USU Students Flourish in Society of Women Engineers | College of Engineering

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Oct. 30, 2017 – Utah State University’s student section of the Society of Women Engineers has expanded significantly since it first started in 1976.

Britany Chamberlain, left, (aerospace engineering) and Amber Zehner (mechanical engineering) meet with a recruiter at SWE’s Evening with Industry on Oct. 17.

Today the student organization offers its nearly 70 members a range of opportunities in community service, outreach, mentorship and industry networking events.

Established in 1950, SWE encourages its members to achieve their full potential as engineers and engineering leaders, expand the image of the engineering profession and demonstrate the value of diversity on campus and in the workplace.
Joanna Boyd (mechanical engineering) hosted and helped organize the SWE Evening with Industry event.

USU members are actively involved in several SWE programs including:

- Evening with Industry: a networking and formal dinner event now in its ninth year.
- Engineering Extravaganza: an annual outreach event targeted to teen girls. Participants complete hands-on engineering and computer science workshops and learn about different fields of engineering. About 60 participants from Utah and Idaho attended last year’s Extravaganza.
- Science Unwrapped: a community science night and expo where SWE and other student clubs promote STEM programs and opportunities.
- Industry Tours, Meetings and Service: SWE members can participate in résumé and networking workshops, industry talks, business tours and community service opportunities throughout the school year.
- Leadership: Approximately 20 members can serve as SWE committee representatives. A USU SWE member has been elected to serve on the Region B Collegiate Team nine of the past 10 years.
- Conferences: Chapter leaders are invited to attend regional and national conferences. Most recently, seven elected officers attended an annual conference in Austin, Texas.

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