

Letter from the SWE-SD President

As you all are fully aware, FY21 was a challenging fiscal year but our executive council and committee chairs took this year head on and delivered some outstanding programs and events! We kicked it all off with a virtual open house and things continued online throughout the year. We ended up having over 25 events this past year across professional development, member engagement, and outreach!

This year we reignited our quarterly book club, which was a program we had many years ago, we of course kept our most popular wine and webinar series, tried out baking together for Valentine's day, and walked some students through design optimization of solar cars. Our most popular event this year was a tour of Nuvasive's operating room where Neta, our professional development committee co-chair, enlightened professionals and students to the multi-use spaces and typical activities.

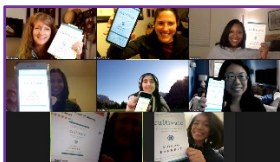
We closed out the year with an in-person end of year banquet with a keynote by member Loxley Browne. It was wonderful to celebrate our six science fair winners, seven student scholarship winners, and four section award winners together! I was honored to also recognize and thank our committee chairs and many volunteers as well as sponsors, without whom this past year would not have been possible.

SWE truly allows our members the opportunity for leadership in a non-threatening environment as well as development and networking across the society and within our community. It truly is a community of support. Our inclusive organization focuses on issues of interest to our members while also ensuring we give back to the community through outreach programs that enable members to not only inspire the next generation but also rekindle their passions for the field. We have many accomplishments to be proud of – thank you for your continued support and generous donations!

Sincerely,



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FY21 Executive Council



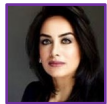
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FY21 Awardees

Congratulations to our SWE-SD Section award winners!



Member of the Year
Candace Gray
General Atomics



Distinguished New Engineer
Asha Dziejewski
Solar Turbines



Outstanding Engineer
Nilgun Fitoz
Becton Dickinson



K-12 Outreach Volunteer of the Year
Tracy Nguyen, O.D.
Essential Eyecare Optometry

SWE-SD volunteers served as judges at the Greater San Diego Science & Engineering Fair, which was virtual this year. In FY21, SWE-SD awarded six Science Fair Award winners.

SWE-SD awarded \$8,000 in scholarships to seven deserving local young women in high school entering their freshman year pursuing degrees in STEM fields.

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