

Society of Women Engineers Elections FY18 Candidate Information for Collegiate Director

Ingrid Arambula, Texas Tech University Section, Candidate for Collegiate Director



Dear SWEsters,

My name is Ingrid Arambula and I am a chemical engineering senior at Texas Tech University graduating in May! I am a passionate SWE member who has served in several leadership positions since 2012. The leadership positions include two terms as a member of the Society of Finance Committee, two terms as Region C's Region Collegiate Representative, one term as Section President, and one term as Outreach Chair. As a candidate for Collegiate Director, I am eager to spread my enthusiasm to the greater SWE community.

I am a mover and shaker in the SWE community. In keeping in line with SWE's goals of establishing a global presence, I initiated and managed a couple international events to extend our enthusiasm of engineering abroad. Two international outreach events were launched in Brazil and Costa Rica and a third event is underway for this year. As a proud STEM advocator and as Collegiate Director, I plan to use my energy in investing all my efforts to you, the members. In addition to organizing events abroad, I have also prioritized improving our internal communication. I chartered several programs to make our members' voices be heard across the region by creating multiple social media platforms which enabled easy and quick knowledge sharing. Programs like this have allowed some of our outstanding individual SWE section members to be recognized at the regional level as well as Region C being awarded the Communications Award at the 2015 Annual Conference. As Collegiate Director, I plan to be an asset for sections to rely on by always being available for insight and advice as teamwork is the best path forward!

My enthusiasm is derived mainly from the members that make up the SWE community. Teamwork and good communication are keys to our success, and together we can build a stronger SWE organization with these core values as our pillars.

SWE holds a place close to my heart. Throughout my SWE career, I have become a strong leader, confident engineer, and an advocate for STEM. Acting as your Collegiate Director, I will focus my energy to work side-by-side with all collegiate members to improve our incredible SWE Society for each other and for future engineers. Thank you for your support, I hope to become your next Collegiate Director!

Ruth Williams, South Ohio, Candidate for Collegiate Director



Hello SWE! My name is Ruth Williams, and I am asking for your consideration for the position of Collegiate Director. I graduated in May 2016 from West Virginia University with degrees in aerospace engineering and mechanical engineering. While at WVU, I served in several SWE leadership roles including president. During my time at WVU, our SWE section was selected as the WVU Student Organization of the Year, Silver Achieving Collegiate Section, and hosted the 2015 Region G Conference. I was also fortunate enough to be chosen as one of DiscoverE's New Faces of Engineering (College Edition) and Region G Advancing Leader Runner-up. After my responsibility as WVU section president was done, I wanted to stay involved in a leadership position in SWE, but I wanted to try something new, so I joined the Leadership Coaching Committee. In this role, I am a resource to collegiate sections, presenting modules, holding consulting sessions, and speaking at SWE conferences.

I now work for GE Aviation in Cincinnati, OH, as part of the Edison Engineering Development Program. This is a 3-year rotational program in which I get to work with cutting-edge jet engine technology while simultaneously attending classes and working on a master's degree in engineering. I believe this puts me in a unique position to be Collegiate Director. Since I am both a professional and a student, I think I can bridge the gap between life as an engineering student and life as a working engineer. I hope that this will help me advocate for the best interests of SWE collegiates while understanding what life is like after graduation.

I try to think about my future aspirations in SWE as things I want to accomplish rather than positions I want to hold, especially with the governance changes coming to SWE. I want to learn more about how SWE works at an organizational level. I aspire to influence policy, both within SWE and beyond, as SWE can be a powerful organization to influence policy, be it in Washington, in the classroom, or in industry. One of my favorite things about SWE is its dedication to outreach, so I want to serve as a mentor to young girls and future engineers. If chosen to be Collegiate Director, I will do everything I can to give back to the organization that has already given me so much.