



Human Factors and Ergonomics Society

Purdue University Student Chapter

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Upcoming Events

- Nov 15 @ 7:00pm KNOY B019**
Tech talk meeting
Speaker: Prof. Laverne Abe Harris
Topic: Interactive multimedia & education technology
- Nov 13 @ 1:30 pm Purdue Airport**
Field trip to the Holleman-Niswonger Simulator Facility
- Dec 4 @ 7:00pm**
PMU Rack and Roll
Social with follows from HFES and IMFORMS Purdue Chapters

Honors

- 2008, Outstanding Student Chapter Gold Award**
2009, Outstanding Student Chapter Silver Award
2009, Second place in the National Ergonomics Month Best Action Plan Contest

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Our Mission

To enhance public awareness of human factors and ergonomics (HF/E), cultivate students' interest in this discipline, and promote discovery and exchange of HF/E related knowledge among researchers and practitioners.

Highlight of NEM 2009 Activities

- Technical meeting: "Human Factors Labs Uncovered" (Representatives from different HF/E labs at Purdue were invited to present the current research projects conducted in their labs.)
- Website design competition: with the aim of arousing the awareness of HF/E among the Purdue student body and introducing students to one major area in HF/E: Human-computer Interaction (HCI).
- Field trip to the smart home exhibition at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago (an opportunity to experience the cutting-edge technologies in the area of HCI and Energy).
- Field trip to the Holleman-Niswonger Simulator Facility at the Purdue airport (an opportunity to learn how simulation technology can be used to train pilots and facilitate experiments in aviation).



Spotlight on Our Chapter Members - Ashley Benedict

After working in the healthcare industry as an industrial engineer, Ashley Benedict decided to go back to school to pursue a PhD. It is her lifetime dream to become a professor in academia to assist students in realizing their dreams and aspirations. She received her BS and MS in Industrial Engineering from the University of Florida. She is now a PhD student in Human Factors and is doing research to investigate different role players' preferred communication channels for prescribing medicine. Due to her outstanding contribution to HFES, she received the Student Member With Honors Award granted by national HFES in 2008.

