

NEW COLLEGIATE INTEREST GROUP FORMED AT MCC

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Monroe Community College has continued to grow their engineering program; while the Engineering Leadership Council (ELC) has supported students in academic and career development, since 1962. However, there was a need to find ways to engage more female students in the club.

The first female ELC president, **Kierstyn Dodson**, was elected in Fall 2014. Kierstyn and fellow student, **Katie Eberhart** worked to form a new sub group focused on the female minority in the Engineering program. The group became very popular, leading to the establishment of the **MCC Society of Women Engineers (SWE)** in October 2014. The group then traveled to the SWE National Conference in Los Angeles and Regional Conference in Philadelphia, during 2014-2015, helping build strong student relationships AND a strong foundation for the club. By October 2015, MCC SWE became a NEW national **SWE Collegiate Interest Group**.



This new group is a great way female engineers at MCC to come together and surround themselves with dynamic and diverse women with similar goals, intentions and mindset. MCC SWE members have the opportunity to get involved within the engineering community at MCC and gain a sense of a support system, encouragement, inspiration, motivation and discover opportunities that await them beyond the class room. In addition to traveling to SWE conferences, the club welcomes guest speakers and career workshops. Going forward, there are several projects planned with a goal of leaving an impression on the campus and the community surrounding it.



The October 29th Meet & Mingle was held at 2foodies in Greece, NY. Twelve engineers enjoyed delightful paired tastings of wine and food including butternut bisque soup with Riesling, chicken parmesan and Il Bruciato, and oatmeal cookie pie with an amber dessert wine. In attendance were: Justine Bagley, Mackenzie Zimmerman, Dani Walters, Carol Richardson, Mary Steblein, Laura Wadhams, Amy Corcoran, Brianna Stephenson, Danielle Kaveney, Jess Bull and several engineering guests. We all left feeling satisfied and full!



NEXT M&M's: **Register for the Women & Finance event** on December 1 from 6:30-8:00 at Park Point Barnes and Noble.
Stay in touch for more information about the next Meet & Mingle in January.

RIT and SWE at the Nashville SWE 15 Annual Conference!



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