



Chinese Institute of Engineers/USA-DFW Chapter

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Chinese Institute of Engineers/USA - DFW Member Newsletter - 2016 Q2

Hello CIE Members! This is the 2nd Quarter Newsletter for our membership. In the second quarter of 2016: we held our annual MathComp MathFun Competition, hosted our annual Leadership Assessment & Mentoring Program (LAMP), conducted a Young Professional Seminar on decision-making, and a tech forum on career paths! We've had great activity on our first half of the year and are moving into the second!

MathComp / MathFun

CIE/USE-DFW held its 27th annual MathComp/MathFun on Saturday, June 4, at Collin College. This flagship youth program provides a quality math competition for students from grades first through eighth, a math fun activity, a parenting seminar, and a rousing award ceremony. The goal of the program is to help students discover and develop interest in mathematics learning and problem solving skills. Over 800 people participated in this event.

The parenting seminar speaker was Ms. Kathy Cordeiro, Communication Director and educator at AwesomeMath (founded by a professor at UTD and former coach of USA IMO team). Ms. Kathy shared experiences, insights and resources for helping children develop a passion for learning. The MathFun activities included math puzzles, science based games, brain teasers, electric circuits, and robotics demos. The 13 MathFun providers were CIE, Texas Instruments, Oncor, AwesomeMath, DAAYO, Dallas Modern Chinese Language School, The Mandarin Chinese School, Magic Math Plano, MPM Math for Tomorrow, Dallas Youth Volunteer Association (DYVA), UT Dallas Chess Program, Front Line Youth in STEM and 31 Realty.

The award ceremony had remarks from CIE President Edward Yu, and a inspirational speaker Ms. Teresa Wooten of Toastmasters International. Sponsor representatives presented awards for competition winners. TI calculators were given at the prize drawing. The 2016 MathComp/MathFun was chaired by Mr. Shawn Xiong. The MC was Ms. Marris Yang. Corporate sponsors were Texas Instruments, Oncor, Huawei, and Cindi's New York Deli.



Award Ceremony and
a Math Fun booth

Leadership Assessment & Mentoring Program (LAMP)

LAMP is one of CIE's longstanding programs in which this year's focus was geared towards university students. This event was an multi-part seminar where six selected finalist students engaged in an interactive session with a panel of judges (seven managers from an array of industries) in several sessions including: introduction/elevator pitch, team building exercise (smartphone product pitch), and mock interview.

The judges provided their feedback after each session, and both the candidates and audience was able to immediately learn and integrate these respective suggestions. Afterwards, the judges were invited to be a part of a Q&A panel session where they could address any questions from the audience that were not covered previously. Muru Murugappan, Assistant Vice President (AVP) of Technology Services at BNSF Railway, delivered an inspiring keynote speech on career paths.



Group photo of participants and judges

Young Professionals Seminar: Making Fast Decisions

The Young Professionals program also hosts seminars, and Dr. Faa-Ching Wang presented one in June on the process for fast decision making. Everyone is faced with making decisions on the spot every day, both at home and at work. Dr. Wang noted that in order to make quick, effective decisions, it was important to use a process and use it consistently. After years of practice, reflection, and gaining knowledge, the decision making process becomes instinctive. He then led an interactive group session with the audience to discuss any challenging situations that they faced as individual case studies.



Fast decision-making process

Tech Forum

CIE technical forum on entrepreneurship for technical professionals was held in the evening of Thursday March 24 at Plano's Christopher Parr Library. The event was titled "Opportunities outside of your current career path" and it was intended to help CIE members to explore other ways professional engineers can build a successful career. We invited two speakers to share their journeys from being engineers to becoming successful entrepreneurs.

The first speaker was Charlie Yue, a former President of ACP. He is very active through ACP in connecting DFW area technical talents to technical startup programs in China and he is an expert in governmental policies and incentives. He shared the latest information he learned from his recent trip as a US delegate to multiple Chinese municipal technology parks. The second speaker was Robin Gan, who once started a technology business locally in the DFW area, and grew rapidly with offices in several countries. He shared his extensive experiences getting a business off the ground and staying competitive in the crowded technology space.



Tech forum

The CIE/USA-DFW Area Chapter was established in January 1989 and registered in the state of Texas as a non-profit organization in 1992. Over the years, the CIE/USA-DFW chapter has established close ties with major corporations and government bodies around the world to promote the awareness and advancement of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

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