

May Update

Lowcountry Society of Women Engineers



WIID 2023 Highlights from the WIID Executive Committee

We would like to start by thanking each and every one of you that was involved in planning, volunteering, or participating in the 2023 Women in Industry Day this year! This was really an outstanding year! Some highlights include:

- A second year of joint conference planned by the Society of Women Engineers and Charleston Women in Tech
- A record breaking registration of 381 participants—we sold out!!
- An outstanding lineup of 27 speakers
- Our “Give One More” scholarship turned into “Give **TWO** More” because of the unprecedented raffle participation! \$10,000 in scholarships were awarded this year!
- Boeing, Bosch, and Girl Scouts of South Carolina were all event sponsors for the 5th year in a row!
- We were interviewed for a sponsored article in The Post and Courier—read it [here!](#)
- **Octavia Mitchell** was our master of ceremonies and kicked off the event amazingly
- **Dr. Patrice Black Davis**, Vice President for Student Services at Trident Technical College in Charleston give the Welcome to our 5th conference.
- **Catherine LaCour**, Chief Marketing Officer for Blackbaud; **Angela James**, Director of Material Planning and Logistics for the Volvo Cars Plant; **Laura Mixon Camacho**, PhD founder of Mixonian Institute. All Keynote speakers for the conference delivered great speeches that empowered the audience to be brave, powerful, and heard regardless of their personal and professional life.
- We had 10 breakout sessions with great speakers. Check out their bios [here!](#)

Thank you again to all of our [2023 sponsors](#) and to everyone who joined us for an inspiring day of professional and personal development this past April 21st at Trident Technical College. To view images from the event, [click here](#).

We’re always looking for people to join the planning committee! If you’re interested in being involved, please email widddirector@swelowcountry.org.

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Professional Development

Help us plan the next fiscal year by giving us your inputs on the survey below.

What topics are you interested to see? Are you interested in being a speaker or know someone who would be a great speaker for one of our Professional Development events? Fill out the form below to let us know about your interests or to be added to our speaker database. If

you have any questions regarding SWE- Lowcountry professional development (PD), please contact us at professionaldevelopment@swelowcountry.org.

[Professional Development Interest Form](#)

Membership

If you are interested in getting more involved in the SWE Lowcountry section, now is the time! SWE Lowcountry section is accepting nominations for **FY 23-24 Officers**. [Click this link to their descriptions!](#)

Holding a SWE office provides fantastic opportunities to sharpen your

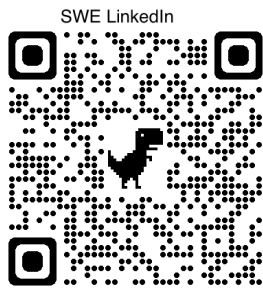
leadership skills, network with other professional societies, and mentor young students interested in engineering and STEM-based activities.

Please consider nominating yourself or someone you know (self-nominations are welcomed and encouraged!) Please include a brief biography (career & education history, fun facts, hobbies, etc.) and a photo.

Not everyone remembers names but they may remember a face from a previous SWE event!

Nominations must be submitted by 11:59pm on June 6th using [this link](#).

Voting will be held from **June 13th-20th** and winners will be announced on the 21st.



SWE Social Events

Mini Golf—June 10

Come putt-putt around with SWE at Charleston Fun Park in Mt. Pleasant! Bring your friends and family for 18 holes of mini golf! RSVP [here](#) by June 7th to join!

Come putt-putt around with SWE at

Mini-Golf

Charleston Fun Park

3255 N Hwy 17, Mt Pleasant, SC 29466
3 P.M. Saturday, June 10th

Bring your friends and family to play 18 holes of mini-golf
Free for SWE Members and Families
\$7 for Non-SWE Members
Please RSVP [here](#) by Wednesday, June 7th

Expand your network by meeting SWE leadership and members from local companies including Bosch, Cummins, and Boeing.

WIID Scholarships

Four \$2500 scholarships were awarded by Lowcountry SWE and ChsWIT to seniors in the Lowcountry studying STEM degrees this fall. Lowcountry SWE and ChsWIT each awarded one scholarship and then two more joint scholarships. Meet the SWE scholarship participants!



My name is Ivy Smith, and I am incredibly delighted to be a scholarship recipient! I am currently a DD2 high school student, and this fall, I am majoring in Biological Sciences at Clemson University. I have always had a deep passion for STEM, and I am so excited to be able

to participate in such a magnificent program at Clemson University with the help of this generous scholarship. Thank you so much to SWE Lowcountry for providing this opportunity for me as I continue further in my future endeavors!



My name is Abigail Whitaker and I was born April 5, 2005. My mother, Christina, is a teacher and my father, Kevin, is a law enforcement officer for a federal prison. I love to be outside and study nature. I enjoy gardening, hiking, going to the beach, and playing with my pet cats. I am very excited to continue my education at Clemson University and become a Biosystems engineer.



My name is London Newman and I am from Charleston, SC. I am currently a high-school Senior at Palmetto Scholars Academy. I plan on attending North Carolina State University in the fall and will be majoring in Biological Sciences with a concentration in Human Biology.



Lowcountry SWE

We're looking forward to serving you in FY22. If you have any suggestions for events, please send us an email! You can find all of our contact information here:

<http://www.swelowcountry.org/contact-us.html>

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Our mission is to stimulate women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders, expand the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life, and demonstrate the value of diversity.

Our objectives include :

- *Inform young women, their parents, counselors, and the public in general of the qualifications and achievements of women engineers*
- *Assist women engineers in readying themselves for a return to active work after temporary retirement*
- *Serve as a center of information for women in engineering*
- *Encourage women engineers to attain high levels of educational and professional achievement*

Coming Up Soon: June 2023

Future Events

- *SWE Social—June 10th*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 SWE Social
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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