



Special Points of interest

Meet our Members

Upcoming Events

*We have been
officially
chartered as the
South Central
Michigan SWE
section, yeah!*

*Congratulations
to all for making
it happen!*

*Our Chartering
Banquet is being
planned for
Spring.*

Meet SWE Local Members



Krisana Gutierrez

Title: Supply Chain Effectiveness Intern, Kellogg's; Section Representative, South Central Michigan SWE

Education: BS Industrial & Entrepreneurial Engineering (April 2009) at Western Michigan University, MS Industrial Engineering (December 2010) at Western Michigan University

Why Engineering? I desire to be significantly challenged. I also have a passion for mathematics and science. Further, I am motivated to break through the "glass ceiling" as a Hispanic female in engineering while coming from a family where neither parent had the opportunity for education beyond a high school degree.

Career Path: My first internship was in Logistics Finance (Kellogg's) where I provided monthly and year-end reporting, assisted in budgeting, and gained exposure to several areas within Kellogg's and logistics including transportation, warehousing, and inventory. I am now at Supply Chain Effectiveness as an intern (Kellogg's) where I am working to provide strategic tools, analysis, and input for the design of the current state and future state of Kellogg's network. The rest of my career path remains to be determined. I hope to be able to manage an engineering project in the future. *In the long-term* future, I intend to be a college professor.

Proudest Accomplishment: International travel. I have been blessed with opportunities to travel to London, England; Istanbul, Turkey; and several places in Mexico and Canada. I intend to travel Europe in the near future as well. That is just the start of my travels since the summer I graduated from high school and I am only 22. Coming from a small town girl, that's: "gettin' out of my comfort-zone and gettin' some culture!"

First Job: Administrative Assistant, Production Threaded Parts, North Branch, MI

Perfect Day: A day water-tubing and jet-skiing with my family and closest friends on a hot summer day. Finishing the day off with a campfire and conversation.



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Upcoming events – Mark your calendars!



Professional Development

**“So you want to be a
Licensed Professional
Engineer?”**

.....presented by

Molly Williams, PhD, PE

When: Monday, February 15

**Where: WMU Parkview Campus,
room D115, Kalamazoo, MI**

Time: 7:00pm

Professional Development

Successful Women Panel –

Open discussion/forum

When: Wednesday, March 24

Where: Kellogg – WKKI

2 Hamblin Ave East, Battle Creek

Time: Networking 5:30pm,

Panel Discussion 6pm



Highlights of Region H Conference

Future Events:

*April – Organizing
and Prioritizing for
Life*

*May – Habitat for
Humanity*

*June – Historic
Bridge Park*



The SWE Region H conference took place in Champaign, IN on January 29 - 31, 2010. Our South Central Michigan section had four members in attendance at this conference! The conference provided the opportunity to attend professional development seminars, conduct SWE business, and participate in a career fair and a variety of social activities. Professional development seminars included "Moving On Up," current sustainable engineering topics, and so much more. Each evening was filled with musical and theatrical entertainment and great food! At the business meetings, three new sections were recognized (SC Michigan, Mid-Michigan, and Cedar Valley or NE Iowa), the senate approved amendments to our regional bylaws, and the 2011 SWE Region H Conference was determined to be at the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor on February 4-6, 2011. For more details on the program, check out the Region H website: <http://swe.ec.uiuc.edu/regionh2010>

National Engineers Week is

February 14-20

See <http://www.eweek.org/> for national activities.

Information on the Kalamazoo area Engineers Week

Dinner and program can be found at:

<http://www.ceas.wmich.edu/eweeek/>