

CSU Society of Women Engineers

Fall 2020 Newsletter

General Meetings

This semester we held six virtual general meetings and several virtual events! The average attendance per meeting was 26 attendees and we have had over 120 students attend our events! Special thanks to our guest speakers from Collins Engineering, Xcel Energy, ATS Rocky Mountain, Kiewit, and Applied Medical!

WE20 Global Conference

“This year, despite all the challenges, 15 CSU SWE members were still fortunate enough to attend the SWE global conference WE20. The conference was 100% virtual and was held over two weeks from November 2-13. More than 15,000 attendees from around the world were able to go to over 200 real time and asynchronous sessions for professional development, demonstrations, speakers, the annual awards ceremony, and virtual networking. The infamous career fair was spread out of 4 days in the virtual format with hundreds of companies. CSU SWE officers also shared their personal and daily experiences with the conference via our social media platforms.”

Evening with Industry

This semester we held our biannual Evening with Industry event virtually for the first time! We tried to simulate the come-and-go atmosphere of EWI with multiple virtual rooms for students to attend. We had 54 attendees! Thanks to our sponsors, Lockheed Martin, HPE, RSM, Woodward, Seagate and Ardent Mills, and the virtual environment of the event, EWI was free for all students! We also raised over \$1600. We also had an incredible keynote speaker, Annie Elefante, a CSU SWE alumni.

Peer and Professional Mentoring

This year, we were still able to put on both the Peer Mentoring and Professional Mentoring Program through online platforms. Multiple virtual socials were held for each program that highlighted networking, growing as a mentor/mentee, and tackling difficult conversations. The mentoring programs this year connected undergraduate women in engineering from 8 different majors to professionals in industry from 19 different employers. This year, the Mentoring Program as a whole has 40 pairs, and is expected to grow in the next semester.

IAGE

Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day 2021 is currently being planned by a great committee of SWE members! Despite COVID-19, we are working on creating a virtual IAGE that is both interactive and inspiring!

Fundraising

\$1620 raised by EWI, even with tickets free to students
3 students fully sponsored to attend WE20 conference
\$105 raised by fundraiser with Walrus Ice Cream
\$1075 of donations from alumni, other individuals, and corporations
We awarded \$150 of scholarships at the end of last semester

Women's Welcome

Our annual Women's Welcome is the first event CSU SWE hosts for the school year, inviting first-year engineering students and others interested, to learn more about CSU SWE and get to know each other!

This year we held the event virtual. We wanted to make sure that the event was as interactive as possible, and due to classes being offered later in the evening, there were three Women's Welcome events.

With CSU SWE hosting three events, this allowed the new members to be able to come to an event that fits in their schedule and have a more distributed amount of attendees. The overall feedback was positive and inspired members to be more involved!

Stick with SWE

A great group of members have formed the planning committee and are underway planning Stick With SWE 2021. The committee is tackling how to host the event online and be as engaging as possible for high school students.