

RIT SWE Alumni Newsletter 2019-2020

What have we done this year?

Unfortunately, our spring semester was cut short due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, some of our annual events such as Imagine RIT were no longer able to occur, but thankfully, we were still able to attend the National Conference in the fall and host our SWE Overnight this past February. Read more about our year below and don't hesitate to contact our VP of Sectional Affairs, Abbi Miller (alm7175@g.rit.edu) or next year's President, Sierra Chimene (svc4451@g.rit.edu) with any questions!

Stay happy and healthy, and enjoy your summer!

- **First section meeting of the semester:** Over 50 members attended our kick-off meeting for Spring!
- **Fall Habitat for Humanity:** Four of our members volunteered with a local Habitat for Humanity group and helped build a home outside Rochester.
- **Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA:** We were able to take 14 of our members to the national SWE conference this year, which was held in Anaheim, CA. We had a great experience listening to several speakers and attending different sessions that benefited us greatly. Many of our members attended the Career Fair and were able to get interviews at various companies. It was also nice to explore downtown Disney and even spend an evening at the beach!
- **L3 Harris Women in Games Night:** Eight of our members were able to attend this event at the Strong Museum of Play. They socialized and networked with female engineers from L3 Harris in an informal setting that was both fun and beneficial to their professional development.
- **SWE Overnight:** This year we hosted over 50 high juniors to encourage young women to pursue engineering through networking with engineers, learning about career paths, and participating in labs from each engineering discipline. Although we had to cut the second half of our program short due to inclement weather, we received overall good feedback from the participants and volunteers.
- **Relay for Life:** This year RIT Relay for Life was held online, but our section still raised over \$500 to support the American Cancer Society for funding new cancer research as well as helping patients and caregivers to those affected by cancer. Overall, RIT raised over \$60,000 this year.

