be different food, slang, or music. We never leave our roots, but that doesn’t mean we don’t keep growing!

Cena Familia by Dilaram Ceynek
The Tuesday before Thanksgiving SHE likes to hold our own Thanksgiving, for our familia. To celebrate, we host a potluck for all the members and alumni to eat together as a family. This year we had wonderful food and different cultural desserts. The night began with everyone getting food and when we went around the table to give thanks, our own tradition. It was great to hear that everyone gave their thanks to their family, friends, peers and SHE!

Toastmasters by Quadri Lasisi
Many students have trouble speaking in front of an audience. Public speaking is a necessary skill to have in order to be an effective leader. Leadership development, one of the 5 pillars SHE has, is something SHE believes every engineering student must have in order to succeed once they graduate. With the collaboration of Toastmasters, students were able to learn tips on how to better improve their public speaking skills, practice those tips in front of a live audience, and receive some constructive criticism in order to improve on their public speaking skills in the future. Students were also given information on useful resources, on campus that they can utilize to take their public speaking skills to the next level.
BUILDING A BRIDGE TO OUR YOUNG FAMILIA

By Luis Coronel

Around this time of the year the Society of Hispanic Engineers host the Shadow Program. This is one of the main reasons why I decided to hold this position. I believe the outreach to our younger community is a major key to developing future generations in STEM fields.

The Shadow Program is a two night stay from Thursday to Saturday where students are exposed to different workshops and activities at Rutgers University. This year we made this event somewhat different. The Fall Shadow Program targets students in their senior year in high school. The purpose of the fall program is to inform them of the different resources that they will be offered at Rutgers or any college they decide to attend. Many students find it difficult transition from high school to college, therefore the fall Shadow Program offers the students workshops on how to take advantage on the tools given by their university and also our organization.

This program also hopes to inspire students to become part of the Rutgers community and ultimately the SHE familia at the university since we hold this event prior to the application deadline for Rutgers. We provide the students with tours of the campus and different facilities so they can see if Rutgers might be a perfect fit for them. Along with this, we have several engineering and team building competitions that bring the small group of students together during this short time and connect with one another. Some might even become long time friends in the future with each other or with any of the volunteers of the program that offer mentorship and advice throughout the three days. The attendees are able to express themselves through these activities and go back home with more passion to pursue a higher education and become part of our community and that is our main goal as an organization.
This year the SHPE National Conference was located in Seattle, Washington. SHE brought 37 students which was one of our highest attendances of all time! In addition, everyone that applied for sponsorship got some type of financial assistance. We had 22 members get interviews during the conference and over 8 received offers for an internship, co-op or full-time. On our final day in Seattle we toured Seattle going to the Space Needle, Chihuly Gardens, the Great Wheel and the Public Market. We toured with our world traveler alum, Javier Jaramillo. Overall, it was a successful business trip that was filled with fun and new experiences.

From the SHE members:
“This is one of my greatest experience!”
“I loved every minute of it and I can’t wait for Kansas City next year.”
“This conference definitely prepared me for the future.”
“This was beyond what I expected and definitely a highlight of my entire life”

“Everyone was helping each other whether it be late at night doing resumes/applications or researching companies together; I felt like we had great chapter bonding!”
ALUMNI COMES BACK TO RUTGERS

By Dilaram Ceynek

Our annual Alumni BBQ took place at Johnson Park this year on September 4th before the semester started. The barbeque was a nice way for our undergraduates to network with our alumni and to catch up with old friends. We started the afternoon off with some ice breakers to get everyone settled and introduced. We moved on to some great food made by grill expert executive board members, CJ Thompson and Carlos Quintero. After eating we had free time to play anything from soccer to football. Later, we came together for a great game of Mafia, though civilians lost but it was very close. We ended with a group picture and heartfelt goodbyes, until next year!

Our next alumni event took place October 7th in the Livingston student center, our annual Alumni Dinner. This is a sit-down dinner for our undergraduate members to network with alumni with some great dinner and better dessert. We started by introducing ‘The Word’ game which would be played through the duration of the night. Next, we had some ice-breakers, such as ‘The Cold Wind Blows’, which got our guests really moving. After settling back to our seats, we were able to enjoy the food and some conversation amongst ourselves. With the night coming to an end, we chose to play jeopardy to finish off the night. Though it was an intense game everyone involved had a great time. We also had a photo booth area set up throughout the night with a fall theme to it and well as great music. Can’t wait to see everyone again next year and hopefully many more.

A neutron walked into a bar and asked, "How much for a drink?"

The bartender replied, "For you, no charge."

Personal Branding By Youseff Hijazi

On November 1st, 2016 the Society of Hispanic Engineers held their weekly general body meeting. While these meetings topics range from academic development, to chapter development, this one focused on professional development. Specifically, the meeting discussed personal branding. In order to provide the best opportunity for students to learn about this important topic, the two executive board members, Charlton and Youseff, who were in charge of this meeting reached out to Vaishali Rathod, an experienced speaker in professional development for college students. Vaishali started by showing the audience pictures of famous people and brands and asked them what came to mind when they saw these people, in the interest to visually show people what a personal brand means. Then she explained how to use your personal brand by using an elevator pitch. At that time, people from the audience volunteered to present their elevator speech and the student with the best presentation received a pad folio. Lastly, Rathod discussed the importance of social media and how websites such as LinkedIn can go a long way in receiving a job opportunity. At the end of the meeting, the students were served pizza to express thanks for attending.
The Society of Hispanic Engineers (SHE), Society of Women Engineers (SWE), and Minority Engineering Education Task (MEET) are three dedicated engineering organizations that look to empower the underrepresented students at Rutgers University’s School of Engineering. Together they were able to join forces and plan the 31st Annual Engineering and Computer Science Career Fair, Hosted by SHE, SWE, MEET. This event has been the biggest one thus far and it looks to continue to grow. A total of 47 companies participated which included, Lockheed Martin, Goldman Sachs, PepsiCo, Northrop Grumman and more. There was a student attendance of over 1300 where many were able to land their dream internship, Co-op or even full time offer.

The planning began months in advance, where the three External Vice-Presidents along with the rest of their teams spent hours in meetings, making phone calls and reaching out to alumni. Every year the organizations hope to make the event the biggest it has ever been and they have not failed. I look forward to passing the torch to the next EVP so he or she can continue to thrive for success.
MEET THE EBOARD

Hey everyone! My name is Sirin Ceynek and I am the President of Society of Hispanic Engineers (SHE) for the 2016-2017 school year. I am a fourth year Chemical and Packaging Engineering student. I have been involved in SHE since my freshman year and I cannot explain how big of an impact and difference it has made in my life. Through SHE I was able to build my leadership and professional skills which helped me obtain my first Co-op with Dannon and my internship with Johnson and Johnson. From my first position as the activities chair to my last as the internal VP, I had the opportunity to organize the Date Auction and MultiCultural festival. Through SHE I received the Dean Ilene Rosen Scholarship for my hard work, passion and dedication for SHE. My passion for leading, helping others around me, and supporting them at all times has shown me that when you set your mind to it, you can accomplish it with hard work. I would like to thank my eboard, alumni, and Dean Rosen for always supporting me, without you guys I would not be the person I am today.

Hey everyone! My name is Ivy Chio and I am the Secretary and a 3rd year civil engineer. I was able to develop myself professionally for career fairs and strengthen my teamwork and leadership skills by being the secretary. I had a chance to go to Baltimore for the SHPE conference and it is one of my most unforgettable experience because I was able to network and meet SHE members in other regions! I have always loved helping others and by being part of SHE as a secretary, I not only get to help the members but also the E-board which makes me really happy at the end of the night. I never thought I would get this close to an organization as I did today. But now that I did, I do not regret any minute of it but in return I gained a Familia.

Hey everyone! My name is Nancy Contreras, and I am a second year students studying mechanical engineering. My ethnic background is a mix of Nicaraguan and Salvadorian, but I grew up in Paterson, NJ. I was exposed to the Society of Hispanic Engineers because of their EOF outreaches, where I saw a really fun organization. This further solidified as I continued to attend their activities throughout my freshmen year. The main thing that kept me in was how the organization makes a point to continuously help other people, whether they be other college students, K-12 students, and even older adults. I grew up in an area where progress seemed hopeless, so programs and organizations that try to impact and change those odds always have my support.

Hey everyone! My name is Luis Coronel, I am a third year Electrical and Computer Engineer major. I transfer from the school of arts and sciences during my freshman year. I found out about SHE through a flyer and decided to attend the meetings while I was doing my transition. I enrolled into the mentor mentee program and my mentor Chris Marin was able to guide me through this process since he had done the same. Ever since, I saw the many different resources that his organization can offer I want to be part of the familia. The community in SHE is very helpful and great overall but what attracted me the most was their outreach events to younger students. This was the reason I decided to be part of the eboard at community service chair. Ever since I took charge, this position has taught me several leadership skills that I have put in practice during interviews and projects. SHE has really impacted my college career and until this day every new friend that I make I encourage them to be part of this familia and will keep doing it for the years to come.

Hey everyone! My name is Quadri Lasisi and I am a third year mechanical engineering student here at Rutgers University. I was originally an electrical engineering student but due to a hospital visit my sophomore year I had to drop some major classes since I missed a lot of time in class. That gave me the opportunity to reevaluate on whether I really wanted to pursue a career in electrical engineering; after thorough research, I decided that mechanical engineer would be a better fit for me. Some of my hobbies include playing chess, lifting, and following the NBA. I first got involved with SHE in EOF, but didn’t really get involved until my sophomore when my friend CJ informed me of all the things you can benefit from the organization. Since sophomore year SHE has been an integral part of my life here as an engineering student.

My name is Ana Torres and I am a third year Civil Engineering student. I was born in Medellin, Colombia but moved to Dover, NJ at the age of 4. I am extremely connected to my roots and I am passionate about my culture and where I come from. SHE has been the perfect fit for me becoming my Familia away from home. Last year, I was the Academic Chair where I ran the mentorship program. This year I was lucky enough to be this organization’s External Vice-President I co-sponsored with SWE and MEET for our annual Engineering and Computer Science Career Fair. I look forward to continue to represent this wonderful organization as one of its Executive Board Members.

My name is CJ Thompson and I am a junior majoring in Civil Engineering. I am currently the Internal Vice President of this academic year I joined SHE the very beginning of my freshmen year because I met S.H.E during a high school outreach my senior year of high school. It was there, that I learned the opportunities they offered to help me develop my professional skills and to make some new friends. I was also given a great opportunity to go to the SHPE Conference in my freshman year.

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My name is Dilaram, the alumni Relations Chair. I am currently a sophomore studying electrical and computer engineering from Boonton, New Jersey. I am Uzbek-Turkish American. Being able to be part of the Rutgers Society of Hispanic Engineers I have met people that have aided me in my growth at this school, and been part of events that impacted myself in some cases and the community in others. I also had the opportunity to be sponsored to attend the National SHPE Conference and many other networking events that are helping me prepare for my future. I cannot wait for what SHE has in store for us in the future.

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Hi, I am Carlos Quintero and I am the EGC Representative for SHE. I am a third year Electrical and Computer Engineering major. I decided on my major because in today’s world everything around us is computerized and based on electronics and all of this seemed so alien to me. I wanted to understand how the devices we use every day are actually developed and what goes on inside of them. I was first introduced to SHE when I was participating in the EOF summer institute. One of my counselors was a very active member and she motivated me to be involved in SHE and attend the meetings. It has been an incredible experience because SHE has granted many opportunities. These include exposure to the professional world and the ability to meet hundreds of recruiters at the SHPE national conference. I have been given many opportunities to help others out as well which is something I really appreciate because if it wasn’t for the help I received, I wouldn’t be where I am today. Lastly, SHE has given me the opportunity to work very closely with many wonderful people on the executive board. All these individuals possess unique skills and ideas that I was able to pick up and apply to my own situations. Due to the amount of growth I’ve gained from it, I can definitely say that SHE is an organization like no other.

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My name is Jonathan Tumalle and I am the academic Chair currently in my first year pursuing a degree in Aerospace Engineering. I have been first introduced to SHE during my EOF when they came to provide an Engineering Challenge for us. I immediately resonated with them after seeing how strong of a bond they had with one another. They just gave off a very friendly and welcoming environment. So I felt like I had to go to their meetings so I have been to every single meeting since the beginning of last semester. Being part of SHE has allowed me to develop myself overall, which in turn made the whole transition into university life easier. Joining the E-board under Luis Rojas’s wing, last semester’s Alumni Relations Chair, has allowed me to really appreciate the work that goes into providing a home for people to grow and bond. Although jumping into an E-board position in the middle of the year was intimidating at first, Luis really helped me by being my mentor throughout the semester, demonstrating how SHE is a family that will always be there for one another. I look forward to continue giving back to SHE through my involvement.

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What is the best present you can receive for Christmas?

Which one of Santa's reindeer can be seen on Valentine's day?
Taking Engineering to Another Level

By Charlton Thompson

Xtreme Engineering is an event hosted to promote STEM and put group project experience towards our members’ resumes. Some of our members do not have much experience in engineering related group projects (especially the freshmen) so this is a way for them to gain the experience.

Accenture was the co-host and they bought multiple Lego sets for each group to build a house. Groups were split into 5-6 people. Each group had to assign roles which were 1 Project Manager (PM), 2-3 Designers and 2-3 Builders. Designers received instructions (plans) on how to build the house but could not touch the Lego Pieces, while the Builders were given instruction by the Designers on how to build the house but could not see the plans. PM’s guided the builders and designers and his/her opinion on how they should go about building.

Groups were given 40 minutes to complete this task and were graded on completeness of the house. Of the 5 groups only one finished completely, while many of the Lego houses looked as if they had been hit by a mini meteorites. All groups received cool prizes such as phone pockets, umbrellas, sunglasses and shirts. Everyone enjoyed the event and received a snippet of what it is like to work on a project for a firm.
Christopher Frias, Freshman class of 2020 wins Freshman of the Month

Current SHE member and Rutgers student working towards an aerospace engineering degree shows his interest and enthusiasm of being here at SHE due to his vast participation in many of our Fall events. We would like to take this time to thank him for being the most involved freshman of the semester. From being in the SHPE junior chapter at Union City High School to here at Rutgers University, he has shown great passion for engineering and now a part of our familia. With his strong motivation to succeed in the aerospace field, he lives by the quote “Dream Big, Live Bigger” hoping to one day open up his private engineering firm specializing in space exploration.

1 Why did you choose Rutgers University?
I had considered 2 schools prior to Rutgers which was Stevens and NJIT but in the end, I did not feel the college vibe that I would find at Rutgers. When I first visited Rutgers during the Rutgers symposium, I was drawn to it. I love the fact that Rutgers is like a very busy city filled with very diverse people. I love to see that everyone is so motivated and it eventually intrigued me to go to Rutgers. My brother, who is currently a Rutgers alumni, told me his perspective of the environment, culture and diversity which made me choose Rutgers in the end.

2 Why did you pick Aerospace engineering?
I chose Aerospace engineering because I love engineering and the process of something being built. When I was younger, I made a rocket and I love the idea that I could possibly make a rocket one day. When I knew that Rutgers officially offered Aerospace Engineering, I immediately knew what I was going to major in. I love adventuring and exploring new things and topics like space in specifically. I knew that aerospace is going to offer me that to the highest degree.

3 When and where did you hear about SHE?
I first heard about SHE in the SHPE Junior chapter. My advisor, who was the leader of SHPE chapter really guided me through high school. I also attended Noche de Ciencias at NJIT and I thought it was a really cool experience. It was great to hear about SHE in the university level. Everyone I met so far are very genuine. I love interacting with other future and current engineers as well as play different hands on engineering activities. Soon I became the secondary vice president of the SHPE Junior chapter. I am excited to see what there is to come at SHE here!
4. How has SHE helped you?
When I think of SHE, I never think of SHE as a student organization but rather as a family. When I come to SHE, I feel like I am seeing a set of friends. I always wanted to be involved on campus and I definitely feel like whenever I go into SHE, I come out learning something new. SHE has helped me develop professionally, socially and academically.

5. What was your favorite event so far?
My favorite event is definitely the conference in Seattle, Washington. I went to the career fair in October but I did not see much opportunities as a freshman. I did not see anything coming for me but I saw how I could stand out at the conference. My confidence level was sky high and I loved every minute of the conference. On that Friday night of the conference, we all sat down together to do something productive professionally as a group. We were all on our laptops, looking at resumes, going over interview questions and helping one another. I loved the fact that everyone wanted to see each other succeed. Now that the conference is over, I feel like I am prepared for the future.

6. What do you think this organization can improve on?
There is always one thing that we can improve on which is outreach. If SHE has been able to help people like me, then I know SHE can help others too, academically, professionally and personally. I want others to know that SHE is for more than just Hispanics but rather, it is for EVERYONE.

Fun Fact: Chris has a twin!

“The people at SHE invest more time in helping me than me helping myself” - Chris Frias
Member Spotlight: Aman Ramnani

Aman Ramnani, currently a sophomore studying mechanical engineering at Rutgers University. Switching from Chemical to Biomedical to Mechanical, Aman finds his passion towards mechanical engineering with the concentration in Energy Systems. With his degree, he hopes to one day find a workplace that will excite him. Aman not only brings diversity to SHE but also huge appreciation towards those who helped him along the way.

“From all the help I have gotten, I hope to one day help others because I love to help those who struggle even if it sacrifices some time of my day” - Aman Ramnani

1. When have you first heard about S.H.E and why are you still here now?
   All thanks to Jaritza Rodriguez and Mike Vivar who were the first ones that introduced me to S.H.E. Jaritza came into the my class and she spoke about how SHE will help us. Then I first went to their event, and it ultimately attracted me. During the barbecue in front of the engineering building, I immediately got approached by Mike Vivar. Mike told me what SHE was all about and he completely sold it to me. Then I went to a SHE meeting where Accenture came and I automatically knew that SHE was an organization that I needed to be a part of.

2. How has SHE helped you throughout college so far?
   The members of SHE are always willing to help one another. Luis Rojas, an active SHE member, has helped me a lot in terms of professional development especially by reviewing my resume and giving me amazing advice. On that Friday night of the Conference, I got completely shutdown because I knew I did not do enough research on the companies but Luis brought me back up with motivation and support.
What was your favorite event and why?
My favorite SHE event is definitely the conference. It was an eye opening experience. I really understood what I needed to work on to improve myself and sell myself. I am confident now to change and improve my skills so that one day I will get hired to do what I am passionate about.

Is there anything that SHE can work on to help others more?
I would say that the most important thing is to get the word out there and tell them what SHE is really about. We need to go out and tell them how SHE can really benefit their lives and the benefits of joining. The opportunity for growth is endless here at SHE.
A Link to Our Past

A Bridge to Our Future
When our dean, Ilene Rosen was in college, she received a scholarship recognizing her involvement in school, achievements and willingness to better herself every day. Today, she created the “Dr. Ilene Rosen Scholarship” which grants a monetary award to deserving S.H.E. members. The S.H.E. members are nominated by their peers who acknowledge them as being committed to community service, processing a longstanding pursuit for higher education, displaying outstanding organizational and leadership qualities, and is a dedicated member of the S.H.E Familia.

The philosophies put forth by Dr. Rosen are instilled within the society, which in turn creates a supportive learning environment for S.H.E. members to mature and strengthen as leaders in their communities. The Dr. Ilene Rosen Scholarship Fund was established to provide members, who display similar characteristics as Dr. Rosen, with an opportunity to continue their studies while remaining actively involved with the Society of Hispanic Engineers. One requirement to this scholarship is that the awardee is in charge of finding scholarship money for the awardee in the next year. These scholarships are awarded at the End of the Year Banquet based on the money the previous awardee have fundraised and obtained.

Upcoming Events: Stay Tuned for More!

- MEET/SHE Date Auction
- 11th Annual Multicultural Festival
- Spring Shadow Program
- End of the Year Banquet

THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS!