



2008 REHAMS and XCITE camp participants during a tour of the 17th street canal pumping station

Upcoming events

- *Recruiting into Engineering of High Ability Multi-Cultural Students (REHAMS) 2 week residential camp June 8 - 19, 2009*

For more information visit diversity.eng.lsu.edu/mep

- *Xploration Camp Inspiring Tomorrow's Engineers (XCITE) 2 week residential camp for girls July 6 - 17, 2009*

For more information visit diversity.eng.lsu.edu/wep

"Making an impact not just an impression"

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the first issue of the LSU College of Engineering's Office for Diversity alumni newsletter. The newsletter and website, <http://diversity.eng.lsu.edu>, are new initiatives to improve the links we have with our diversity alumni.

It is always exciting to hear about your lives and careers after graduation. We hope that these new alumni initiatives will assist us in building and sustaining a

College of Engineering Diversity Alumni community.

As we welcome the New Year, the Office for Diversity would like to know how to better serve our alumni. To accomplish this, we ask you to complete the attached survey to help us plan events and activities to meet the needs of our alumni.

What's New

The Office for Diversity is pleased to introduce you to the programs we offer underrepresented students and faculty.

The Minority Engineering Program (MEP) acts as a support system for students and provides them with opportunities for leadership development and professional growth with a focus on academic excellence and peer related support.

The Women in Engineering Program (WEP) was established in the spring of 2007 to create a positive change in the

engineering environment at LSU. WEP provides a support structure for women seeking engineering degrees and for girls considering engineering as a college major and/or career.

The Diversity Faculty Program work's to increase the recruitment and retention of female and underrepresented faculty.

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*"Where excellence is
priority"*

College of Engineering Diversity Alumni Book

In an effort to acknowledge our outstanding women and minority alumni, we are seeking names and contact information for women and minority LSU Engineering Alumni to highlight in the first College of Engineering Diversity Alumni Book. The profiles will allow us to show a different side of engineering to underrepresented students. Our hope is that by showing prospective students and donors the numerous successful women and minority engineering professionals who have graduated from LSU, it will enhance our efforts to further increase diversity in the College of Engineering. If you know of any women or minority LSU Engineering Alumni that are particularly successful and/or respected in their careers, please forward their names and contact information to Akilah Taylor, ataylor1@lsu.edu, 225-578-0092.

Should your travels bring you to Baton Rouge, please feel free to call Akilah at 225-578-0092 and schedule a time when you can stop by and meet us.



Stay Connected!

We want to be able to keep in touch with you, to update you on activities of the Office for Diversity and to share news about your professional accomplishments and other significant events in your life with fellow alumni and our students. Please send all updates to Akilah Taylor, ataylor1@lsu.edu, 225-578-0092.


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Diversity Alumni Survey

Louisiana State University College of Engineering's Office for Diversity would like to know how to better serve our alumni. To accomplish this, we ask you to complete the survey below to help us plan events and activities to meet the needs of our alumni.

I prefer events in: (check all that apply)

- Baton Rouge
- Houston
- Atlanta
- New Orleans
- Dallas

Events & Activities

I would participate in the following Office for Diversity activities (check all that apply)

- Minority Engineering Program Event
- Women in Engineering Program Event
- REHAMS opening or closing ceremony
- XCITE opening or closing ceremony
- College of Engineering Diversity Reunion (held during homecoming weekend)
- Workshop/seminar series panel participant
- Local charity/philanthropic events
- Annual diversity alumni banquet
- Other ideas: _____

Professional Development

I would participate in the following activities (check all that apply)

- Professional luncheons
- Mock interviews and other career development for undergraduate and graduate students
- Sharing resume and job openings
- Other ideas: _____

Please identify any of the activities above that you would like to help organize _____

If you are interested in an annual diversity alumni banquet, what is the best time of year to host this event?

_____. Where would you like to see the location of the banquet? _____

Other comments or suggestions:

Thank you for your time and dedication to improving Louisiana State University College of Engineering's Diversity Alumni.

Please return the survey via e-mail to ataylor1@lsu.edu or mail to:

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