

Office of Diversity Programs

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Together we can make a
difference!

Reminder:

**EMSEP
MEETING**

November 5
7-8PM

CELEBRATING.....

**American
Indian
Heritage
Month!!**

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WPI NSBE Hosts New England Fall Zone Conference



"No one on the corner have swagga like us" are perhaps the most appropriate words to describe the unforgettable NSBE Fall Zone Conference that took place Saturday, October 18th on the Worcester Polytechnic Institute campus. An exciting start to the conference, the members of the New England Zone E-board strolled onto the stage to this song, donning professional attire and smiles that exemplified the pride and enthusiasm in the air. More than 150 people from all over New England attended, and the atmosphere was filled with a sense of family. Opening session continued with a speech by the Provost of WPI, Dr. John Orr. He elaborated on the importance of engineers in our world today, and emphasized that the engineering field is one of compassion and helping people. Calvin Young, Region One Vice-Chair, followed with several presentations including one about the Fall Regional Conference and another about the Toronto

Conference. He announced that the Toronto conference, to be held in 2010, will be NSBE's first international conference ever – the first step to "Transforming to a legacy."

Throughout the day, the mood was undoubtedly positive. Members of both the WPI E-board, as well as the Zone E-board were all smiles as they witnessed their hard work pay off. The workshops were a big hit for both the PCI and collegiate students. The PCI students were put to work very quickly in the workshop "Hustlin' college style," while on the collegiate end, "invest now or die" attracted many students. "Hustlin college style" imparted information about financial aid, and how to "finance your way through college," while "Invest now or die" advised people to invest now, since stocks are low. In addition to these informative workshops, the competitions that followed sparked interest among all the schools. These competitions were as entertaining as they were

challenging, as ATB and Tri-Math-A-Lon teams vied for first place. The highlight of the day however, was most definitely the debate, "Baby, Where's my Dinner?" A chance for "real talk," no one wasted any time stating their opinions. It was intense; it was fun; it was incredibly informative – an event, I am certain no one will stop talking about for a while.

The closing session was equally as amazing as the rest of the day. Dr. Nicole Bradford, the head of Diversity Programs at WPI gave an eloquent speech about legacy and our duty as minority engineers. Stevenson Dunn, the National Chairperson, continued with this theme, with his speech on transforming to a legacy. Again, everything could be summarized by the grins on each and every E-board's member's exhausted face. This day had finally come and gone. Things had proceeded amazingly well, and no one could have asked for more. There are more than just words in "No one on the corner have swagga like us;" there is truth.



Office of Diversity

Events:

11/2/08:
**November Birthday
Celebration**
OASIS House
6—7pm

11/5/08:
**EMSEP Leadership Se-
ries**
Odeum A
6—7 pm

11/5/08:
EMSEP Meeting
Higgins House
7—8pm

12/1/08:
Dine Out Dinner
Higgins House
6:30—7:30 pm

12/10/08:
**EMSEP Academic
Workshop**
Hagglund Room
4—5 pm

12/13/08:
**OASIS Christmas
Party/ Skating**
2—5pm

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www.wpi.edu/Admin/Diversity/

Office of Diversity—Mission Statement

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

The Office of Diversity Programs seeks to foster a campus climate that is devoted to the inclusion of all faculty, staff and students. The office is committed to promoting diversity on Worcester Polytechnic Institute campus by:

- Providing leadership in campus efforts on issues of diversity and pluralism
- Providing support and advocacy to women students
- Establishing strong pipeline programs rooted in the community aimed at achieving greater diversity at WPI.
- Recommending institutional efforts to increase the presence of faculty, staff and students of color to mirror the diversity that exists in our society.

Through the development and leadership of institutional initiatives the office will serve as an advocate for access, acceptance and equality through educational endeavors to enhance the awareness of diversity that is supported and firmly established as an integral part of WPI.

American Indian Heritage Month *Honoring Life, Honoring Elders, Honoring Heritage*

Events:

11/3/08
Native American Display
Campus Center (11-12pm)

11/4/08:
Art Competition Information Session
Higgins House (6-6:30pm)

11/12/08:
What should I Look for in a Company?
Higgins Lab 116 (6-7:00pm)

11/18/08:
Joyce Heywood, Abenaki— Native American Food, Prepa-
ration and Sample tasting
Oasis (6-7:00pm)

11/19/08:
Art Competition Finalist Luncheon
Mid-Century Room (11-1:00pm)

11/20/08:
Art Competition Judging

Honoring Life, Honoring Elders, Honor- ing Heritage Art Competition

What? Art Competition

When? The month of November

Who can participate? All WPI Students

Where do I submit my information?
The Office of Diversity in the Campus Center

All Posters are due—November 10, 2008 (5:00pm)

To learn more—Information Session:
Higgins House, November 4, 6-6:30pm

**WIN!!!: \$100 BOOK VOUCHER
(for top 2 winners)**

Upcoming Oasis Events!

- 11/5 - Arepas—A Venezuelan Taste
- 11/6 - Morley's Karaoke Night (7-9pm)
- 11/7 - Cassandra's Wings and Games Night (6-8pm)
- 11/13 - End of Term Relaxation Session (11-3pm)
- 11/14 - Poker Night (7:30-9:30pm)
- 11/15 - Erika's Make Your own Crepe (7:30-9:30pm)
- 11/18 - Amelia's Dinner and a Movie (7:30-9:30pm)

Congratulations to Olufunmilayo Adebayo, who the Essay Contest that was held during the Hispanic Heritage Month. Her prize is a Free Round-trip ticket (up to \$400) to anywhere of her choice.