

ChEGSA NEWSLETTER

Official Newsletter for Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Association

IN THIS ISSUE

1. ChEGSA nominations
2. General meeting
3. Upcoming events
4. Departmental news
5. Student spotlight
6. University events
7. Awards and scholarships
8. University resources



ChEGSA nominations are now open: ChEGSA nominations for officer positions are open until April 13. Candidates can nominate themselves for two positions. Interested candidates will present their future vision for ChEGSA on April 18. Following the presentations, elections will open, and the results will be announced by April 20. The link for nominations can be found [here](#).

Upcoming events:

2018 Physics & Engineering Festival

April 6-7 | Mitchell Physics and Mitchell Institute buildings

The Department of Physics & Astronomy at Texas A&M University will host the public to this awaited entertaining and informative event. People of all ages will find fascinating, fun, and puzzling hands-on experiments. More information can be found [here](#).

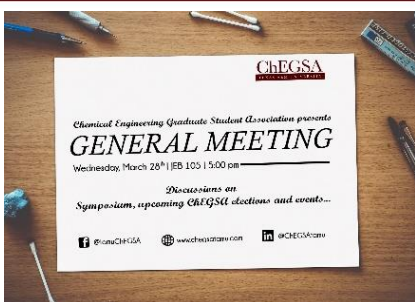
Join ChEGSA's Team in SEC Sand Volleyball Tournament!

April 20

SEC is organizing a sand volleyball tournament and is gauging interest from the different organizations. All skill levels are welcome to join, and instructional time will be offered for those who want to learn and participate. The tournament will be held on April 20th, Friday. Register [here](#).

Upcoming events:

Bowling night, Picnic, Shell industrial seminar and many more events to come...



General meeting:

ChEGSA organized the general meeting on March 28. A brief overview of this year's events, financial status and future endeavors were put forth. The current leadership explained their roles and responsibilities and encouraged the students to nominate themselves in the upcoming elections.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS:

BASF Professional Development Day

April 27, 2018 | Koldus 111 | 8:30 am

Bring your best self for a full day of professional development with BASF! Enjoy a networking breakfast followed by an interactive session that will show you how to sell yourself in an interview and how to incorporate feedback from BASF representatives to help you excel at answering behavioral-based questions. Limited mock interview slots are available where students can receive 1-on-1 feedback from a BASF interviewer!

Departmental seminar:

April 4, 2018 | JEB 106 | 3:00 pm

Dr. Michael E. Mackay,

Department of Materials Science & Engineering, Department of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, University of Delaware

Topic: 3D Printing of Polymeric Materials

University Events:

Annual Water Gala, April 19, 2018, 8:00 pm, Pavilion 236

The 2018 Water Gala is a fundraising event for charity: water, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending the water crisis in this lifetime. 663 million people are without access to safe and clean drinking water. Help us end the water crisis! 100% of the money that you give to charity: water brings water to people in need around the world. The Water Gala will be featuring a musical group: The Femmatas. There will be light refreshments served. A silent auction will be held at the beginning of the event. Find more information [here](#)

Brazos Valley Worldfest Zumbathon, April 7, 9:00 am, Lincoln Center Gymnasium

Register now for the high energy, internationally flavored ZUMBATHON with Certified Instructor Nari Lee!! This event, organized by Public Partnership & Outreach at Texas A&M University and the BVW Ambassadors, will benefit Brazos Valley Worldfest. Find more information [here](#).

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MICHELLE OLSON



Michelle Olson is a fourth year Ph.D. student under the advisement of Dr. Arul Jayaraman and Dr. Katy Kao. Her research focuses on studying microbial communities of the gut microbiota. Prior to joining the ChemE doctoral program at Texas A&M University, Michelle received her B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Northeastern University in Boston, MA. During her doctoral studies, Michelle is involved in WE: Women in Engineering as a WE Ambassador. Through this organization, WE Ambassadors take part in outreach to the community in Texas and around the country to encourage more women to get involved in Science and Engineering. Read the full article [here](#)

Awards & Scholarships:

Montgomery Award, Deadline: April 6, 2018

The Montgomery Award is awarded to student leaders making major contributions to the academic opportunities and quality of life of their fellow graduate students here at Texas A&M.

More information can be found [here](#).

George W. Kunze Endowed Graduate Student Award, Deadline April 6, 2018

For a doctoral student nearing completion of the degree program. The primary basis for nomination and selection is superior academic achievement and one or more publications in a refereed journal (or journals) of national or international stature.

More information can be found [here](#).

University Resources:

[Department of multicultural services](#) provides multiple educational and developmental services for underrepresented and underserved racial and ethnic populations and diversity education programs that foster inclusive learning environments for all students.