

SPDC 2008 Winners

Host: FAMU-FSU COE
Tallahassee, FL

Winrobo Design Competition

- 1st Tennessee Tech University
- 2nd FAMU-FSU COE
- 3rd University of South Alabama

Old Guard Technical Web Page Competition

- 1st Chris Elm, University of
Alabama

Old Guard Technical Poster Competition

- 1ST Rene Diaz, University of
Central Florida

Old Guard Oral Presentation

- 1st Nathan Grady, Vanderbilt
- 2nd Casey Nabors, Christian
Brothers University
- 3rd Michael Sealy, University of
Alabama

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Conferences, Competitions, and More!

Quick Fundraising Ideas

If you are looking for means to get you to your favorite conference or competition, try these simple and quick fundraising ideas.

1. **Find a corporate sponsor:** Go over your contact list to find a corporate sponsor or local business owner who may be interested in your University's success.
2. **Have a t-shirt or bake sale:** Most students can't control themselves with the smell of freshly baked goods in the air. Cookouts and hot dog lunches will surely break the monotony of the café lunch they are used to.
3. **Have a mystery design competition:** A mini competition such as an egg drop is simple to do and can draw many spectators. Charging a few dollars per team will surely outweigh the cost of supplies for the event.
4. **Contact the SDOB:** We are willing and able to help you with any ventures your section may attempt.

The SDOB and What they can do for you!

Two years ago, the ASME formed a group of students to act as a resource to student sections within their district. This group, called the Student District Operating Board (SDOB) was elected by fellow students at the annual Student Leadership Seminar. This group has helped student sections gain membership, plan activities, source funding, and attend conferences.

The SDOB has continued by electing new officer and going even further to help students within their district. They are active in the planning and programming of the conferences in the district, creating resources for student section operations, and creating awareness of the opportunities available to ASME student members.

Currently the SDOB is made up of 5 members that can be contacted at any time for future needs.

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MARS ROCKS!

More...

SPDC 2008 Winners

Host: University of Virginia
Sweetbriar, VA

Winrobo Design Competition

- 1st University of North Carolina
Charlotte
- 2nd North Carolina State University
- 3rd North Carolina A&T University
and Virginia Tech

Old Guard Technical Web Page Competition

- 1st Steve Park, Virginia Tech

Old Guard Technical Poster Competition

- 1ST Steve Park, Virginia Tech

Old Guard Oral Presentation

- 1st Brad Pullins, Virginia Tech
- 2nd Tyler Ray, South Carolina

SPDC and Beyond!

Schools from all across the Southeast will be making the yearly pilgrimage to do battle with ME students from other schools. This year District F will host two Student Professional Development Conferences (SPDC). The first one will be March 27-29 at the beautiful Virginia Tech campus and will cater to the schools in the northern part of our district. The second SPDC will be April 3-5 at the University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa.

There are many exciting events for all students to get into. The SPDC will feature many competitions including the Old Guard Technical Poster Competition, the Old Guard Oral Presentation, web design competition, and of course the highly competitive Student Design Competition. This year, the SPDC will also feature a new event, the Senior Design Expo!

The winners of the Oral competitions and Student Design Competitions from both SPDC's will be funded to travel to compete with other teams from around the world in Orlando in November. There are also great cash prizes to be awarded to winners and top places for all of the competitions!

This year's theme for the Student Design Competition is "Mars Rocks!". This competition was designed such that students at any level, from seniors to freshman, can compete. The object of the competition is for students to design and build a robot capable of traversing a course and collecting rocks to deliver to a target.

The new Senior Design Expo is an excellent opportunity for students to highlight the projects they have been working so hard on by displaying them to professionals from industry, faculty from other schools, and other students from around District F. They can bring their projects if feasible or bring a poster or other display to show off their designs.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity for networking, competition, and prizes! See you all at the SPDC! For more information, visit the District F ASME competitions page at:

<http://districts.asme.org/DISTRICTF/index.htm>

LTC: Los Angeles, CA

The Leadership Training Conference (LTC) is being held in sunny Los Angeles California this year. The conference is being held at the spectacular Westin Hotel LAX. The theme this year is "Advancing Skills for Leadership Challenges." The purpose of the 2009 Leadership Training Conference is to provide ASME unit leaders and key committee personnel with an opportunity to learn crucial skills and network with other units important to the successful operation of the Society.

There will be students and professionals from all over the world in attendance. This will be a once in a lifetime networking opportunity for everyone in attendance. This LTC promises to be the biggest in history. There will be posters from all of the technical divisions of the ASME. There will be a chance to talk with industry professionals representing all of the ASME technical divisions.

Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to rub shoulders with the current and future leaders of the ASME! Register now to attend one of the best conferences the ASME has ever hosted!

The early registration deadline for LTC is January 31, 2009 and prices are raised thereafter. For more information please visit:

<http://www.asmeconferences.org/ltc09/>

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