

# THE SWEEKLY NEWS

A weekly newsletter curated by the MSOE Society of Women Engineers

## *The SWE Mission*

Empower women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders, expand the image of the engineering and technology professions as a positive force in improving the quality of life, and demonstrate the value of diversity and inclusion.

## *The SWE Vision*

A world with gender parity and equality in engineering and technology.

## *Upcoming Events and Meetings*

### February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6 <u>Officer meeting- open to all members</u>  12pm-1pm DH310	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <u>Design and Destress</u>  12pm-1pm DH 310	14	15	16 <u>Destress Spa Night</u>  6:30pm CC 244	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	1	2	3	4



DESTRESS WITH  
SWE THURSDAY  
WEEK 10 AT  
6:30PM, CC244

**Design & Destress  
with SWE!**  
**Week 10 - Monday  
at noon in DH 310**

### Spring Sleepover Hosts

The requirements to be a host include being an MSOE student and attending a training session!

By filling out this form, you are signing up to:

- Attend a welcome during free hour on March 17<sup>th</sup>
- Allow a high school senior to shadow you in the rest of your Friday classes
- Hang out with other potential and current students Friday night
- Stay in Grohmann Towers with the sleepover group Friday night (If overnight host)
- Attend a brunch on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

To sign up fill out this form

<https://forms.gle/KdTxbtMS6Hxvwwh29>

### WELocal Seattle

The deadline to fill out the interest form for WELocal Seattle is Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm! Signing up does not mean you are signing up for the trip, just that you're interested in learning more.

Fill out the form here:

<https://forms.gle/hEEahFekWB8moZHV7>

## Outreach Opportunity!!

The robotics team Amber Rothe, MSOE Senior BME, mentors is hosting a tournament next Saturday 2/11. They really want to promote women in STEM at this event, so they are hoping to have tables there for each of their sponsors to talk about their experiences in STEM. They were hoping to have 1-3 (ideally female) representatives from MSOE at one of the tables. The details are below:

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023

Time: 10 AM - 1:30 PM; you are welcome to stay later to watch matches if you want

Location: Brookfield Central High School (16900 Gebhardt Rd, Brookfield, WI 53005)

Responsibility: Stand by a table and talk to passers-by about MSOE, why MSOE is cool, and your own experience in STEM

Contact Amber Rothe - [rothea@msoe.edu](mailto:rothea@msoe.edu) if you are interested!

## Black History Month



February is designated as Black History Month in the United States. Black History Month is a time of the year which is dedicated to honor the contributions of African Americans to society both in the US and worldwide. One of the many interesting aspects about Black History Month are the origins of Black History Month. In the remainder of this blog more information about the history of Black History Month will be highlighted.

In order to tell the history of Black History Month we need to travel to the year 1926, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson established “Negro History Week” during the second week of February. This week was established in the month of February because it fell in between the birthdays of two prominent individuals to the Black community in the US at that time. Those two individuals were: Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The emphasis for this week was to celebrate pride in the Black community, provide time to reflect on their contributions, and to strive to plan for the future of the community.

This week was accompanied by a wide variety of various events. Participation in these events was encouraged by Black primary and secondary school teachers in segregated schools. The events ranged from parades to essay contests. The original intention of this week was to serve as a spotlight on the events but the contributions identified during this time frame were meant to be highlighted for more than one week. Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH). The goal of the ASALH organization in the following years was to get recognition from the federal government regarding this week of celebration. The main goal was to have the US proclaim the month of February as a month to celebrate African Americans’ contributions to the history of the United States and beyond.

The first official observance of a month devoted to celebrating the contributions of African Americans came in February 1976. However, it was not until 1986 when the U.S. Congress, with a joint resolution of the House and Senate, designated the month of February as “National Black History Month.” The resolution requested that then President Ronald Reagan issue a proclamation of this observance. Hence, in 1986, Presidential Proclamation 5443 was established and noted that “the foremost purpose of Black History Month is to make all Americans aware of this struggle for freedom and equal opportunity.”

After this Presidential Proclamation was established the interest in and observance of Black History Month grew in a variety of ways. Today, you will find in many schools across the US a variety of activities to recognize Black History Month. In addition to schools, various corporations and organizations recognize Black History Month with events often associated with Employment Resources and Affinity Groups. Every year since Black History Month was recognized by the US government there has been a theme that accompanied each commemoration of Black History Month. The theme for Black History Month in 2022 is: Black Health and Wellness.

In keeping with the spirit of Black History Month the African-American Affinity Group of the Society of Women Engineers will host a series of activities that highlight the contributions of women engineers/STEM professionals of African descent in the US and worldwide.

The following links provide information about the history of Black History Month..

[The History of Black History Month](#)

[HISTORY OF | History of Black History Month](#)

The SWE African-American Affinity Group (AG) is a safe space for Black members and allies to connect with each other and provide support for one another. To learn more about the African American Affinity Group, please check out our [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#).

Sources:

<http://alltogether.swe.org/2022/01/the-history-of-black-history-month/>

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## *General Meetings*

Even Weeks (4, 6, 8, & 10)

Mondays at 12 pm

Dierks Hall – Room DH 310

## *Officer Meetings*

Odd Weeks (3, 5, 7, & 9)

Mondays at 12 pm

Room DH 310

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