“Believing in Excellence, Striving for Success”

Back to Business

BESS held its first general body meeting of the academic year on September 15, 2005. The meeting kicked off the return of all of our weekly programs as well. These programs include:

- **Study Session**: Wednesdays 7PM-? @ 237 Ryder Hall
  
  - Homework got you down? Stressing over a test or quiz? Come and study with others in your classes and receive help from upper classmen who survived said classes in a productive environment!

- **TORCH Technical Classes**: Tuesdays 6:15-7:30PM @ the Madison Park Computing Center
  
  - BESS holds weekly computer classes where we teach adults and elementary/middle school age children basic programs like Word, Excel, and Powerpoint. This is a great opportunity to give back and also earn community service hours!

- **Calc-By-7**: Saturdays 10AM-12PM @ the African American Institute
  
  - We teach young children basic math (ie. pre-algebra). Free home cooked meal provided to volunteers as well! Begins October 29, 2011.

- **General Body Meetings**: Thursdays 7:30-8:30PM @ 342 Curry Student Center
Meeting Recaps

*September 15: The Grand Opening*

The meeting began with a short skit involving the BESS e-board showing what happens during a typical e-board meeting. There was then a presentation introducing members to BESS, our history, and our numerous programs. New and old members got to mingle with each other and with the e-board with a fun ice breaker activity.

*September 22: A Sticky Affair*

Members formed three groups and then attempted to build as tall a tower possible using noodles and marshmallows. Some towers were sturdy, others crumbled under the pressure. A tasty, and fun activity. The cleanup not so much fun.

*September 29: Professional Etiquette*

We received numerous pointers on how one is to carry themselves in a professional setting. Some of those tips included:

- When facing your plate at the dinner table, remember BMW. Your bread is to your left, your meal is in front of you, and your water is to your right.

- When wearing a name-tag, the tag should be on your right so that it is the first thing a person sees when they shake your hand. Always shake with your right hand!

- If your friend has a public Facebook profile, employers can see anything you post on their wall or any pictures that they tag you in. In general, watch what you (and your friends) post on the internet!

Alumni Spotlight

**Ms. Sade Ruffin**

Sade graduated from Northeastern in 2008 with a Bachelor’s in Chemical Engineering. She then went on to also earn a Master’s in Chemical Engineering. She is currently a Chemical Engineering PhD candidate. She was heavily involved in BESS during her undergraduate time at NU and is currently the National Treasurer for NSBE. Sade was the key note speaker at the NELSAMP Poster Symposium that took place at NU on September 23, 2011.
Marquee Events

A Walk for Education: October 15

We will be teaming up with other NSBE college chapters and head out to a Boston neighborhood and present the residents with packages full of information about applying for college and scholarships. This is a NU Service Day event.

Fall Zone Conference: October 22

The colligate chapters of the New England Zone will hold a conference at MIT. We will attend various workshops regarding professional development, investment/retirement planning, academic excellence, and other topics. This is a great networking opportunity as you will get to meet other up-and-coming technical professionals as well as corporate representatives. This is a business casual attire required.

Corporate Series: October 22

This is a NU event where representatives from several companies (in the past we have had companies such as GE, Draper Labs, and NStar) will come and give a company presentation to attendees. Afterwards, we will all sit and enjoy a three-course meal. This will be a great networking opportunity as you will get to talk 1-on-1 with corporate representatives. Business casual attire required. Don’t forget your resumé!

Battle of the Engineers: November 4

All of the majors in the College of Engineering will face off in a jeopardy-style competition based off questions from the Fundamentals of Engineering exam. Which major truly is above the rest?

Fall Regional Conference: November 17-20

This will be similar to the zone conference, but on a large scale. Chapters from New England, New York City, Upstate New York, New Jersey, and Canada will holding a conference in Danvers, MA. This is a 4-day event full of workshops, networking (including a career fair), competitions, and night-time entertainment. Business casual attire required. Don’t forget your resumé!
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Date: Nov. 17-20, 2011
Location: 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, Mass
Hotel: CoCo Key Hotel & Water Resort-Boston