

PURDUE STUDENT ENGINEERING FOUNDATION ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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LETTER TO OUR ALUMS

Written by Jessica Mu

Happy November everyone! We are over halfway through the semester, and it's been busy! This October, we welcomed 8 new members to our organization after a packed recruitment schedule in August and September led by our PR committee. We have been keeping our new members busy with retreat, socials, tour training, and more since they joined us. They have each already put in so much energy, work, and promise towards PSEF - our excitement to see their future in PSEF is unanimous!

With PSEFers busy on the job hunt, we have had more opportunities for alumni and active members to connect, both virtually and in-person. Keep your eyes peeled for PAC emails because we have a few more events coming up this semester with alumni.

It's been a great semester so far and the time has absolutely flown by! We have had a few big changes made and are excited to update you on PSEF's progress. We hope you enjoy this newsletter issue and are staying warm from wherever you are as the weather starts to turn.

Boiler up!

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NEW MEMBERS



**RIKA
CHANG**

Year: Freshman
Major: Electrical
Hometown:
Austin, TX
Committee:
APEX
Fun Fact: Rika has a
cat who weighs 16
pounds!



**AYRTON
DESAI**

Year: Freshman
Major: Aerospace
Hometown:
Allentown, NJ
Committee:
Member Development
Fun Fact: Ayrton was
on a game show on
TV!



**EMILYNN
JOHNS**

Year: Sophomore
Major: Industrial
Hometown:
Noblesville, IN
Committee:
Outreach
Fun Fact: Emilynn
played the piano for 8
years!



**NICOLE
KONSTANT**

Year: Sophomore
Major: Mechanical
Hometown:
Northbrook, IL
Committee:
Public Relations
Fun Fact: The
breakfast club end
scene was filmed at
Nicole's high school!



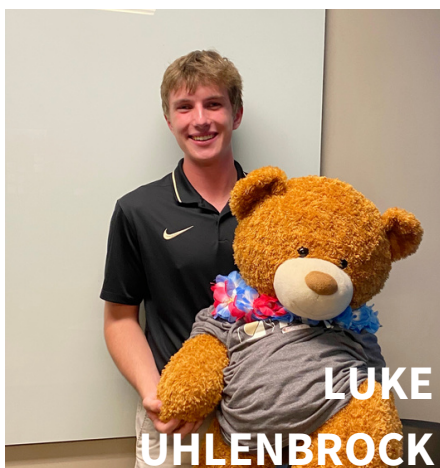
**ANDREW
MODIN**

Year: Sophomore
Major: Chemical
Hometown:
Parsippany, NJ
Committee:
APEX
Fun Fact: Andrew has
chugged a gallon of
milk in one hour!



**SAMHITA
SHANTHARAM**

Year: Freshman
Major: Biomedical
Hometown:
Terre Haute, IN
Committee:
Industrial Relations
Fun Fact: Samhita
loves horror movies!



**LUKE
UHLNBROCK**

Year: Freshman
Major: Mechanical
Hometown:
Cincinnati, OH
Committee:
Industrial Relations
Fun Fact: Luke is the
first person in his
family to live out of
state!



**MIKALAH
WILES**

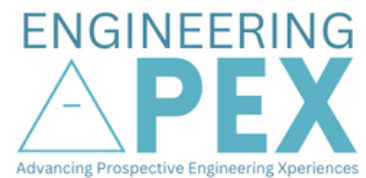
Year: Freshman
Major: Mechanical
Hometown:
Bloomington, IN
Committee:
Industrial Relations
Fun Fact: Mikalah
loves pickles so much
that she has a pickle
shirt!

APEX - THE NEW EXPO

Written by Samhita Shantharam

We are starting the newsletter with PSEF's biggest announcement this year! In an exciting new development, PSEF's annual keynote event formerly known as Engineering Expo has been rebranded to APEX (Advancing Purdue Engineering Xperiences). Taking place the near the end of every spring semester, Engineering Expo was an event organized for high school students for over twenty years. The new acronym our committee brainstormed concisely represents the ideal of PSEF and the organization's dedication to cultivating the next generation of Purdue engineers through high school outreach programs. Kayla Manley, ME '26, is our member to credit for the creative new name! APEX will continue to open the door for high school students interested in engineering and provide a taste of Purdue's Engineering through its full day event.

The incentive behind the rebrand was to create a distinct and engaging name for an event that is uniquely PSEF's. Avoiding the many other events labeled as an expo in the spring was a crucial aspect to making the event more accessible and easier to research; this aids PSEF's aim to reach all aspects of the incoming classes of prospective engineers. This year's APEX will take place on April 5, 2024 and will still feature the same exciting events for high school students to participate in including engineering challenges, games, and opportunities to listen to accredited speakers. We cannot wait to debut APEX in what will feel like only a few short months!



FALL COOKOUT

Written by Luke Uhlenbrock

On a beautiful fall afternoon in West Lafayette, some of our PSEFers made a trip out to Happy Hollow Park for our Fall Cookout. This was a great opportunity for members, both tenured and new to spend an afternoon together in the outdoors before the cold weather hits. Attendees spent their time here enjoying freshly cooked (and free!) meals and snacks, playing volleyball and football, and relaxing in the sun after a long week of midterms and classes. Burgers were flipped and cars were hit after games of volleyball became increasingly competitive, but the good vibes always shined bright! After some intense volleys, appetites soared and senior members took some time to teach their grilling skills to the youth. The results were a success, and after a good and filling meal, many members took some time to walk the nature trails where inner photographers came out, inspired by the beautiful colors. Wrapping up the day, the remaining members took this opportunity to meet up at a local coffee shop off campus and soak in the fall atmosphere together, sharing lattes and laughs to end the day. Overall, Fall Cookout was a successful event for the crew, allowing all members a time and place to build on friendships and camaraderie.



IR WEEK

This past September, the Industrial Roundtable career fair made a return on campus. During this busy week for Purdue Engineering students, PSEF was grateful to have two of our alumni visit in-person at a GM and offer valuable advice on resumes, career fairs, and the post-graduation life.

The first alumni whose attendance we want to shout out is Abba Hancock, who came to IR as an Engineering Project Management Specialist for Conagra Brands in Omaha, Nebraska. Abba earned her Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering at Purdue and was a member of PSEF from 2016 to 2020, serving as the Vice President of XYZ Industrial Relations Director in 2019. During the Q&A session, she answered questions about her experience after Purdue, what employers look for in potential candidates, and how to have an outstanding resume and elevator pitch.

The second alumni we want to highlight is Levi Brown, an aerospace engineer at Dynetics in Huntsville, Alabama. At Purdue, Levi graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in 2009 and Master's Degree in 2010, both in aerospace engineering. During his time in PSEF, Levi emphasized how welcoming the community was for him, and how he hoped to continue that. Levi also provided some insight into his day-to-day life and the experiences that helped him get into his current role.

Big thank you to both Abba and Levi for dedicating their time and efforts towards advancing PSEF! We will do this again next year and hope we can hear from even more alumni! *Written by DJ Kim*



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

We are excited to highlight PSEFer Delaney Partridge in this newsletter! Delaney is a sophomore in environmental and ecological engineering, who joined PSEF in the fall of her freshman year (Fall '22). The people and the opportunities that came from PSEF are what she loves the most about it. She often studies with other PSEFers and asks upperclassmen for advice about future classes and professors. When Delaney's not doing schoolwork, she is hanging out with PSEFers! This semester, Delaney organized and ran tour training! Last semester while she was attending the training as a parent, she thought about how she would personalize her own tour training. She reached out to outreach director at the beginning of this semester to claim the presenter spot. She included videos as a visual guide to follow along with the presentation and encouraged feedback from upperclassmen about their stories and experiences. Delaney killed it and organized an excellent tour training. Both new members and general body were updated on important changes and are ready to keep doing what we do best!

Thanks for your hard work and dedication, Delaney!

Written by Mikalah Wiles



DELANEY PARTRIDGE

UPCOMING DATES

A PSEFe's Calendar

11/6

GM #6

Armstrong Hall

11/10

2024 EXEC
ELECTIONS

WALC

11/20

GM #7 (ALUMNI
PANEL)

Armstrong Hall



KEEP IN TOUCH!

If anything has changed for you recently with where you are, please let us know! We love to stay updated with our alumni and as always, want to hear from you!

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