Happy Holidays from the Colorado State University Section of the Society of Women Engineers!

We have had an amazing Fall 2022 semester full of learning, growing, and finding community through attending general meetings, outreach, Evening With Industry, and attending the global SWE conference in Houston, TX!

We hosted 8 general meetings covering a broad range of topics from aligning personal and company values to a confidence workshop to the personal experiences of a panel of current SWE and SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) students.

Our meetings had an average attendance of 33 SWEople with 41% of those folks being first year students!

Pictured above is our first general meeting of the semester with speaker Jill Tietjen, author, professional engineer, and past global SWE president.

Pictured right is our last general meeting with speaker Jamie McKinney, who led us through a confidence workshop.

At the end of each semester, CSU SWE uses our last general meeting to destress before finals together. At the Winter Social this year, we got together to play board games, decorate cookies, craft, and enjoy some pizza. Our new academic advisors, Dr. Jordan Jarrett and Dr. Nicole Ellison, as well as our new professional industry advisor, Kalli Wegren.
We love to give back to our community here at CSU SWE. We do outreach work to promote the values of SWE and volunteer throughout Northern Colorado. This semester, a number of our members attended an STEM fair called Yes!Fest in Greeley, CO. We helped elementary age kids learn about all sorts of different STEM ideas through fun games and activities at our booth (pictured left) and at other booths hosted by different groups.

Evening With Industry is one of our more locally famous events. CSU SWE hosts this networking event biannually just before CSU’s engineering career fair. At Evening With Industry, all students in the Walter Scott Jr. College of Engineering have the opportunity to network with recruiters over dinner in a low-stress, resume-free environment. This year we had 17 companies in attendance and were very grateful to be sponsored by Ball Aerospace, Caterpillar, Gannett Flaming, HP, Intel, Kimley Horn, New Fields, Spectrum, and Thermofisher.

Over 16,000 people from all over the world attended We22 in-person in Houston, TX or virtually via the online conference platform. We were able to sponsor the attendance of our entire 12-person officer team, as well as 4 general members. All attendees pictured left. The annual, global SWE conference has so many opportunities available for attendees, including the largest career fair for engineers in the world. While not networking at the Career Fair or interviewing, our attendees were able to attend a huge selection of sessions hosted by speakers who are collegiate and professional SWE members from all around the world to share knowledge, experience, and empowerment.
The CSU SWE section was able to contribute to this sharing of learning by presenting our own session! Current and previous Mentoring Coordinators, Mackenna Moody and Angela Dean, presented their hard work on our programs through their session called *Creating a Badass Mentoring Program*. This presentation was a continuation of the talk given by Angela Dean and past President and Mentoring Coordinator, Sarah Verderame, last Spring at WeLocal Albuquerque where their session won a Best in Conference Award.

CSU SWE is a highly active section that is regularly internationally recognized for our work. This year at conference, we were able to accept the highest distinction for collegiate sections: the Gold Mission Award from the Society for embodiment of core SWE values and demonstration of continuous growth and improvement through work toward the Society’s strategic goals.

Our Top 4 officers, (left to right) Ashlen Grote, Abigail Fennell, Angela Dean, and Anika O’Brien, accepting the Gold Mission Award on behalf of the CSU SWE section.

We are incredibly grateful for your support and thank you for your commitment to support historically excluded groups in STEM and to make the world a better place. Without your support, CSU SWE would not have been able to learn, grow, and explore the world of opportunity afforded to us by this fantastic organization.

Thank you and happy holidays!