

PURDUE STUDENT ENGINEERING FOUNDATION ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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LETTER TO OUR ALUMS

Written by Jessica Mu

After a busy fall semester, PSEF began the Spring 2023 semester with several exciting new changes. PSEFers are moving into a new office, learning a new tour route, and navigating the new engineering facility on campus. While it may seem like everything looks different on the outside, the spirit of our organization remains the same. Our members still share the same passion for Purdue, engineering, and offering their experiences to prospective students. As many of you know, spring semester is the most hectic with PSEF as we gear up to meet the thousands of admitted high school students who are considering Purdue as their next home. As always, our mission as PSEF remains the same: to offer the most genuine insight and hospitality to all those who are interested in Purdue and engineering.

As much as we look forward to embracing these new changes, we are equally excited to welcome our long time traditions. New member applications are already rolling in this semester and before we know it, you will meet the Spring 2023 class in the next newsletter. PSEFers are already walking backwards and providing tours around campus, and our newly elected executive board and committee directors are hard at work preparing to accomplish PSEF's next set of goals. As always, there is a lot keeping PSEF busy! Read on to learn more about what we have been up to!

Boiler Up!

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INTRODUCING THE 2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD



Griffin Laihenin President

Griffin is a junior studying Environmental and Ecological Engineering from Rosemount, MN. He joined PSEF as a new member in Fall 2020. Outside of PSEF, Griffin is involved in the EPICS program, continually seeks an intramural sports championship, and has completed three internships in manufacturing. He is excited to take the lead of an organization that has given him a plethora of opportunities for personal and professional development.



Josemiguel Haro VP Communications

Josemiguel is a junior studying Chemical Engineering from Whiting, IN. He joined our organization in Spring 2022. Outside of PSEF, Josemiguel is involved in Omega Chi Epsilon and the Bodybuilding Club. He has internship experience in process safety and manufacturing. He is excited to help run such a professional organization and create opportunities for prospective students. He aims to develop interpersonal skills in current members to new levels.



Ramzi Kattan VP Personnel

Ramzi is a junior studying Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, with a minor in Business Economics. Ramzi is from Beirut, Lebanon. He joined PSEF Fall of 2021. Outside of PSEF, Ramzi does research for Rolls Royce and is a Teaching Assistant for Aeromechanics 2. Ramzi is excited to act as Vice President of Personnel to encourage PSEFers to continue using their creativity and leadership to represent Purdue Engineering to students all over the world.



Elizabeth Grivetti VP Finance

Elizabeth is a junior studying Biomedical Engineering with a minor in Biotechnology from Lombard, Illinois. She joined PSEF in Spring 2022 as a sophomore. Outside of PSEF, Elizabeth is completing research on biomaterials and muscle regeneration, plays the piccolo in Purdue Pep Bands, and writes as a sports reporter for the Purdue Exponent. She is so excited to act as the Vice President of Finance and help lead the organization that has given her a home at Purdue.

MEET 2023 DIRECTORSHIP



EXPO

Maddie Christy
ChE '24



EXPO

Micah Morikuni
EE '25




INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

Jessica Mu
EE '25



MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

Cait Schmeiser
BME '24



OUTREACH

Sree Panuganti
ME '24



PUBLIC RELATIONS

Silvana Cuervo
IE '25



TECH

Chris Sigmund
CmpE '25





FESTIVUS 2022 RECAP

Written by Rohit Malik

The last general meeting of the semester came up a lot faster than any of us expected, especially for new members such as myself. Following tradition, one of the main highlights of Festivus was the annual White Elephant exchange. We saw a variety of gifts traded, from hot chocolate kits to fuzzy socks to a full sized Nerf Gun. Festivus began with the outgoing executive board delivering some final remarks, before passing on full leadership into the hands of new exec. Most importantly, we dedicated part of our time during Festivus to celebrate our graduating senior, Ekin Vardar, BSIE '22, and everything she did at Purdue and in PSEF. Ekin will be moving to Chicago, IL after graduation to work as a consultant for EY, and we cannot be more excited to watch her continue incredible work! All in all, Festivus was an energetic and fun-filled event to wrap up this semester in PSEF and reflect on the exciting things we were able to accomplish as an organization this year. We are all already looking forward to next year's Festivus!

2022 FESTIVUS AWARDS



One of the key events that takes place during Festivus every year is the awards we distribute. This year, we were proud to award Ellie Hostetler with the PSEF Founder's Award. Founder's Award is a special award given to an outstanding new member each semester. After co-hosting a Member Development board game night, leading several tours, and embodying PSEF's values from the very beginning, Ellie is nothing less than deserving of this award! Ellie is a freshman in the first year engineering program, interested in Aeronautical and Astronautical engineering.



The next award, the Member of the Year Award, was given to Victoria Knott. Victoria is a sophomore studying Mechanical Engineering, and joined us last spring in 2022. In one year, she has shown exemplary involvement with tours, her work on the public relations committee, and showing up to all kinds of events hosted by the different PSEF committees.

We are so proud to have such a large group of dedicated, hard-working students and it is easy enough to say that we appreciate every single one of our members! Congratulations to Victoria and Ellie, we cannot wait to watch you continue doing amazing things in PSEF!

Written by Jessica Mu

NEW PSEF OFFICE

Written by Claudia Guevara Jibaja

In Fall 2021, Purdue announced the opening of the new engineering building and with that, the new location for the Purdue engineering organizations offices. The old PSEF Office was located on the first floor of Hampton Hall of Civil Engineering, a place where many generations of PSEFers hold valuable memories and where many friendships formed in office hours. Perhaps the most iconic thing about the office was the PSEF couch, which appeared in the office in circa 2002/2003. Many PSEFers will always remember this office as a second home. However, the new PSEF Office is now open on the second floor of Lambertus Hall. It is ideal for all members who need a calm place to study as it is next to WALC, has an open kitchen, common study spaces, and even private study rooms. Since the opening of the office, many PSEFers have volunteered to decorate it and keep office traditions alive such as the “question of the week” to include every member in each dynamic. Even if the year is just starting, we have seen so many new and innovative things happen and we are confident that PSEF will achieve every goal that it pursues.



NEW TOUR ROUTE AND ADMISSIONS THEATRE

After Purdue's announcement back in 2021, the ambitious plan to renovate Schleman Hall and Stewart Center has finally been achieved. Student services including admissions, enrollment management, financial aid, and bursar and registrar functions will be moved to the modernized space in Stewart Center. The new admissions theatre has opened its doors to prospective students and PSEFers. Among other things, the Admissions Theatre is the new location for Engineering Information Sessions (EIS). In accordance with this location change and the new engineering building, the PSEF tour route has also been updated. Now, starting in Stewart Center, the tour moves north past Memorial Mall and to Wilmeth Active Learning Center (WALC). Here, the PSEFers have the flexibility to lead their groups through the Mechanical Engineering Building, the Engineering Fountain, and the Gateway Complex in their personal preference of order. Furthermore, if time permits, the Materials and Electrical Engineering Building (MSEE) and the Electrical Engineering building (BHEE) are conveniently located near the route and have great resources that add value to the prospective student's Purdue experience. The Outreach Committee has done amazing work formulating this new route, as well as training the rest of the organization on this big change!

Written by Haley Etheridge

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. STEW 2. WALC 3. ME Atrium 4. Fountain 5. BHEE 6. 3rd Gateway 7. 1st Gateway <p>** 2->7 or 7->2 **</p> <p><u>Key Topics</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Career Info 2. Academic Help 3. Student Life 4. Research/EPICS 5. FYE Experience 6. D&I Resources 7. Why Purdue? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Fountain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student Life (clubs) 5. BHEE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research Opportunities - Large Lecture Hall (BHEE 129) - Nuclear Lab 6. Gateway 3rd Floor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EYE (rooms/teams/tracks) - D&I (WIEP/MEP/Cultural Cntrs) 7. Gateway 1st Floor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why Purdue
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START @ Admissions Theater

1. STEW
 - Tour intro (your background)
 - Career Info (Fair/Intern/Co-op)
2. WALC
 - Bell Tower
 - Academic Help (SI, Recitation)
3. ME Atrium
 - Senior Design
 - Study areas in buildings
 - Technical Teams

SPRING 2023 RECRUITMENT

Written by DJ Kim

With the Spring 2023 semester beginning only three weeks ago, PSEF has already been busy recruiting for new members to join us! The Public Relations Committee has done a fantastic job in planning and executing events, namely a booth at the B-Involved club fair, designing and distributing over 600 callout flyers, and hosting another successful Pancakes with PSEF. Special shoutout to our newest PR Director, Silvana, for taking charge on these events!

At the January B-Involved Fair, members pitched the idea of PSEF to current freshmen and sophomore engineers, specifically about developing public speaking and leadership skills, while also becoming part of a family-like community of friends. We experienced fantastic turnout, as all flyers were gone by the second hour!

Members also took advantage of the first-year engineering classes held in Purdue's newest building: the Gateway Complex. Members passed out flyers across these first-year engineering hallways and had the opportunity to share about PSEF in between classes.

Last, but certainly not least, Pancakes with PSEF made another big hit return for the new semester, with members showing off their cooking skills at the Gateway Atrium. Like other events, many students dropped by during passing periods, enjoying a freshly-made pancake while listening to callout information and why PSEF has been such a valuable experience for our members. We look forward to similar opportunities in the future that allow our organization to connect with the Purdue community!



KEEP IN TOUCH!

If you haven't already, please fill out the alumni census form using either the link below or the QR code to the right. We want to hear from our alums and keep our incredible alumni network active!

<https://forms.gle/Npoi5eVbUf11549W6>

