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November 17-20
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“Believing in Excellence, Striving for Success”

NU Walks for Education

On October 15, BESS hosted A Walk for Education (AWFE). AWFE is a special NSBE TORCH initiative to increase awareness of the opportunities available through education particularly in the STEM fields and to shatter myths about African-Americans in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics,

BESS members, members of BU’s NSBE chapter, and NU Service Day student volunteers went out to the Orchard Park neighborhood in Roxbury and distributed packages containing information about applying for college and scholarships. The National TORCH Chair and National Treasurer, who are both Northeastern alumni, also participated with us.

In all, we were able to provide about 40 families with this valuable information. Thank you to everyone who came out and made AWFE a great success!





Meeting Recaps

October 6: Study Smarter, Not Harder

We received a number of great tips to be more efficient studiers. Some of them included: don't wait procrastinate on starting work, take a 5 minute break for every 40-50 minutes spent studying, use computer programs to help eliminate distractions (ie. Facebook), exercise to keep the mind sharp, and have a proper diet.

October 20: BESS meets the Alumni

BESS joined the New England Alumni Extension for their Meet & Greet. Collegiate and alumni NSBE members from all over NEZ spent the night networking over delicious Caribbean food. Most importantly, we got the opportunity to meet the alumni members who paved the way for where we are today.

October 27: NSBE 101

We learned about the hierarchy of NSBE leadership from the chapter level all the way up to National Executive Board. We also had a brief overview of the history of BESS and NSBE. The professional, friendly, and competitive interactions between the chapters, zones, and regions of NSBE were explored. We also came up with a new chapter chant that we will use at roll call at FRC. Special thanks to Kathryna, Henry, Harvey, and Ryan for the awesome chant!

Member Spotlight

Babatunde Ogunfemi

Baba is a junior Electrical & Computer Engineering major. He is a former member of the BESS E-Board where he served as senator and parliamentarian and also served as NEZ Vice Chair. During his co-op last year at Draper Labs, he assisted with the research and development of a new multi-resolution, adaptive computational imaging system. His work was recently published by the Optical Society of America. This latest publication is the second of what should be many more research articles that Baba is featured in.





FZC Recap

On October 22, BESS attended the New England Fall Zone Conference at MIT. Attendees got a chance to network with members from other chapters within the NEZ, as well as a few members of Region I and National Executive Board. We attended several workshops such as

- ◆ Financial Vitality
- ◆ How to Not Have the Worst Presentation Ever
- ◆ Web Design
- ◆ TORCH 101
- ◆ A Look at Manufacturing Engineering

FZC was a great experience and all who attended were happy they made the decision to go. Next up, FRC!





Conference Prep 101

For many of you, the upcoming FRC in Danvers will be your first experience at a professional conference. To help ensure that you have the best possible experience at FRC, your BESS e-board has come up with this Definitive FRC Preparedness Checklist of things you should do before you get to the Coco Key Hotel.

- Punctuality:** Be on time for all chapter meet ups, workshops, general session. There will be events as early as 9am and you must be on time for it. :-)
- Clothes:** 2 professional outfits, 2 casual outfits for night time social events. There will be a banquet one night, so you might want to bring a nice formal piece if you want to impress (suit for guys, dress for ladies).
- Resume/References:** Have multiple copies, proof-read them multiple times before printing
- Career Fair:** Research the companies that will be there so you know who you want to talk to. There will 50+ different companies and graduate schools to talk to!
- Food:** We get one free meal, the banquet. Bring money so you can eat!
- Contacts:** Make sure you exchange numbers with your roommates and other BESS members
- The little things:** Don't forget your toothbrush, toothpaste, clippers, combs, socks, belts, etc!
- Did we mention punctuality?

Make those are taken care of and you'll be well on your way to having great experience at FRC. Remember that you are representing Northeastern and that this is a professional event so watch what you say and how you carry yourself. We'll see you in Danvers!

