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There are many things that draw on our energy. Work and classes fill our days. Appointments, social media, pressure from others, and our own expectations compete for what remains. Some of these things energize us, while others quietly use up our time and attention. When so much is coming at us, professional growth can easily become something we intend to return to later.

That is why this year's theme, Charge Up, feels especially meaningful.

It is not simply an invitation to do more. It is an opportunity to pause long enough to discover what might help you move forward. We do not always recognize what we need until a new idea, a conversation, or an unexpected opportunity brings it into view.

SASE exists to create those moments of discovery.

We help people build the skills to move forward, connect with others who broaden their perspective, and discover opportunities they may not have known to look for. At STEMConnect, that could happen during a workshop, while speaking with an employer, or in a conversation with the person sitting beside you.

For students, this is a chance to learn more about where your education might take you and what will help you prepare for the next step. Ask questions, including the ones you think you should already know the answers to. Listen to how other people found their way, and give yourself permission to consider possibilities that were not part of your original plan.

Professionals, I hope you make time to invest in your own development while you are here. It can be nearly impossible to carve out that time amid the busyness of day-to-day life, so use these few days to focus on what you need next. Your experience also has value to someone earlier in their career, so be willing to share what you have learned. You may be surprised by how much you receive in return.

To our sponsors and partners, thank you for investing in people. Your presence helps attendees understand the opportunities available across STEM and gives you the chance to meet talented individuals before they appear in an applicant pool. Strong talent pipelines are built through relationships that continue well beyond a single recruiting conversation.

STEMConnect concentrates much of what SASE offers into a few energizing days, but our work does not end when we leave Seattle.

Through chapters and STEM Equip, students can continue developing the skills that prepare them for what comes next. Our free monthly leadership webinars give professionals a regular place to learn and reconnect, while Executive Forum creates space for senior leaders to exchange ideas and shape the future of STEM leadership.

What keeps me charged is seeing these connections take hold.

A volunteer helps someone feel welcome. A professional takes time to answer a student's question. A partner recognizes potential and opens a door. Those moments remind me that career growth is rarely something we accomplish entirely on our own.

My challenge to you is to be open to what you did not know.

Notice the moment something clicks or a new possibility comes into view. Before you leave, decide on one next step and follow through while the energy and connection are still fresh.

When you need to recharge, come back to SASE. We will be here with opportunities to keep learning, reconnect, and move forward.

Thank you for being part of STEMConnect and the SASE community.

Let's Charge Up together.

Gigi Elbert
CEO, SASE





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CHARGE UP YOUR IMPACT



THEME MESSAGE

Sonya Vial
BOARD PRESIDENT

DEAR SASEFAM,

On behalf of the SASE Board of Directors, welcome to STEMConnect 2026, an event dedicated to energizing our community, amplifying our voices, and charging forward together.

This year's theme, "Charge Up," reflects our collective commitment to empowering members at every stage of their journey and building the momentum we need to advance professional excellence and opportunity.

We are thrilled to bring STEMConnect to Seattle for the first time. This vibrant city, a global hub for innovation and technology, is the perfect backdrop for our gathering. As we expand our reach across the country, we continue to strengthen the connections and relationships that make SASE a truly national community. Welcome to the Pacific Northwest - we are excited to charge up with you here.

As we close SASE's second decade, we reflect on an extraordinary trajectory.

Our first decade built the foundation: collegiate chapters, mentorship, and community. Our second decade expanded our reach to 100+ students chapters, 20,000+ registered members, thousands of professionals at major Fortune 500 corporations connected through webinars and leadership initiatives.

Now, in 2026, we stand at an inflection point. Technology is evolving faster than ever. Our industries are transforming.

The next generation of leaders must be equipped not just with skills, but with resilience, adaptability, and the confidence to shape their futures.

That is why we are charging up.

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WELCOME

"Charging Up" means:

- Energizing professional development with thoughtful training opportunities.
- Amplifying diverse voices and leadership pathways in the STEM fields.
- Strengthening industry partnerships to create direct pathways from talent to opportunity.
- Building financial literacy and entrepreneurial mindsets so our members can create wealth and drive innovation.

At STEMConnect26, everyone is welcome.

Whether you are a first-time member or a returning face, whether you are a student navigating your first internship or a seasoned executive leading teams, whether you identify with STEM fields or are discovering your passion for them, you belong in this space.

STEMConnect is a celebration of all who are committed to growing, learning, and lifting others up.

We are intentionally building an environment where every perspective is valued, every background is celebrated, and every voice can be heard.

What makes SASE extraordinary is our #SASEFam.

Every student, professional, sponsor, volunteer, and staff member brings energy and purpose to this mission. Whether you are early in your career or leading organizations, whether you are joining us for the first time or celebrating years of connection, you belong here. Your voice matters. Your ambitions matter. Your journey matters.

This year's STEMConnect brings together the best of our community including career development, networking, interactive sessions, and celebration. It is also a moment to recharge, reconnect, and commit to lifting each other up as we navigate an exciting and uncertain future.

As we gather together in Seattle, remember, we are not just building careers. We are building a community of changemakers, innovators, and leaders who will shape industries, inspire others, and create lasting impact.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

Let's Charge Up together.

Sonya Vial
BOARD PRESIDENT



WELCOME

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

***Our Board of Directors steer SASE with
clear vision and purpose.***

***Together, they're fueling the future of STEM leadership
through strategic guidance and community insight.***



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YOU DO FOR OUR STEM
COMMUNITY.

WELCOME





SASE STAFF

The SASE Squad charges up the future of STEM talent, ensuring every member has the tools to thrive and lead.

Gigi Elbert

CEO (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER)

Gigi Elbert serves as CEO of SASE, drawing on extensive experience in organizational leadership, operations, events, marketing, technology, and volunteer engagement. Since joining SASE in 2019, she has held several leadership roles, giving her a broad understanding of the people, programs, and partnerships that power the organization. She is passionate about building a strong, sustainable SASE that equips STEM talent with the skills, relationships, and confidence to lead.

Gigi lives in Montana with her husband, Scott, and enjoys sewing, raising chickens, and spending time with their daughters, Torie and Madelyne.

Rolland Huie

MANAGER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

As Manager of Information Technology, Rolland plans the strategic vision for all IT initiatives, ensures the maintenance and security of current systems and data, and develops new web applications. He supports the SASE mission by providing reliable, stable technology and technical experience to empower the entire community and the volunteer IT team. Additionally, he collaborates with Shared Services regarding marketing and media strategy.

Danielle Batin

DIRECTOR OF COLLEGIATE PROGRAMS

As Director of Collegiate Programs at SASE, Danielle oversees 100+ collegiate chapters, driving leadership development, data-driven engagement, and national/regional events for 15,000 students. By coaching volunteers and building sustainable programs, she turns potential into power, advancing SASE's mission to elevate leaders and amplify their impact across education, workforce, and community.

Kent Lebsack

MANAGER OF FINANCE & OPERATIONS

As Manager of Finance and Operations since 2023, Kent manages all of the financial and many of the human resources aspects of the organization. Kent has extensive experience in both non-profits and higher education. Kent has an advanced degree in Business Administration and is SHRM-SCP certified.

Clarence Low

DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

As the Director of Professional Programs, Clarence builds partnerships that expand opportunity and strengthens community networks. He is a mission-driven leader dedicated to advancing professionals through SASE's national leadership, career, and community programs. Clarence is known for uniting stakeholders, elevating voices, and creating pathways for leadership across industries and communities.

Maisha Samiha Ikra

SHARED SERVICES COORDINATOR

As Shared Services Coordinator, Maisha provides logistical and team building guidance to conventions/conference planning teams, oversees volunteer resources management, and supports IT tasks of data analysis and social media marketing, specifically graphic design. Maisha has previously worked in various non-profit and STEM education roles with specialties in qualitative data analysis, youth leadership development, and event planning.

Thank you to our SASE Staff!

**WE APPRECIATE ALL
YOU DO FOR OUR
SASEFAM COMMUNITY.**

WELCOME

The SASE Staff is the full-time team powering the organization every day. They work behind the scenes, behind every program, every event, and every connection. They are the power source that keeps SASE moving forward, ensuring that students, professionals, and partners have the resources, guidance, and support they need to succeed. While it may happen behind the scenes, its energy is felt in every chapter, every conference, and every member interaction nationwide.



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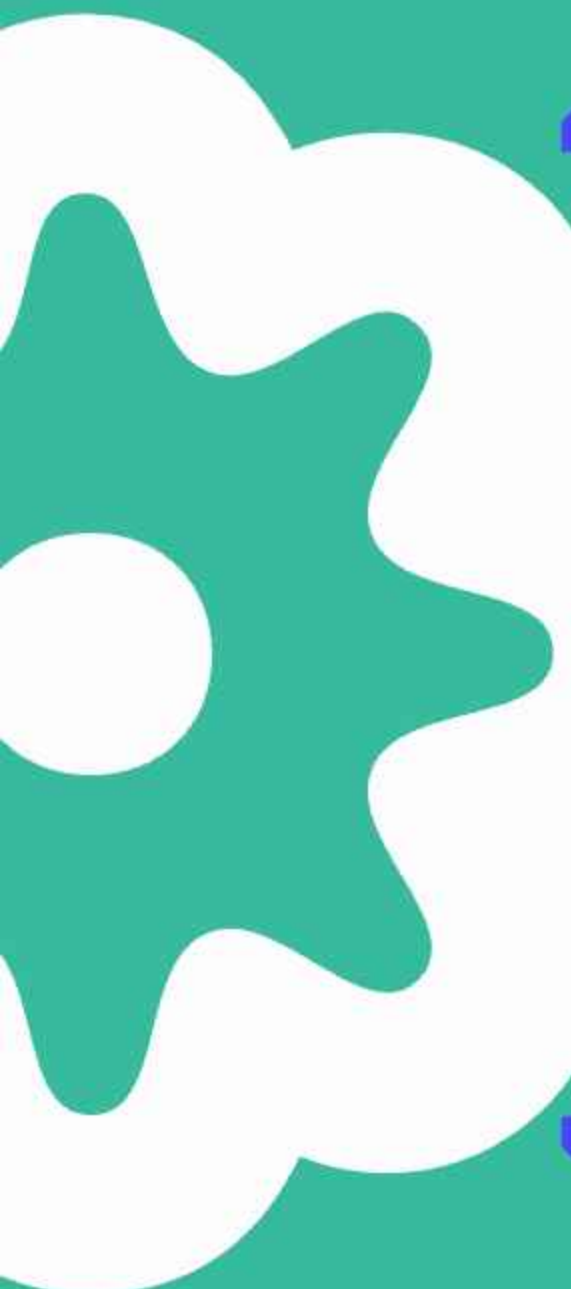


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COLLEGIATE



(CHARGE UP! ⚡)

With 122 chapters across five regions and over 60 dedicated collegiate volunteers, SASE supports more than 15,000 students in developing as leaders, both during college and as they launch their careers.

Through leadership programs, national and regional events, and a strong community, SASE fuels ambition and equips students with the tools to thrive in STEM and beyond.

122 CHAPTERS

5 REGIONS

60+ VOLUNTEERS

15,000+ STUDENTS

INSPIRE AWARDS

*These SASE chapters
radiate role model qualities.*

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

CAREER OPPORTUNITY OFFERS

**OUTSTANDING NUMBERS
IN EVENT ATTENDANCE**

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AWARD WINNER

Boston University



HONORABLE MENTION

The University of Texas at Austin



MOST IMPROVED

Awarded to the SASE chapter that has displayed the greatest growth, change, and improvement over the past academic year.



AWARD WINNER

University of Houston



HONORABLE MENTION

University of New Mexico



OUTSTANDING NEW CHAPTER

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HONORABLE MENTION

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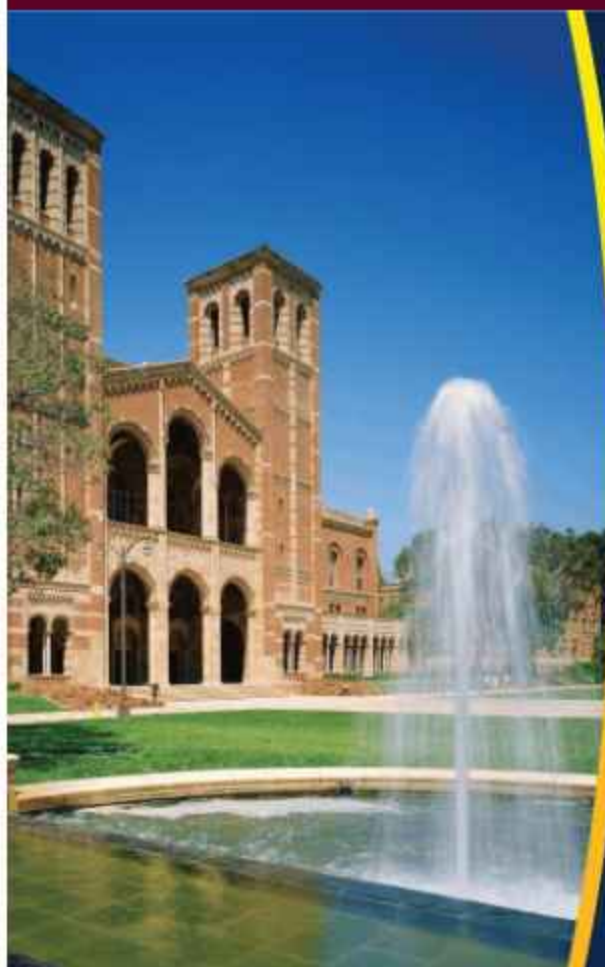


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scholarship recipient Brielle
Bugauisan from SASE Purdue!***



Thank you to everyone who applied!

Our community is truly amazing and we hope to continue providing more academic opportunities such as these in the future!

**SCHOLARSHIP
WINNER**

Brielle Bugauisan

Brielle is a sophomore studying Chemical Engineering at Purdue University. Last week, our staff alongside Parker Hannifin virtually celebrated Brielle and her accomplishments!



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TOP 30

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2026

REGIONAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

COLLEGIATE

NERC 2026

NORTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Take Your Next Step

The next step doesn't always look the way you pictured it.

NERC 2026 invited attendees to take their next step in personal, professional, and academic growth as they plan their future careers. Keynote speaker Viola Wu, Senior Product Marketing Manager at NVIDIA and the RPI alumna who founded SASE RPI in 2014, set the tone. She encouraged attendees to embrace uncertainty and stay open to the unexpected, since the next step doesn't always look the way you pictured it.

This year marked a return to campus.

For the first time in many years, NERC was hosted at a university, planned by a team of 14 undergraduate members from SASE RPI with support from their Programming Coordinator. Nearly 300 attendees chose from nine workshops, including Failing Forward, Step Up Your Stunks, Next Step: Career, and Next Step: Academics. The Sister Chapter Challenge brought three-legged races and karaoke, and a blind box fundraiser raised \$299 for the Asian American Federation.

Securing corporate sponsors was the team's biggest hurdle. They built a shared outreach tracker, sent cold emails every week, and followed up consistently. The result was a smaller but strong group of partners, including Brand Networks, which recruited on-site and extended offers to two attendees.

NERC 2026 showcased the strength of a student-led team.



FROM THE SASE SQUAD

The NERC team and SASE RPI deserves every bit of credit for this one. A team of undergraduates took on a full regional conference and delivered a day of learning, connection, and real career outcomes for their peers. Watching two attendees walk away with job offers is exactly why we do this work. NERC 2026 showed what a student-led team can build, and it set a strong precedent for future student-hosted conferences across the Northeast.

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02/27/27
Stevens Institute
of Technology
~ THE NEXT ONE!

SCRC 2026

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Turn the Tide

College is a chance to become the person you want to be.

The SCRC 2026 team built "Turn the Tide" around that idea, creating a day of growth and change. The message to attendees was simple: with the right tide, you can sail into a fulfilling career.

The theme ran through every detail, from the color palette and merchandise to the workshop topics. Sessions ranged from dousing fires to messages in bottles, balancing professional growth with a playful nod to the tides.

SCRC set new records, drawing more attendees and more local businesses than ever before.

The biggest challenge came at lunch. A gap in communication between volunteers created a rush twice as large as expected. The team moved quickly, organizing the overflow in the hallway and posting volunteers to guide attendees through. Within minutes, the bottleneck was gone and lunch was back on track.

The most memorable moment was the closing ceremony. After a full day of workshops, attendees were still energized, and that energy reminded the team how much their work meant. The prize drawing drew the biggest cheers of all, especially for an all-inclusive trip to next year's STEMConnect.



FROM THE SASE SQUAD

This team set a high bar and then cleared it; SCRC already held records that seemed hard to beat, and this year's team beat them anyway. With 309 check-ins, 30 professionals, 12 workshops, and seven corporate sponsors, SCRC 2026 surpassed every national objective set for this year's regional conferences. Just as impressive was how the team and volunteers handled the unexpected with calm, quick thinking.

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SERC 2026

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Reach for the Moon

"Reach for the Moon" challenged students to step outside their comfort zones.

At the University of Central Florida, a hub for engineering and aerospace, the moon stood for ambition and possibility. The goal was for every attendee to leave believing that their goals, no matter how distant, are within reach with the right mindset, preparation, and support.

The day followed the path of a rocket, divided into four phases: Launch, Orbit, Landing, and Moonwalking.

Workshops covered landing your first job, thinking like an engineer, advancing your career, and sharing research. New and expanded programs included an Engineering Organization Project Showcase, a networking mixer with the SASE Sister Chapter Challenge and SASE Lantern Project, and an open research symposium with the SASE Science Initiative. SERC also supported civic literacy and the Boys & Girls Club. The conference set new records!

When a last-minute room layout issue at the Student Union collided with higher-than-expected attendance, the team swapped two workshop locations based on expected turnout. With quick troubleshooting, and the day ran so smoothly it felt planned.

The best part was watching the theme come to life, from packed workshops during Launch to the showcase and symposium during Moonwalking. Standing together at the closing ceremony, the team knew they had set records and built something meaningful.



FROM THE SASE SQUAD

Congratulations to the SERC team and SASE UCF on a record-setting year. The team brought in 290 registrations, 39 speakers, and five sponsors, and met every national objective set for this year's regional conferences. They also reminded us that reaching for your own goals goes hand in hand with lifting up your community. Seeing the team stand together at the closing ceremony, knowing they had created something meaningful, was a moment we won't forget either.

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University of Florida
~ THE NEXT ONE!

MWRC 2026

MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Climbing to New Heights

Hosted by SASE at Michigan State University with support from SASE at the University of Michigan, MWRC 2026 was built around "Climbing to New Heights," symbolized by a panda climbing a bamboo stalk.

The team set out to create a space where every attendee felt supported and encouraged to grow.

The conference opened the night before with the traditional pre-conference mixer, complete with a SASE Science Week slime-making activity, board games, and billiards. Keynote speaker Diana Xu, co-founder of SASE MSU, spoke honestly about how complicated career paths can be. Professors, industry professionals, graduate students, and SASE alumni led workshops on emerging tech, service learning, and higher education. A conference-wide ticket system rewarded networking and participation, ending in a drawing for self-care prizes aligned with the SASE Lantern Project. The day closed with a performance by Spartan Diabolo and remarks from MAPAAC Commissioner Hoa Dinh.

With smaller host chapters, securing funding and partners was the biggest challenge. The team leaned on personal networks and extensive cold outreach. With fewer career fair partners, the fair focused on resume, CV, and cover letter help, alongside a successful SASE Science Research Symposium.

For the team, the best part was the networking between chapters and the new friendships that came from it.



FROM THE SASE SQUAD

MWRC team of joint MSU and Michigan members proved that a small team can make a big impact. Together, they delivered a conference that ran smoothly from both a logistical and financial standpoint. They found creative ways to serve attendees, from a service activity workshop to hands-on career support. Most of all, they built the kind of connection that makes the #SASEfam so strong, and 86% of respondents said they would attend again.



WRC 2026

WEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Trailblazing New Horizons

"Trailblazing New Horizons" is about the courage to step into unfamiliar spaces, challenge barriers, and redefine what's possible.

Many SASE scientists and engineers are already on uncharted paths, as first-generation students or as pioneers in their fields. Hosted by the University of New Mexico, WRC 2026 reminded attendees that no one blazes a trail alone.

It takes community, mentorship, and lifting others up along the way.

The conference offered 16 workshops across four tracks: engineering, science, professional development, and personal development. Every workshop block included at least one science session, and hands-on offerings like the Mock Forensic Lab and Careers in Science Panel were among the most attended. The Poster Symposium returned after years away, giving students a platform to share their research. A Flamenco workshop celebrated the region's culture, and high school volunteers got an early look at STEM.

The team faced a late host selection and nationwide funding cuts that affected sponsorship. They adapted by refining their planning, strengthening communication, and solving problems in real time.

For the team, the most memorable part was the sense of community that grew throughout the day, as attendees supported and connected with one another in a way that captured the spirit of SASE.



FROM THE SASE SQUAD

SASE UNM earned our deepest admiration this year. With less time and fewer resources than most hosts, they brought together 20 SASE chapters and secured 10 sponsors, seven of them first-time partners. Their commitment to science programming expanded what a SASE regional conference can be, making room for every major in STEM. This team showed us what trailblazing looks like.

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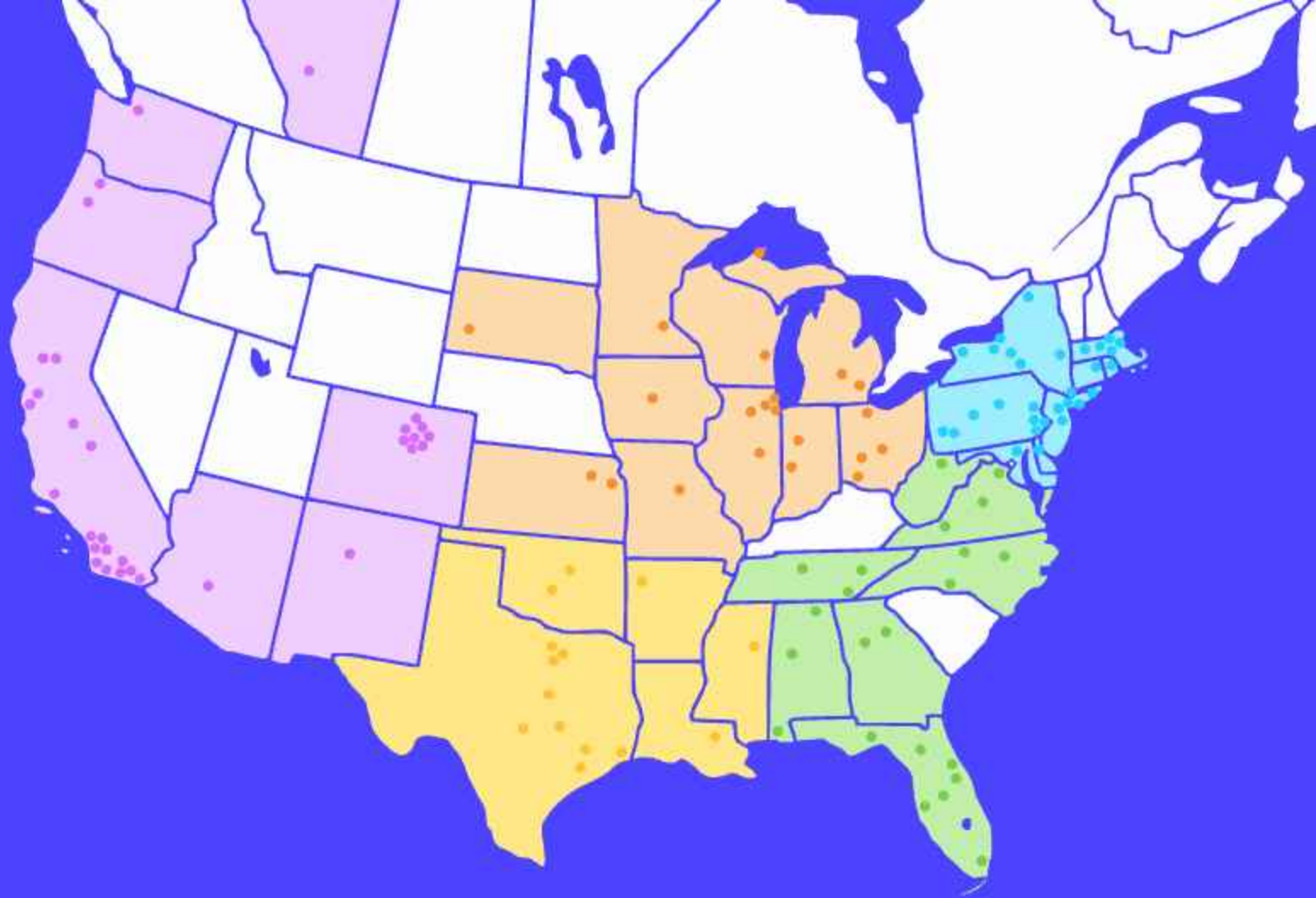


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-  NORTHEAST
-  SOUTH CENTRAL
-  SOUTHEAST
-  MIDWEST
-  WEST

ACTIVE CHAPTER LIST

NORTHEAST

Binghamton University
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Carnegie Mellon University
City College of New York
Clarkson University
Cornell University
Drexel University
Lehigh University
New York University
Northeastern University
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
Princeton University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rutgers University, New Brunswick
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Tufts University
University at Buffalo
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
University of Massachusetts, Lowell
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
Villanova University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

SOUTH CENTRAL

Baylor University
Lamar University
Louisiana State University
Mississippi State University
Oklahoma State University
Rice University
Texas A&M University
University of Alabama
University of Alabama in Huntsville
University of Arkansas
University of Houston
University of North Texas
University of Oklahoma
University of South Alabama
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas at Dallas

SOUTHEAST

Duke University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach
Florida Polytechnic University
Florida State University
George Mason University
Georgia Institute of Technology
North Carolina State University
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Miami
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of South Florida
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Virginia, Charlottesville
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
West Virginia University

ACTIVE CHAPTER LIST CONTINUED

MIDWEST

Case Western Reserve University
Iowa State University
Kansas State University
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Purdue University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Dayton
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
University of Kansas
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri, Columbia
University of Toledo
Wichita State University
Wilbur Wright College

WEST

Arizona State University
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California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Sacramento
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Colorado State University, Fort Collins
Mt. San Antonio College
Orange Coast College
Oregon State University
Regis University
San Diego State University
San Jose State University
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University of Denver
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SASE chapters are where the connections from STEMConnect keep going all year.

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Don't see a chapter at your school? Start one.

Every chapter on this list began with a few students who saw a need and decided to fill it. SASE provides the resources and support to help you launch, grow, and lead a chapter of your own. Visit saseconnect.org to find a chapter near you or to learn how to bring SASE to your campus. Join the SASEfam!

THE COLLEGE AT A GLANCE

The College of Engineering at the University of Georgia is a community of visionary researchers, educators and learners embedded in a land-grant liberal arts university. Students and faculty alike are attracted to our setting in a comprehensive research institution that's consistently ranked among the 20 best public universities in the nation.

The College of Engineering is committed to engineering a new generation of engineers driven by a spirit of learning, discovery, and innovation.

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UNIQUE DEGREE PROGRAMS

The College's five interdisciplinary schools offer 22 undergraduate and 13 graduate degree programs. These degrees include Agricultural, Biochemical, Biological, Civil, Computer Systems, Electrical, Environmental, and Mechanical Engineering, as well as Computer Science and Data Science*. Additionally we offer multiple dual-degree programs through Double Degrees, a 3-year path to BS-MS, BS-MBA, and BS-MBA degrees.

*Computer Science and Data Science are programs in the School of Computing, a joint school between the College of Engineering and the Franklin College of Arts & Sciences

23 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS
100% OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS ARE ABET ACCREDITED
21 ENGINEERING STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



College of Engineering
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EMERGING LEADERS IN ENGINEERING

As part of the college's Capstone Design Program, all undergraduate engineering students participate in on-going leadership training delivered by J.W. Tanning Institute for Leadership Development faculty and supported by guided reflection and application prior to graduation. This Emerging Engineering Leadership Development Program (EELDP) supports our interdisciplinary approach for preparing students to engage in critical issues through careers in leadership and professional practice.

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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING REQUIREMENT

The University of Georgia is the largest public university in the nation to require each of its 30,000+ undergraduate students to engage in experiential learning prior to graduation. Through internships, co-ops, research, service-learning, study abroad and other forms of hands-on learning, our students have life-changing experiences tailored to their interests and aspirations. Experiential learning at the University of Georgia gives students hands-on opportunities to connect their academic foundations to the world beyond the classroom.

Our students build upon their academic foundations and gain experiences that distinguish them from the competition. Over 85% of UGA Engineering students graduate with two or more experiential learning experiences.

CAPSTONE DESIGN PROJECTS

Capstone design projects provide industry partners the opportunity to work with an interdisciplinary team of engineering students focused on accomplishing innovative projects for their companies. While benefiting the industry partner through project outcomes, students develop essential skills for the workforce including team building, creative problem solving, cooperative collaboration, and participating in projects from planning to completion. While not a requirement of their degrees, computer science students have the opportunity to participate in capstone design projects if interested.

CAREER OUTCOMES

The College of Engineering graduates around 600 Engineering students each academic year. Based on the 2025 Career Outcomes Survey conducted 6 months post graduation, 95% of engineering graduates were employed or attending Graduate School six months post graduation. Engineering students reported a median starting salary of \$77,980 and computing students reported a median starting salary of \$76,500. The University of Georgia offers career services for life to alumni.

\$77,980
MEDIAN STARTING SALARY
FOR ENGINEERING
GRADUATES
95%
EMPLOYED WITHIN SIX
MONTHS OF GRADUATION

EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT

At the College of Engineering we offer signature programs and events each semester to facilitate employer engagement and prepare our students for life after graduation.

Corporate Partner Program
Capstone Design Showcase
Engineering & CS Career & Internship Fair
Employer of the Day Program
Engineering Expeditions - Site Visits for Students*
Engineers Week Banquet - Networking Dinner*
Employer Information Sessions
Guest Lecturing

*Part of Corporate Partner Program

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

The College of Engineering has an engaged alumni base eager to stay involved with future Building Engineers. From the day students first step foot on campus, they have the opportunity to grow their network, seek advice, and learn about current trends in industry from alumni leaders. We offer multiple ways for students to meet and engage with alumni, including:

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Construction Management MS
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Cybersecurity Risk and Strategy MS
Electrical Engineering MS, PhD
Emerging Technologies MS
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Environmental Science MS
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Industrial Engineering MS
Integrated Design and Media MS
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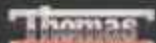


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DISTINGUISHED CAREER

EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

EMERGING LEADER OF THE YEAR

ENGINEER/SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIST OF THE YEAR

SERVICE IMPACT OF THE YEAR

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR (ACADEMIC)

COMPANY OF THE YEAR (ENTERPRISE)



DISTINGUISHED CAREER

Xiaodong (Shel) Zhang

SENIOR TS&D DIRECTOR

DOW; CONSUMER SOLUTIONS

This award recognizes seasoned professionals with more than 25 years of professional experience who hold or have held executive-level management positions. Award recipients have made significant contributions to the growth and advancement of engineering, science, or technology. They are leaders within their organizations and display outstanding commitment to their communities through mentorship or support of other individuals in the STEM field.

Xiaodong (Shel) Zhang is currently Senior TS&D Director in Dow Consumer Solutions. Shel leads a global team of technical service and development professionals and has responsibility of talent management, implementation of innovation strategy, customer collaboration and application development in consumer markets.

Shel joined Dow in 2003 as a Senior Specialist in the Personal Care business. He led the development and commercialization of four new products with key brand owners. In 2007, he joined Dow Wolff Cellulosics as a global R&D leader for the Food and Nutrition business, where he drove the growth of an innovation portfolio in key health & nutrition areas that resulted in multiple new product launches. Shel was Associate R&D Director in P&SP from 2010-2018 and led the Wire & Cable R&D organization. His team had responsibility for providing technology expertise in polymer research, formulation development, application development, electrical characterization, and process R&D for the power and data transmission industry. In 2018, Shel was named R&D Director for Chemical Science in Core R&D. He had responsibility for global capability development focused on synthetic organic, inorganic and polymer technologies as well as homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis. In 2020, Shel was named Senior R&D and TS&D Director for the Home and Personal Care markets in Dow Consumer Solutions. He had responsibility for development and commercialization of a more sustainable product innovation pipeline of new products. Prior to joining Dow, Shel was a Lead Manager at Unilever from 2000-2003 where he and his team focused on skin cleansing and skin care technology. From 1998-2000, he worked for 3M in the field of dental restorative materials, where he developed novel radiopaque nano-composite formulation in the dental industry.

Shel is a member of the American Chemical Society and served as a board member of the Tri-State Chinese-American Chemical Society, a board member for Household & Commercial Products Association (HCPA) and a technical advisory board member for Rutgers University's College of Chemistry & Chemical Biology.

Shel received his B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Cooper Union in New York in 1994 and his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering in the field of polymer science from the University of Minnesota in 1998.



EMERGING LEADER OF THE YEAR

Dr. Arjita Kulshreshtha

SENIOR RESEARCH SPECIALIST

DOW; PACKAGING, SPECIALTY PLASTICS & HYDROCARBONS (PSP&H) RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

This award recognizes young professionals who graduated less than five years ago. Award recipients are already succeeding in their respective professions through significant and measurable accomplishments, have demonstrated the qualities of a leader, and are highly regarded within their organizations and communities. They are also active SASE Professional members or active leaders in the community.

Dr. Arjita Kulshreshtha is a Senior Research Specialist in Dow's Packaging, Specialty Plastics and Hydrocarbons (PSP&H) Research & Development organization. She develops computational, data-driven, and artificial intelligence (AI)-based tools that enhance manufacturing reliability, product quality, and efficiency across polyethylene and hydrocarbons processes.

Since joining Dow in 2022 through the Rotational Assignment Program, Arjita has leveraged her Ph.D. expertise in materials science and multiscale modeling to pioneer approaches that integrate data science/AI, and fundamental modeling to accelerate materials innovation and translate discoveries into scalable manufacturing solutions. Her work has delivered predictive models, molecular simulation frameworks for property prediction, and generative AI-based troubleshooting tools that reduce experimental effort and expedite decision-making across global businesses. She also contributes actively to recruiting and mentoring data science talent and supports internship initiatives focused on process reliability improvement.

Beyond her technical contributions, Arjita is actively engaged in professional development at Dow. She has served as a focal point for early-career researcher organizations, led technical colloquia, and organized mentoring and networking programs that connect emerging talent with senior leaders across sites. Having recently completed the McKinsey Leadership Essentials program, she continues to build her business acumen and leadership capabilities. She also supports local community engagement through United Way of Brazoria County and remains committed to mentoring students and early career professionals.

Arjita holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Delaware, a master's degree from Cornell University, and a bachelor's degree from BITS Pilani, India. Inspired by her parents' backgrounds in chemistry and electrical engineering, as well as her own early interest in computer programming, she pursued doctoral research focused on applying computational tools to solve chemical engineering and material science challenges. During graduate school, she received the Robert L. Pigford Fellowship, the Richard Wool Award for Women in Green Engineering, and the University of Delaware Doctoral Fellowship.

Outside of work, Arjita enjoys Pilates, music, exploring Houston-area restaurants with her husband, and spending time with her golden retriever.



ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

Quoc Nguyen

SENIOR ACOUSTICAL ENGINEER

GE VERNOVA

This award recognizes professionals in the private sector who have made significant and measurable contributions within their engineering field. Award recipients have shown consistent dedication and commitment to the growth and advancement of engineering, and they are recognized subject matter experts in their fields or industries. They are leaders within their organizations and display outstanding commitment to their communities through mentorship or support of other individuals in the STEM field.

Quoc Nguyen is a Senior Acoustic Engineer with 30 years of experience specializing in cutting-edge acoustic design and technical project management. A recognized expert in NVH (Noise, Vibration, and Harshness), sound quality, noise control, and cost-reduction initiatives, he has successfully led cross-functional teams to deliver best-in-class acoustic systems.

Key Achievements & Recognition

- **Award-Winning Innovation:** Recipient of the prestigious GE Techstorm award and the Henry Ford Technology Excellence Award, which delivered \$1M in cost savings.
- **Secured Major Funding:** Won a \$1.5M grant from the BIRD Foundation (funded by the U.S. and Israel) for pioneering Active Noise Cancellation technology in the power generation industry.
- **Intellectual Property:** Holds 14 patents with one pending patent.
- **Value-Driven Mission:** Dedicated to pushing the boundaries of acoustic performance while delivering significant ROI through lean design principles, delivering 61K saving in 2025 at GE Vernova.

Leadership & Community Impact

Beyond his technical achievements, Quoc is a passionate advocate for mentorship and diversity in engineering. He serves as an active leader within the GE Vernova Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) and is deeply committed to supporting early-career professionals, particularly through his work with the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE). His enduring dedication to excellence continues to make a meaningful impact on both GE Vernova and the broader engineering community.



EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

Midhat Mirabi

MANAGING DIRECTOR

GE VERNOVA, AERO NEW UNITS

This award recognizes seasoned professionals in executive-level management positions with more than 10 years of professional experience in their fields. Award recipients have shown consistent dedication and commitment to the growth and advancement of engineering and science through their engagement and contributions to SASE community. They are leaders within their organizations and display outstanding commitment to their communities through mentorship or support of other individuals in the STEM field.

Midhat Mirabi is a globally recognized energy executive and a strategic architect of the "Long View" in industrial infrastructure. As the Managing Director of Aero New Units at GE Vernova, he oversees a global P&L exceeding \$4 billion, leading the commercial strategy and deployment of technology essential to grid resilience and the global energy transition.

Based in Houston, Texas, Midhat directs initiatives that address the most pressing challenges of modern energy systems: electrification growth, grid reliability, and the surging power demands of AI and Data Center infrastructure. Under his leadership, the business has pivoted to provide rapid, scalable power solutions that bridge the gap between traditional reliability and a low-carbon future.

A distinguishing feature of Midhat's leadership is his active engagement with the broader energy ecosystem. He works closely with global policy makers, regulators, and utilities to accelerate the deployment of efficient, reliable, and cleaner power solutions in the regions that need them most. By positioning Aeroderivative technology as a critical tool for meeting sovereign decarbonization goals, he helps nations balance the urgent need for affordable power with long-term sustainability commitments.

With nearly two decades of international experience, Midhat has a proven track record of navigating high-volatility markets with a fiduciary mindset. Prior to his current role, he served as CEO of Aeroderivatives for EMEA, where he transformed a \$700M+ P&L and achieved a record 80% employee engagement score. His career is marked by securing multi-billion dollar infrastructure deals and building critical partnerships across the Middle East, North Africa, and China, including serving on the Board of Directors for key joint ventures.

Beyond his commercial results, Midhat is a dedicated advocate for global talent and community upliftment. A trilingual executive fluent in English, Arabic, and French, he serves as a key executive sponsor for the Asian Pacific Allies & Friends (APAF) Employee Resource Group. Driven by a commitment to democratizing opportunity, he also founded ALF in Lebanon, initiatives that provide STEM learning and executive mentorship to underprivileged youth in underserved communities.

Colleagues recognize Midhat for his ability to balance aggressive growth with a deep commitment to people and policy. By aligning commercial strategy with the professional development of his teams and the energy goals of the customers he serves, he ensures that the next generation of industry infrastructure is as resilient and inclusive as the technology itself.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIST OF THE YEAR

Dinakar Deshmukh

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GE AEROSPACE, DATA SCIENCE AND AI

This award recognizes professionals in information technology who have made significant and measurable contributions within the field. Award recipients have shown consistent dedication and commitment to the growth and advancement of information technology, and they are recognized subject matter experts in their fields or industries. They are leaders within their organizations and display outstanding commitment to their communities through mentorship or support of other individuals in the STEM field.

Dinakar Deshmukh is the Executive Director responsible for GE Aerospace's Data Science and AI function. In his current role, he is one of the key leaders driving the company's transformation with AI — playing a pivotal role in deploying AI solutions that enhance employee productivity and enable value stream transformation across GE Aerospace's commercial and defense operations. He leads a 150+ member global organization across six countries — the United States, India, the United Kingdom, China, Singapore, and Mexico — translating cutting-edge AI capabilities into real-world business impact at scale.

In this capacity, Dinakar conceived and delivered AI Wingmate, GE Aerospace's enterprise generative AI platform, in partnership with Microsoft. Deployed to all 52,000 GE Aerospace employees within six weeks in 2024, AI Wingmate stands as a flagship example of his work in driving employee productivity and has played a key role in significantly advancing GE Aerospace's culture of AI adoption. Dinakar also played a key leadership role in GE Aerospace's development of the first-ever AI analytics solution accepted by an aviation regulatory agency as an alternate method of compliance, setting a new regulatory standard for the aerospace industry.

Prior to his current strategic leadership scope, Dinakar built GE Aerospace's Data Science practice from the ground up. Starting with a single-digit team in 2013, he grew the function into a global organization and made Cincinnati GE Aerospace's largest concentration of AI talent. His team's machine learning-based engine health monitoring has achieved a 60% improvement in lead time, a 45% increase in detection coverage, and a 50%+ reduction in false alarms. His work on digital twin technology for predictive maintenance has driven a 56% decrease in disruptions for major airline operators.

Earlier in his career, Dinakar spent a decade as a mechanical design engineer at GE Aerospace, working across various jet engine components. Armed with a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from IIT Madras, this deep hands-on engineering foundation gives him a uniquely rare expertise combining deep engineering domain understanding with modern AI capabilities that is uncommon in the industry.

Throughout his career, Dinakar has been an active contributor to the broader AI and aerospace community. Within GE Aerospace, he has been honored three times with the CEO Innovation Award — in 2011, 2016, and 2025 — recognizing the sustained impact of his work across more than two decades of technology leadership. He has also served as a reverse mentor to C-suite leaders at GE Aerospace on data science and AI applications, and is an active speaker at leading industry and analytics conferences. He has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Influential Data and AI Leaders in the USA by AIM Research and among the top Data and AI leaders in Ohio by CDO Magazine.



Dr. Chunqing Liu is a Sr. R&D Fellow and Sr. Manager at Honeywell UOP. She currently leads the Membranes, Polymers, and Green H₂ Discovery Group, focusing on pioneering membrane technologies for clean energy transition. Her work includes natural gas upgrading, green hydrogen production, CO₂ capture, fuel cells, and hydrogen separation and purification.

Dr. Liu holds 110 U.S. patents, five authored book chapters, and over 50 peer-reviewed publications. In 2024, she was elected as a Member of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) and has received numerous awards, both within Honeywell and beyond.

She has actively contributed to various advisory boards and committees in academia and has mentored more than 30 undergraduate and graduate students from the United States, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Belgium.

Dr. Liu earned her Ph.D. from the Institute of Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, China. Prior to joining UOP in 2004, she worked as a Postdoctoral Researcher at Northwestern University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. Chunqing Liu

**SENIOR RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
FELLOW, SENIOR MANAGER**

**HONEYWELL, UNIVERSAL OIL PRODUCTS
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This award recognizes professionals in the private sector who have made significant and measurable contributions within the science field. Award recipients have shown consistent dedication and commitment to the growth and advancement of science, and they are recognized subject matter experts in their fields or industries. They are leaders within their organizations and display outstanding commitment to their communities through mentorship or support of other individuals in the STEM field.

PROFESSIONAL



SERVICE IMPACT AWARD

Sonal Karjatkar

SENIOR SERVICES PRODUCT MANAGER

GE VERNOVA

This award recognizes individuals who have made significant and measurable contributions to their communities through volunteerism. These individuals exemplify inspirational leadership and initiative through accomplishments such as teaching, coaching, organizing, serving on boards and committees, and other leadership roles. Their volunteer work has made a positive impact on their community.

Sonal Karjatkar is a Senior Services Product Manager at GE Vernova, where she specializes in product marketing and analytics within the energy sector. With over 18 years of experience spanning the full oil and gas value chain—from upstream and midstream to downstream—she brings deep expertise in natural gas markets, energy transition, and service analytics. In her current role, she leads high-impact initiatives in Gas Power Services, developing data-driven strategies that support sustainable growth, decarbonization, and long-term business planning.

At GE Vernova, Sonal has led global market analytics efforts across more than 30 countries, delivering actionable insights to utilities, developers, and large energy consumers. She has played a key role in shaping integrated gas-to-power outlooks, LNG market indicators, and customer-focused strategies that enhance decision-making and unlock new growth opportunities. She is currently spearheading structured forecasting frameworks to improve service revenue visibility while also leading marketing transformation initiatives, including digital modernization, rebranding, and customer engagement strategies.

Sonal is an experienced business professional who values collaboration, mentorship, and team development. Throughout her career, she has worked with global teams, helping foster an environment of inclusion, transparency, and continuous growth. She is also involved in community and diversity initiatives through the GE Vernova ERG platform and deeply involved in the Asian Pacific American Forum (APAF) Houston chapter, where she contributes to mentorship, cultural awareness, and professional development programs.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Sonal is deeply committed to philanthropy and community service. For more than 16 years, she and her husband have led an annual food donation initiative in Gujarat, India, growing support from a handful of families to nearly 200 families annually. She has also contributed to orphanages and senior homes, supported educational opportunities for underserved students, funded school resources and infrastructure improvements near Bangalore, and assisted with meal distribution efforts for displaced workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through her long-standing involvement with the Lions Clubs International, she has supported healthcare initiatives including artificial limb programs, blood donation drives, and community health services. In the United States, she has been an active leader in cultural and community organizations, mentored youth through STEM programs such as VEX Robotics, and supported grassroots sports initiatives. Her sustained dedication to leadership, mentorship, philanthropy, and community engagement reflects a lifelong commitment to creating meaningful and lasting impact.



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Lehigh University

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BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA

This award recognizes an academic institution that has demonstrated significant contributions to the scientific and/or engineering professions as well as a long-standing commitment to community involvement on campus. In the past year, this institution has devoted outstanding support, advocacy, and services to address the development and advancement of STEM among its students, faculty, and staff, with a focus on building community.

Lehigh University, located in Pennsylvania's vibrant Lehigh Valley, cultivates new knowledge and empowers pragmatic problem-solvers through collaborative research, faculty mentorship and a supportive community. At Lehigh, a focus on real-world impact gives students the foundation to become leaders who create meaningful change in their communities and the world.

More than 150 years after its founding, Lehigh continues to honor its legacies and traditions while constantly seeking new and innovative ways to educate the leaders of tomorrow.

A university that began as the home of just 39 eager young scholars is now a thriving, internationally recognized university of more than 5,500 undergraduate and 1,700 graduate students. Under the previous leadership of President John Simon, Lehigh embarked on a "Path to Prominence"; a bold plan to expand its impact on its students, its community and its world through the growth and diversification of student enrollment, the establishment of a college of health, and the development and renovation of academic and research facilities.

With President Joe Heible '82 at the helm since 2021, Lehigh has launched its strategic plan, "Inspiring the Future Makers." The strategic plan outlines a bold vision for the university over the next decade centered on breaking boundaries to address societal challenges, innovating in academics and research, and cultivating collaborations and partnerships that build community and amplify Lehigh's global, national and regional impact.



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WELCOME

A year ago, the phrase "See you in Seattle" was just a thought. Today, it is finally a reality full of stories, possibilities, and connections waiting to happen.

My name is Daisy and it is my absolute pleasure to welcome our attendees, sponsors, and volunteers to STEMConnect26 in Seattle, WA as the Convention Chair.



Lightning might strike randomly, but what happens here is no accident.

Our theme, "Charge Up" represents a call to plug into a space that sparks your ambitions and power where you're going next. For generations, these conventions have transformed both our Collegiate and Professional audiences alike.

I know this firsthand because three years ago, my own SASE journey began.

I attended my very first SASE convention as a new member and officer of my chapter at the University of Central Florida on a last minute whim, hoping it would provide me with the answers I needed. At the time, I was a senior in college beyond scared about the inevitable future that comes after graduation. But unexpectedly, what I found was more than a conference.

I found confidence and meaning. I found pathways to develop my goals and leadership. I found strangers that became lifelong friends. I found conversations and a community that stayed with me long after the flight home. Though I didn't know what I was searching for in life, SASE found me. I share this personal anecdote because I hope you give yourself the opportunity to experience something like that here.

And before you experience this convention, I want to put a special spotlight on the people who made it possible.

The convention you see over the next three days represents an entire year of hard work from a team of volunteers and staff who have given their time, energy, creativity, and support.

There have been countless meetings, messages, tasks, documents, spreadsheets, revisions, and questions squeezed into their already busy schedules. And what is so inspiring is that they do it out of a genuine care for what this community stands for and gives back. To the team, thank you for everything.

As you all move through the next few days, remember that this convention is yours to explore and make your own. I encourage you to be present, be curious, and be bold. Go to that session, introduce yourself at a hospitality suite, seek out the person sitting next to you, or ask someone about their story. You never know what will become a treasured memory, who you might inspire, and what version of yourself you might discover here. So, like our theme,

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

START	END	TITLE	SPEAKER	ROOM
7:00 AM	10:00 AM	Registration Open		Atrium Lobby 4TH FLOOR
8:00 AM	9:15 AM	General Session		Ballroom 6TH FLOOR
9:15 AM	9:45 AM	Morning Break		6E Lobby
9:45 AM	12:15 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
		Don't Let Your Talent Go Unnoticed <small>Communicate Your Value Early in Your Career</small>	Leo Cheung	615
		Know Yourself to Lead Your Impact	Christine Lee	616
		Know Yourself to Lead Others	Aaron Lee, Jeff Lovell, Becky Rivest	617
		Know Your System to Lead the Organization	Hope Yin, Annie Chiang	618
		Ingredients of Influence <small>Building Relational Capital</small>	Leonna Luc, Yon Na	619
		What Do You Do With Rage? <small>Turning Frustration Into Clarity, Communication & Influence</small>	Sarita Vasa	620
12:30 PM	2:00 PM	Lunch & Leadership Awards		Ballroom 6TH FLOOR
2:15 PM	3:30 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
		Open Doors at Work <small>Build The Communication Habits That Invite Collaboration</small>	Dottie Li	615
		Know Yourself to Lead Your Impact <small>(CONTINUED)</small>	Christine Lee	616
		Know Yourself to Lead Others <small>(CONTINUED)</small>	Aaron Lee, Jeff Lovell, Becky Rivest	617
		Know Your System to Lead the Organization <small>(CONT.)</small>	Hope Yin, Annie Chiang	618
		Leading in the Learning Zone <small>Build Psychological Safety When Work Gets Messy</small>	Sarita Vasa	619
		The Perfect Introduction <small>5 Ways To Introduce, Market & Promote Yourself In <20 Words</small>	Rebecca Okamoto	620
3:30 PM	4:00 PM	Afternoon Break		6E Lobby
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	EXECUTIVE PANELS		
		AI is Changing the Work <small>What Will Make You Valuable?</small>		615
		The Career Ladder Is Changing		616
		Leading When the Answer Isn't Obvious		617
		Influence Is the New Authority		618
		High Performance Without Fear		619
5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Evening Break		
8:00 PM	10:00 PM	Pro Karaoke		613 / 614

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

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7:00 AM	12:00 PM	Registration Open		Atrium Lobby 4TH FLOOR
8:00 AM	9:00 AM	General Session		Ballroom 6TH FLOOR
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Morning Break		6E Lobby
9:30 AM	12:00 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
		Stop Working Alone <small>Build The Network That Helps You Get Work Done</small>	Dottie Li	615
		Know Yourself to Lead Your Impact <small>(CONTINUED)</small>	Christine Lee	616
		Know Yourself to Lead Others <small>(CONTINUED)</small>	Aaron Lee, Jeff Lovell, Becky Rivest	617
		Know Your System to Lead the Organization <small>(CONT.)</small>	Hope Yin, Annie Chiang	618
		Ingredients of Influence <small>Creating Commitment Without Authority</small>	Leonna Luc, Yon Na	619
		Creating the Visibility, Influence, and Opportunities You Want	Lawrence Huey, Amy Tucker	620
12:15 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch & Achievement/Salutes Awards		Ballroom 6TH FLOOR
1:45 PM	3:00 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
		Avoid Career Drift <small>Take Control Of Your Career Path Before Getting Stuck</small>	Leo Cheung	615
		When Pressure Turns Personal <small>Using EQ to Navigate Workplace Tension</small>	Christine Lee	616
		Command the Room <small>Build the Leadership Brand that Moves Strategy Forward</small>	Dottie Li	618
		Building Accountability, Engagement, and High-Performing Teams	Lawrence Huey, Amy Tucker	619
		Turn Tough Feedback Into Career Momentum <small>How to Stay Composed, Find the Useful Signal, and Grow Your Impact</small>	Becky Rivest	620
3:00 PM	3:15 PM	Afternoon Break		6E Lobby
3:30 PM	4:45 PM	Joint Closing General Session		Ballroom 6TH FLOOR
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Alma Mater Networking		Ballroom 6TH FLOOR
		How to Get an Offer Networking		613 / 614
		Science Symposium		Atrium Lobby 4TH FLOOR

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Collegiate



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START	END	TITLE	SPONSOR	ROOM
3:00 PM	9:00 PM	Registration Open		Atrium Lobby 4TH FLOOR
4:00 PM	5:30 PM	Karaoke		613 / 614
		Slideslam		602 / 603
4:00 PM	5:45 PM	SASEHack		606 / 607
6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Collegiate Opening General Session		Ballroom 6TH FLOOR
8:00 PM	10:00 PM	Hospitality Suites	Rockwell	4C-2
			Mortenson	4C-4



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2



START	END	TITLE	SPONSOR	ROOM
7:00 AM	12:00 PM	Registration Open		Atrium Lobby 4TH FLOOR
8:30 AM	9:15 AM	SPONSOR WORKSHOPS		
		Ford and AI	Ford	602 / 603
		Charge Up Your Communication <i>Powering Meaningful Connections Across Cultures</i>	Chevron	606 / 607
		Emotional Intelligence <i>Leading with Empathy and Awareness</i>	Honeywell Aerospace	608 / 609
9:00 AM	3:00 PM	Resume Reviews	Chevron	605
			Exelon	610
			SASE	613 / 614
9:15 AM	3:15 PM	Merch Table		Atrium Lobby 26 AREA
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Morning Break		6ABC Lobby
10:00 AM	3:00 PM	Philanthropy & Craft Activities		604
10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Interview Booths		Hall 4A 4TH FLOOR
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	SPONSOR WORKSHOPS		
		AI Data Centers <i>Liquid Cooling Technology Overview</i>	Carrier	602 / 603
		Building Blocks of Your Career	GE Vernova	606 / 607
		Finding, Growing & Becoming A Mentor	Honeywell Technologies	608 / 609
		Making Your Path in Construction	Granite	611 / 612

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11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Lunch Break		
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	SPONSOR WORKSHOPS		
		Strategizing Long-Term Growth <i>Amp Up Your Future</i>	Honeywell Aerospace	602 / 603
		Bring AURA to Work <i>Authenticity, Unity, Relationship Building, Advancement</i>	Blue Origin	608 / 609
1:00 PM	1:45 PM	Volunteer Appreciation		613 / 614
1:30 PM	2:00 PM	Afternoon Break		6ABC Lobby
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	COLLEGIATE PANELS		
		What AI Can't Automate	Southwire / Carrier / Chevron / GE Aerospace	602 / 603
		6-7 of School <i>Years Of Graduate School</i>	Minea / Lehigh / GE Vernova / Honeywell Technologies / Honeywell Aerospace	606 / 607
		Professional "Rizz"ardry	GE Vernova / Carrier / Shell	608 / 609
3:30 PM	4:45 PM	Joint Closing General Session		Ballroom 6TH FLOOR
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Alma Mater Networking		Ballroom 6TH FLOOR
		How to Get an Offer Networking		613 / 614
		Science Symposium		Atrium Lobby 4TH FLOOR
8:00 PM	10:00 PM	Hospitality Suites	Sandia	4C-3

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

START	END	TITLE	SPONSOR	ROOM
7:00 AM	3:00 PM	Registration Open		Atrium Lobby 4TH FLOOR
8:00 AM		Ribbon Cutting & Entertainment		Hall 4B 4TH FLOOR
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Interview Booths		Hall 4A 4TH FLOOR
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Career Fair		Hall 4B 4TH FLOOR
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Help Desk		Hall 4B 4TH FLOOR
9:00 AM	5:00 PM	How to Get an Offer Networking		Hall 4B 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Merch Table		Hall 4B 4TH FLOOR
1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Collegiate Leadership Exchange		613 / 614

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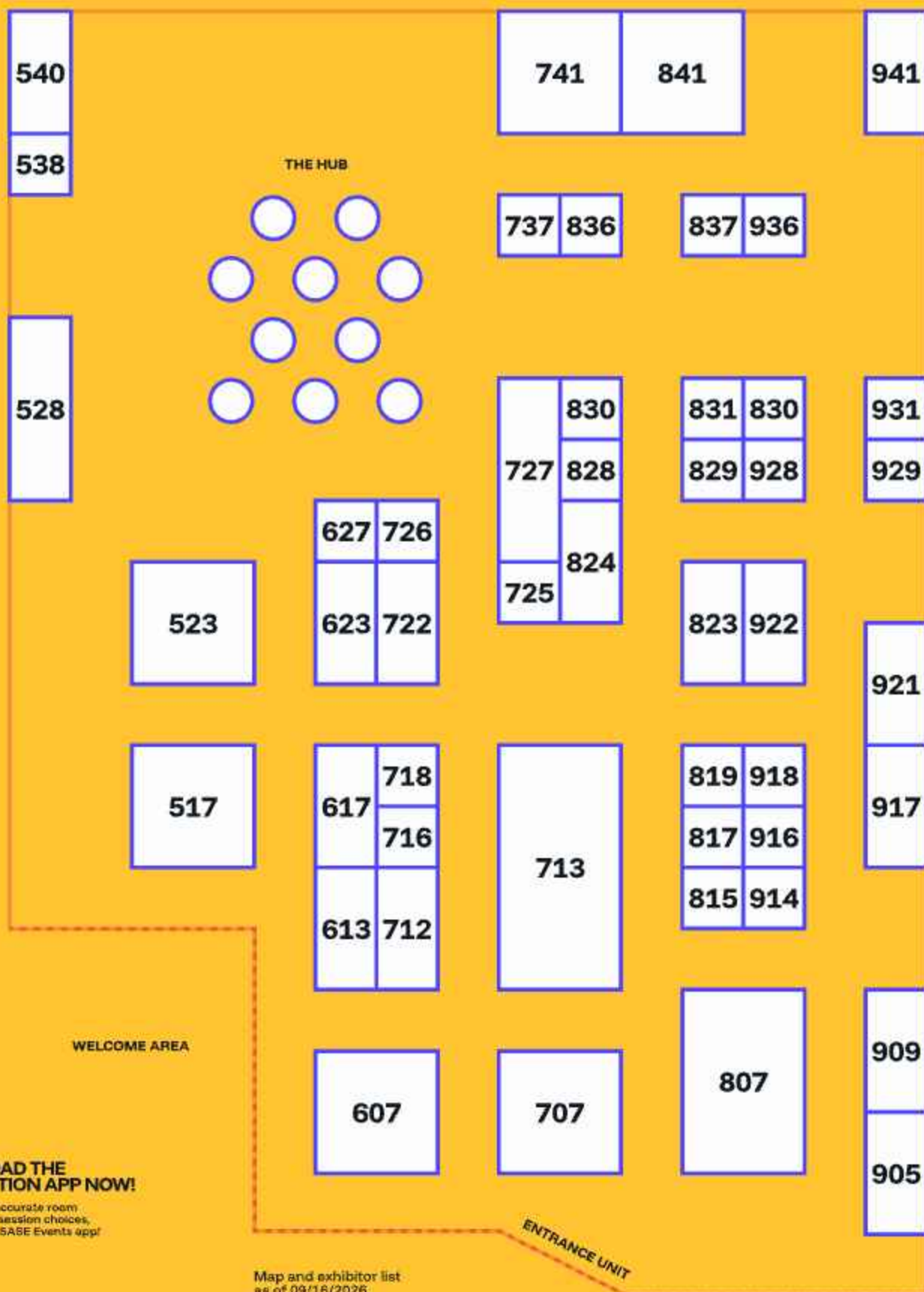
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CAREER FAIR EXHIBITOR BOOTHS

523	Blue Origin	726	Lehigh University
829	Burns & McDonnell		Rossin College of Engineering
815	Clean Harbors	540	Merch Table
623	Colorado School of Mines	627	MIT Lincoln Laboratory
931	Columbia University	819	MIT System Design and Management Program
921	Constellation Energy	617	Mortenson
713	Daimler Truck North America	928	NYU Tandon School of Engineering
905	Draper	528	Offer Celebration Gong
918	Duke University	727	Photo Booth
517	Exelon Corporation	712	Rockwell Automation
741	Exhibitor Lounge	722	Sandia National Lab
916	Florida Int'l. University College of Engineering	941	Service Desks
823	GE Aerospace	909	Southwire
607	GE Vernova	830	Stevens Institute of Technology
613	Gilbane Building Company	817	Texas A&M University College of Engineering
718	Granite	824	Turner Construction
538	Help Desk	831	UCLA Engineering Online Masters
807	Honeywell Aerospace	930	University of Georgia College of Engineering
707	Honeywell Technologies	914	USC Viterbi School of Engineering
929	Johns Hopkins APL	922	Whiting-Turner

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INTERVIEW HALL MAP

1023 Granite	1122 Exelon Corporation
1021 Granite	1120 Exelon Corporation
1019 Honeywell Aerospace	1118 Honeywell Aerospace
1017 Honeywell Aerospace	1116 Honeywell Aerospace

1123 Sandia National Lab	1222 GE Aerospace
1121	1220 GE Aerospace
1119 Turner Construction	1218 Gibbons Building Company
1117 Honeywell Technologies	1216 Honeywell Technologies

1223 Constellation Energy	1322
1221 Chevron	1320
1219 Whiting-Turner	1318
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1009 Honeywell Aerospace	1108 Honeywell Aerospace
1007 Honeywell Aerospace	1106 Honeywell Aerospace

1113 Honeywell Technologies	1212 Honeywell Technologies
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1109 Honeywell Technologies	1208 Honeywell Technologies
1107 Honeywell Technologies	1206 Honeywell Technologies

1213 Blue Origin	1312 GE Vernova
1211 Mortenson	1310 Mortenson
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BOOTH# 1120 / 1122

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BOOTH# 1220 / 1222

GE Vernova

BOOTH# 1312

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Granite

BOOTH# 1021 / 1023

Honeywell Aerospace

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1017 / 1019 / 1106 / 1108
1110 / 1112 / 1116 / 1118

Honeywell Technologies

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1206 / 1208 / 1210 / 1212

Mortenson

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Sandia National Lab

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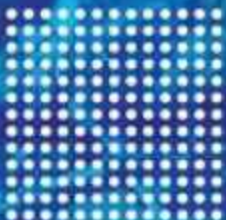
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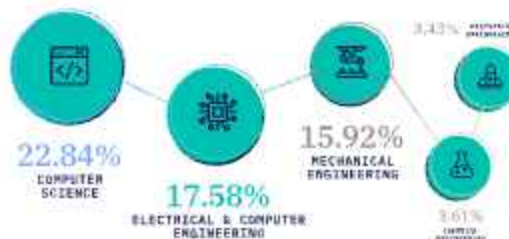
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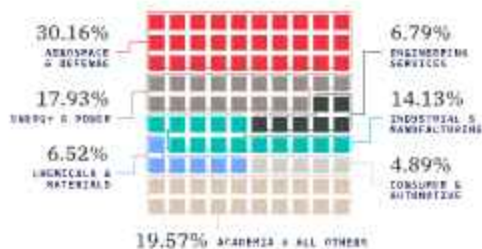
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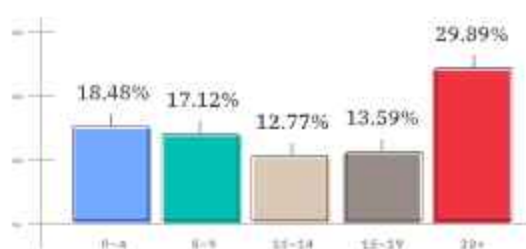
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**Maisha
Samiha Ikra**



SASE Involvement

2025-PRESENT	SASE Staff, Shared Services Coordinator
2024-2025	STEMConnect, Co-Chair
2023-2024	STEMConnect, Logistics Co-Manager
2022-2024	SASE Northeast & NERC, Regional Program Coordinator (PC)
2021-2022	SASE Northeast, Regional Marketing Representative (RMR)
2020-2021	NERC, Programming Committee Member
2020-2021	SASE Binghamton Chapter, Marketing Chair
2017-2020	SASE Binghamton Chapter, Events Volunteer

"Maisha has been the best at helping me through all my chaos and a volunteer (especially as a solo manager for the marketing team for STEM Connect). She's always there to help me whenever I have questions/requests and boy do I have plenty. It has been a pleasure working with Maisha and I wish her the best in her future endeavors!!!!!" - Cindy T.

FUN FACTS

Favorite dessert?

Chocolate Pie or Tiramisu

Favorite TV show?

Amphibia

Go-to karaoke song?

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
Cyndi Lauper

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2027	CUNY Brooklyn College, MS Urban Environmental Science Candidate
2021	SUNY Binghamton University, BS Environmental Science - Ecosystems

How did you become involved with SASE?

My best friend at university (s/o Mike Messina) was a freshmen ambassador for our SASE Chapter and brought me to our Professional Luncheon event. But what really nailed my love for SASE was attending my first regional conference hosted by Stevens Institute of Technology in 2018. I made so many new friends across my region but more importantly, I attended a workshop by a really inspiring environmental scientist; after chatting with him, I was empowered to declare my major in Environmental Science and pursue the field with full force.

Over the years, SASE not only helped me grow an awesome network of friends but also continued to help me develop my professionalism skills.

Mike also convinced me to join our chapter EBoard as marketing chair during COVID and from there I found a passion for sharing SASE.

NERC 2018 also inspired me to volunteer for SASE nationally. During the pandemic, there was a chance to plan a virtual NERC and I knew this was the perfect opportunity for me because I always wanted to plan a conference but did not have the resources to host. Working with that year's NE Team inspired me to join the regional team as an RMR, and while I intended to leave after the year, the team needed help finding a PC to host the first back in-person NERC. As one of the few volunteers who remembers pre-pandemic conferences, I was intrigued to stay and try.

Each role since then only grew my involvement more and more to the point where everyday,

I am so grateful to work for an organization whose mission has shaped me (and so many others) through adulthood!

*"She is my role model because she was an amazing, gentle teacher."
- Anon.*



What is your favorite SASE memory?

Weirdly enough, I always get a kick out of those meetings with teams that become more than just meetings. There are so many sidetracked conversations and extended calls (mostly to play video games afterwards) I've had throughout all my teams that makes me so grateful to not only work alongside these teams but also call some of them, my closest friends.

Especially when event planning can get so stressful, it's such a wonderful thing to spend time growing a project with passionate, like-minded people to the point where caring for each other is second nature and having fun conversations between the tasks is a given.

I want to specifically shout out my National Convention Logistics Team of Boston 2024 (Ronit, Anne, Ash, Alex, Sarayu, & Jess) for being the coolest, funniest, most hardworking group of individuals I've ever worked with!

They weren't strangers across the country I had meetings with – they're my family I got to build amazing memories with. They're also the biggest sweet treat lovers I've ever met...

#longliveFlourBakery

What does SASE mean to you?

SASE, to me, means empowerment.

We gather from different walks of life across the country to not only better ourselves, but to better the lives of others. From career readiness, leadership opportunities, and giving back to foster our communities, the empowerment is far more than glam on a resume.

As a first generation university graduate, there is no greater privilege in life than support. SASE is the epitome of support because it opens all the doors individuals could have never imagined they themselves could open. The honor of hosting 3 regional conferences connected me with new students and friends to fulfil the cycle of inspiration and grow it further via national conference volunteering as well. The same event that captivated me to join SASE was now an experience I could share with others, especially post pandemic.

I would not be the leader I am today without the care of wise mentors before me and I believe whether student or professional, volunteer or regular chapter member, all fondly remember who helped them grow into strong leaders.

SASE doesn't just exist because of common identity, it thrives because of common values, trust, and believing in one another to build a successful future, together.

What is a piece of advice you would give to an incoming SASE member?

There are amazing leaders who are shy introverts as well as many extroverts who get nervous talking to others. Great leadership does not come from being the best spoken in the room, it comes from practicing empathy and vulnerability. Good leaders are going to have personalities and working styles uniquely different from yours, so it's crucial to drop the comparison demon that works from a place of fear or shame and instead take it as an opportunity to challenge your growth. Regardless of how they seem, the strongest of leaders know it's not how they're perceived that matters most, but rather how they make others feel accepted and empowered.



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NORTHEAST COLLEGIATE STAR



**Vasumathi
Venkat**

AWARD WINNER
SASEFAM SINCE 2022

I first heard about SASE at my school's activities fair during my freshman fall. The chapter had just been approved by the university, and they were looking for board members to help organize events. I applied to be Vice President, and the club took off soon after in spring 2023. From there, I served as President for two years and now support the chapter as Emeritus President and Advisor.

My favorite memory is the 2024 National Convention. Our chapter stayed up late getting ramen and Indian food, working on our resumes, and coaching newer members on how to approach recruiters and interviews. We made matching bracelets at the rest and recreation station and met up with our Regional Coordinator. It was the kind of trip that brought us closer as a team and as friends.

My advice to new members: take full advantage of STEMConnect to learn how to recruit and network. There's an art to connecting with people professionally, and you can only learn it through experience. Don't worry about growing your LinkedIn connection count. Instead, make real friends and build lasting relationships with recruiters who might think of you for opportunities down the road.



**Selena
Zhang**

HONORABLE MENTION
SASEFAM SINCE 2024

I had never heard of SASE until 2024, when the Cornell chapter was being revived after going inactive during COVID. They were looking for students to join the E-board, and I was immediately drawn to the idea of a community I could identify with. I also wanted to help rebuild the chapter and create that same sense of community for other students. I started as Chapter Treasurer and went on to serve as Co-President, watching our chapter grow every step of the way.

My favorite memory is attending the National Convention in Pittsburgh this past fall. As a relatively new chapter, it was only our second year attending, and it was especially exciting to bring so many new members with us. Traveling together, spending time with our chapter, and meeting students from other SASE chapters made the experience unforgettable. It was a chance to see how far our chapter had come and to feel like part of the larger SASE community.

My advice to new members: put yourself out there and take advantage of every opportunity SASE offers. Whether it's attending a meeting, going to a social event, or talking to someone you've never met, getting involved is the best way to find your place. You never know which conversation will turn into a meaningful friendship or opportunity.



SOUTH CENTRAL COLLEGIATE STAR



**Steven
Nguyen**

AWARD WINNER
SASEFAM SINCE 2023

I found SASE on a volleyball court. My cousin and I were playing when an upperclassman in SASE, an electrical engineer, came over and told us about the benefits of joining. We tried out for the chapter's intern program and went on to become officers. Since then, I've served UTA SASE as Sports Coordinator and Conference Chair.

My favorite SASE memories all happened at SCRC. At SCRC 2024, I wore a Donkey Kong tie and got hyped up by the whole crowd during the dance workshop. At SCRC 2025, I wore a panda head everywhere I went, and by the closing ceremony, I was brought up on stage to dance. Those moments showed me that SASE is a place where you can be yourself and have fun while you grow.

My advice to new members: having fun in a professional way shows people who you really are. Nothing is that serious, and everyone here is a regular person. Talk to everyone like they're already your friend.



**Karyl
Fajardo**

HONORABLE MENTION
SASEFAM SINCE 2023

I first heard about SASE during a tabling event my freshman year. I kept them in mind, and every time I ran into an officer, they were friendly and made me feel at home. My sophomore year, I decided to go to SCRC. The culture of SASE made me feel completely comfortable, and the UNT chapter's focus on being a safe space deeply resonated with me. I quickly realized there was nowhere else I'd rather be. Since then, I've served as UNT Chapter Vice President and President, and this year I joined the STEMConnect Logistics Committee as Hospitality Services Coordinator.

My core memory is SCRC 2023. I loved connecting with my UNT chapter, but what surprised me most was how easy it was to approach other chapters. At other regional events, schools tend to stick to themselves. At SASE, everyone I approached wanted to connect, and that's the kind of community I wanted to be part of. It's also where I met one of my best friends. Apparently, I made quite an impression.

My advice to new members: make the most of your time with SASE, even when it's scary. Everyone here wants to support your professional journey. If you have the chance to learn something new, take it. If you have the chance to connect with someone, do it, because you might find a lifelong friend. And if you have the chance to present, go for it. Even if it doesn't go perfectly, you faced your nerves, and that's something to be proud of.



SOUTHEAST COLLEGIATE STAR



**Blake
Pu**

AWARD WINNER
SASEFAM SINCE 2024

My first SASE general body meeting was in the second half of my freshman spring semester. The first person I met would eventually become my SASE mentor, and right away, SASE felt more open and welcoming than any other organization I'd joined on campus. At the time, I was balancing a sport with school and other obligations, so I applied to the e-board almost as a resume builder. I figured it was something I could easily step away from and that it wouldn't have much impact on my college experience. I had no idea how wrong I was. I went on to serve FSU SASE as Events Coordinator and President, and I'm now continuing as Senior Advisor.

Some of my favorite memories are road trips to conferences and Airbnb stays with fellow members. SERC 2026 was a highlight. Being close to FSU meant more of our members could attend, and the energy was impossible to miss. Helping organize the trip and growing our attendance from four members the year before to 16 made me incredibly proud of our chapter.

My advice to new members: never let anyone define or narrow what you think this organization, or your role in it, can be. You are an active part of SASE, and your potential is limitless. If the passion and follow-through are there, SASE can become a reflection of who you are and a pillar that supports you.



**Justin
Doan**

HONORABLE MENTION
SASEFAM SINCE 2023

I found UF SASE the summer before my freshman year, and as soon as I got to campus, I started going to events. My involvement really took off as a SASE intern, and I fell in love with the community and all the opportunities for personal growth. Since then, I've served UF SASE as Member Involvement Chair and President, and this year, I'm stepping into a regional role as Southeast Regional Coordinator.

My favorite memory is traveling to Boston for the 2024 National Convention. A major hurricane was moving through Florida at the same time, so the trip was hectic, but looking back, it was so much fun.

My advice to new members: never be afraid to get involved and try new things. SASE will give you as much as you give it. College is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, so take every chance you get to do something new.



MIDWEST COLLEGIATE STAR



**Mason
Lee**

AWARD WINNER
SASEFAM SINCE 2023

My older sister encouraged me to join SASE before I started college, and the amazing people I met gave me every reason to stay. I started as Event Coordinator, then served as Treasurer and President, and this past year I also served as Conference Chair for MWRC 2026.

My favorite memory is meeting so many people at STEMConnect in Pittsburgh.

My advice to new members: meet new people, make friends, and have fun.



**Katrina
Leon**

HONORABLE MENTION
SASEFAM

I found SASE through Purdue's club tabling events, and I quickly connected with the people and the mission. The more events I attended, the more I wanted to be part of the board, so I applied to join the Cabinet, our junior board. It's been one of the best decisions I've made in college. From there, I served as Marketing Chair, Corporate Relations Chair, and External Vice President and Treasurer, and later as Graduate Advisor. Through it all, I've spent four years as a mentor.

It's hard to pick just one, but my favorite memory is my first National Convention trip in Boston. I had a great time at the conference and exploring the city with friends. We loved it so much that some of my SASE friends and I went back later just for a vacation.

My advice to new members comes in three parts. First, surround yourself with people who motivate you, not pressure you, to do better in whatever you care about. Second, it's better to start late than never. You'll never feel like you have everything figured out, and that's okay. Third, the world is a pick-your-own-adventure game. Go do the thing you've been thinking about, talk to people, and ask questions. Life is full of uncertainty, and that's one of the most beautiful things about it.

WEST COLLEGIATE STAR



**Julia
Marsh**

AWARD WINNER
SASEFAM SINCE 2023

I got involved with SASE my sophomore year, after switching my major from nursing to computer science. As someone new to UNM's School of Engineering, I was looking for a community of people with similar goals. Around that time, UNM's SASE chapter was being revived, so I stepped outside my comfort zone and applied for the associate board. That decision shaped my entire college experience. I went on to serve as Finance Associate, Treasurer, Vice President of Engineering, and President, and I'm now a Co-Senior Advisor.

My favorite memory is hosting WRC 2026 at UNM. It was one of the most challenging things I've taken on, and also the most rewarding. We got to share UNM, New Mexico, and the Southwest with chapters from across the West Region. Seeing months of planning come to life alongside my executive board and the West Region team made every challenge worth it, and watching attendees connect and learn is something I'll always be proud of.

My advice to new members: step outside your comfort zone and take advantage of every opportunity your chapter offers. Joining a newly revived organization where I didn't know anyone was intimidating, but it became one of the best decisions I've made. SASE gave me strong friendships, leadership opportunities, and experiences that shaped my personal and professional growth.



**Shannon
Wong**

HONORABLE MENTION
SASEFAM SINCE 2023

SASE has been part of nearly my entire undergraduate journey. I became President of SASE UCalgary at 16, and I'm now entering both my final year of university and my fourth year as President. In that time, I've had the privilege of leading our chapter through an incredible period of growth. SASE UCalgary has become the University of Calgary's fastest-growing student organization, growing from 73 members to more than 2,000.

My favorite memory is defying expectations and reaching new heights every year. Our Ramen Study Night grew from a small gathering into a campus-wide event that now draws students from other universities. We launched our first-ever Industry Showcase and Career Fair with more than 300 attendees, founded four new programs, and grew from one industry partner to more than 15 sponsors. Above all, I'm proud to have built a welcoming community where students can connect, grow, and strive for excellence together.

My advice to new members: never give up, especially when nobody believes in you. Some of the greatest opportunities for growth come when you're underestimated or facing obstacles that seem impossible. Respond to adversity with ingenuity and resilience, and let your accomplishments speak for themselves.

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EMERGING STAR



**Benjamin
Brigino**

FUN FACTS

Favorite dessert?

Tahoe

Favorite TV show?

America's Test Kitchen

Go-to karaoke song?

What You Know
Two Door Cinema Club

SASE Involvement

Benjamin began his SASE journey at North Carolina State University as Student Ambassador Leader in 2023, then served as Vice President and Co-President in 2024 and Senior Advisor in 2025. After his chapter term, he expanded his impact beyond campus, becoming a Southeast Regional Coordinator in 2025. That same year, he joined the SASE Science Initiative as Logistics and Planning Lead and now serves as SASE Science Initiative Lead.

What is your favorite SASE memory?

My favorite SASE memory is organizing the Research Poster Symposium for the 2026 Southeast Regional Conference (SERC). As one of SASE Science Initiative's Regional Conference Liaisons, I collaborated with the SERC Programming Leads to coordinate end-to-end logistics for the event, featuring 10 presenters across 3 universities. What made this experience special was watching everything I planned come together. I'm proud that the systems I built will continue creating meaningful opportunities for science students in SASE.

What does SASE mean to you?

SASE is more than just an organization; it's a community that shaped my college experience and continues to shape who I am today. It gave me a sense of belonging as a student in STEM and taught me the value of taking risks and stepping into roles that challenged me. I've seen chapters grow, members find their confidence, and students land opportunities they never thought possible. SASE gave me a foundation, and my goal is to help build that foundation for others.

What is a piece of advice you would give to an incoming SASE member?

Embrace a proactive mindset over a reactive one. SASE is the perfect place to do this; it's a safe space to experiment and fail forward. You'll be surprised by what you can achieve when you stop waiting and start acting.

RISING STAR



**Cindy
Nguyen**

FUN FACTS

Favorite dessert?

Anything with Dark Chocolate

Favorite TV show?

Full Metal Alchemist: Brotherhood

Go-to karaoke song?

APT.
Bruno Mars and ROSÉ

SASE Involvement

Cindy began her SASE journey at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where she helped build the chapter as Events Coordinator in 2023 and then served as President from 2023 to 2024. She went on to serve as a South Regional Coordinator from 2024 to 2025 and as Southeast Program Coordinator from 2025 to 2026. She now serves as Southeast Regional Manager.

What is your favorite SASE memory?

I can't pick just one, but all my favorite memories come from STEMConnect and SERC!! Getting to meet SASE members in person is always a blast. The connections are instant, like we've known each other for years, regardless of how far apart we are in our daily lives. These events showed me the true meaning of #SASEfam. These moments of laughter and connection are ones I'll always hold onto.

What does SASE mean to you?

To me, SASE embodies community and growth. It has become my second family, and I know so many others feel the same way. I've grown so much through this space as a leader, a friend, and a person, surrounded by people who genuinely celebrate and support one another. I'm so grateful to have experienced this type of belonging!

What is a piece of advice you would give to an incoming SASE member?

Keep putting yourself out there!!! Say yes, introduce yourself, and show up whenever you can. Nothing is cringe if your intentions are genuine. Whatever you give out will always find its way back to you, and SASE is the perfect place to see that in practice. :)

SHINING STAR



**Naser
Moin**

FUN FACTS

Favorite dessert?

Cheesecake

Favorite TV show?

Adventure Time

Go-to karaoke song?

Lonely Boy

Black Keys

SASE Involvement

Naser began his SASE journey in 2020 at Colorado State University, where he was one of five students who helped revive the chapter, earning its re-recognition in early 2021. He served as Chapter Treasurer from 2020 to 2022 and Vice President from 2022 to 2023. After graduating, he joined the West Team as a Regional Coordinator from 2023 to 2025. He now serves as West Regional Manager.

What is your favorite SASE memory?

My favorite SASE memory is probably participating in panels at WRC 2026 in New Mexico. It was fun to talk to people about the transition from college life to industry, and to put myself back in the shoes of who I was when I had the same questions at the College to Industry panel WRC 2023. The positive energy and foot-stomping excitement at WRC New Mexico was exactly the sign I needed after a difficult year, a sign that SASE was back on the rise.

What does SASE mean to you?

Entering my fourth year of volunteering, SASE has become something that I am helping cultivate alongside the other SASE national volunteers and the staff. As chapters and the national organization underwent funding challenges since the start of 2025, our mission changed. Though we are still continuing the great work of the volunteers before us, we now also have to guide and reform the collegiate organization. I am eager to see a SASE that has achieved its most resilient form, an organization that does not rely on any single person. Oh yeah, and SASE is also the best way to make friends in your 20s. Try it! :)

What is a piece of advice you would give to an incoming SASE member?

Inherit the excitement of those around you, not the resentment.

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CONVENTION



**Anne
Mai**

FUN FACTS

Favorite dessert?

Tiramisu

Favorite TV show?

Ninjago

Go-to karaoke song?

On My Soul
Bruno Mars

SASE Involvement

Anne began her SASE journey at San Jose State University, where she served as Conference Chair for the West Regional Conference from 2023 to 2024. In 2024, she joined the National Logistics Committee as Volunteer Operations Coordinator while also serving as SJSU Chapter President from 2024 to 2025. She returned to the committee as Hospitality Services Coordinator in 2025 and now serves as National Logistics Committee Co-Manager.

What is your favorite SASE memory?

My favorite memory of SASE was when my chapter was at the 2024 National Convention in Boston. We went around town exploring the city under the night sky. With our group of 15, it was such a memorable night of singing on the streets and having fun with each other unapologetically. It was the first time I had ever traveled with SASE, and it meant so much to me that we got our whole board to go and more!

What does SASE mean to you?

SASE means warmth to me. Across the hundreds of folks I've run into, each person is so incredibly kind and thoughtful. The culture exudes a kindness and connection that can't be ignored.

What is a piece of advice you would give to an incoming SASE member?

Be involved! The SASE community runs deep and you never know who could be your next friend.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



**Alexander
Lap**

FUN FACTS

Favorite dessert?

Nom Lort

Favorite TV show?

Crash Landing on You

Go-to karaoke song?

Die With A Smile
Bruno Mars

SASE Involvement

Alexander began his SASE journey at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, serving as Chapter Secretary from 2022 to 2023. He started volunteering nationally in 2023 as SASEhack Sponsorship Liaison and served as NERC Sponsorship Liaison from 2023 to 2024. He went on to serve as Convention Logistics FAQ and Mobile App Coordinator in 2024 and SASEhack SCHack Manager in 2025. He now serves as IT Project Lead for Digital Experience.

What is your favorite SASE memory?

My favorite SASE memory was attending my first conference in Atlanta in 2023, where I got to see what the hype was all about. My biggest highlight was being on the SASEhack committee, helping run the presentations. I was nervous, but also excited to take on the responsibility on stage. Talking to attendees and seeing their projects was a great experience, and my committee truly felt like a second family to me.

What does SASE mean to you?

To me, SASE is a place to discover a community where I can develop. Looking for organizations, I wanted connections and professional growth, and SASE provided that. Taking on more leadership roles showed me the inner workings of each committee and the tangible impact each one has on a bigger level.

What is a piece of advice you would give to an incoming SASE member?

Take the opportunity to become an exec member or volunteer in your SASE chapter or nationals. You develop your communication, leadership, and confidence immensely by trying new things. At first it might be daunting, but as you do more work, it becomes second nature.

VOLUNTEER RESOURCES



**Ashutosh
Anand**

FUN FACTS

Favorite dessert?

Tiramisu

Favorite TV show?

Castlevania

Go-to karaoke song?

Sweet Caroline
Neil Diamond

SASE Involvement

Ashutosh found SASE as a student at Tufts University through a single Google search that he says changed his life. He joined the National Convention Logistics Committee as a volunteer in 2023 and 2024, then served as Co-Manager in 2025. He now serves as Volunteer Resources Manager.

What is your favorite SASE memory?

It would be criminal to mention one single favorite SASE memory. All the moments, memories, and people I have met through SASE are a core memory. SASE is truly a wonderful community and an experience to be lived.

What does SASE mean to you?

SASE is more than just an organization. It is a community, an experience, an intersection of ideas, talent, and opportunity. Through SASE volunteering, I have had my best days. I have made friends, met potential employers, made memories I will carry throughout my life, and improved professionally and personally in ways that are simply priceless.

What is a piece of advice you would give to an incoming SASE member?

Consider SASE as an opportunity. The opportunity is always going to exist; it really comes down to the individual to seize it and make the best use of it.

COLLEGIATE



**Venkat
Cherukupalli**

FUN FACTS

Favorite dessert?

Tiramisu

Favorite TV show?

Doctor Who

Go-to karaoke song?

Umbrella

Rihanna

SASE Involvement

Venkat began his SASE journey at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as Freshman Representative in 2020, then served as Treasurer from 2021 to 2022 and Co-President from 2022 to 2023. He joined the NERC Logistics Team from 2023 to 2024 and served as NERC Logistics Lead and chapter Senior Advisor from 2024 to 2025. He now serves as Northeast Program Coordinator.

What is your favorite SASE memory?

I have many fond memories of SASE, but my favorite after the past six years has to be NERC 2026, which I was lucky enough to be the Program Coordinator of. This event felt like the culmination of all the skills I've learned throughout my time in SASE and at RPI. It was even more meaningful because we got to host it at my alma mater, taking NERC back to a college campus for the first time in many years. I think it was a defining moment for myself, my RPI underclassmen who were on my planning team, and the Northeast Region as a whole.

What does SASE mean to you?

To me, SASE has always meant family, an extended family where there's someone who can help you with almost anything you need. They support you through the personal growth and challenges of college, help with pretty much any class, critique your resume and elevator pitch to land that dream job, and apparently even give strategies to maximize your investing and credit card game (very important, by the way). All the while, everyone still cracks jokes, eats delicious food, and keeps a lighthearted attitude (until someone takes the last dessert at the potluck).

What is a piece of advice you would give to an incoming SASE member?

Treat your first (and honestly second) year in SASE like a tapas reception. Get a taste of everything before you decide what experiences you want to define your time. Don't be afraid to dip your toes in something new, and know that as long as you communicate, nobody will let you go off the deep end.

We have broken new records and innovated new ways to overcome unique challenges in this volunteer year. SASE can continue to be an organization that connects and inspires many future generations of SASEFam all thanks to your dedication.

Whether your SASE journey because a friend dragged you to a fun event, you felt inspired at a conference, you admired the leadership of your mentors, you wanted to land an internship, or even if your chapter enticed you

with a GBM with free food, take pride in how far you've come and all that you've accomplished alongside a nation of passionate and hardworking volunteers.

From all the meetups across 2026, STEMConnect26, and 2026 Regional Conferences to all the late night planning calls with your committees, we hope you've made lasting connections and memories that you'll continue to cherish beyond this volunteer year. We truly believe you're making the STEM community a better place.

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**Thank you to all the SASE volunteers for all
the AMAZING work accomplished this year!**

Congrats on another great year!

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