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THE WOMEN IN ENGINEERING NETWORK NEWSLETTER

With an extra week after the midsem break, the WEN Team has been busy. From our second WEN Presents to donuts at the Part 1 study sesh, there has been a range of events for everyone!

EVENTS

SPEED NETWORKING, YASMIN SUE

Held at the end of April, the ever-popular WEN Speed Networking Night was a success! Tickets were highly sought after and sold out quickly. We had over 40 passionate interviewers from a variety of engineering and consulting firms attend the event, armed with questions to get to know students better and seek talent for future internships. Students were equally eager to get interview experience and meet face to face with externals from industry after a chaotic year of Zoom-based interviews leading to a night filled with excited chatter, delicious platters of finger food, and of course, drinks!



PUB QUIZ, JENNA KUMAR

In May, we ran our Lobsters and Mobsters themed WEN Pub Quiz! The crustaceans and outlaws of Engineering came out to play for a night filled with food, drinks, prizes, and mooing (yes! there was a best “Moo” off competition). Big

thank you to the amazing Aorthi, our much-treasured WEN Alumni, for emceeding the event. Congratulations to Jazz Crabs, Quiz Fellas, and Swimming with Fishes for earning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, respectively. We hope those who attended enjoyed the night and left a bit wiser or at least came away with a few laughs.



WEN PRESENTS 2.0: DIVERSITY, ABIRRHAMI RAJAGOPAL



WEN Presents 2.0: Diversity was another event in the WEN Presents series. As a follow-up from our previous cocktail event, this event consisted of three talk-show style interviews focusing on diversity. We had three panels: gender, neuro and cultural diversity with two speakers in each panel. Our audience ranged from high school students to emerging professionals in industries.

The following is one of the piece of feedback I received and this keeps us doing what we do.

"It was actually pretty inspiring because I got my grades back for the tests that I did last week and I didn't do that well in, but hearing the panelists gives me hope - especially Veronica and Emma!!! About how the input is not just being good at math, but being able to communicate and people!!!"



ONGOING

MENTORING, GRACE MASCARENHAS

To close semester one, Aurecon hosted the programme's first professional development event of the year! The evening featured a panel discussion with a select range of Aurecon speakers, as well as a delicious spread for nibbles and networking to conclude. The event's central theme was "fostering inclusion,"- which was a very apt theme given Aurecon's recent victory at the 2021 ENVI awards, taking out the award for engineering diversity. A massive thank you and congratulations to Aurecon!

Looking ahead to the exciting summer work event for peer mentoring and more professional development events for industry mentoring!

OUTREACH, EMILY-JADE YEE



The Outreach team has been super busy over the second half of Semester One, bringing the total number of schools visited to 34, and reaching over 800 students. We also ran the first South Island trip over the break, visiting schools in Christchurch, Dunedin and Queenstown. The Robotics mentoring programme in collaboration with KIWI BOTS was also launched this semester, which saw volunteers mentoring robotics clubs at Aorere College, St Cuthberts and Baradene. The CAD competition for High School students was also opened. The competition encourages students to design wearable art in 3D Software, with a 3D Printer as the grand prize!

What's in Semester 2?

- WEN Presents: Innovation
- WEN Gala (aka WEN Dinner)
- WEN Wellness 3: Self DeWENse
- WEN Presents: Start Up
- WEN Wellness 4: Kickboxing
- WEN Presents: Space



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