Members of SWE went to the national conference “WE’11” held in Chicago in October 2011. Events included a career fair, resume workshop, and career development sessions. Collegiate chapters from across the nation attended. In terms of industrial presence, there were over 2,000 corporate sponsors and government organizations at the career fair. The career fair was spread over two days. Companies specifically looked to hire attendees because their involvement in SWE, and other organizations on campus, was implicit in their attendance of the conference. One of the highlights of the career fair was the “on the spot interviews.” The National Conference is a big event for attending companies as well. These companies send women representatives to network at the fair, and some of these recruiters displaced their SWE pride through their "pink company swag." There were also lectures and workshops in which women in industry shared unique personal stories and other professional tips and insights.

“There was a good mixture of professionals and collegians.” Says junior Rebecca Rosenberg. “It was interesting to learn about other chapters around the nation and hear about how they run their organizations.”
One of the events for E-Week was the Engineering Carnival held at the Great Lakes Science Center. Different engineering groups on campus were asked to bring a science demonstration. SWE’s activity was building the tallest structure out of marshmallows and spaghetti. Each young engineer was given a $100 monopoly money budget to purchase supplies to build their structures. In addition to the creativity and skills involved in implementing their designs, the kids learned about the cost trade-offs in engineering. If there was room left in the budget, extra marshmallows could be bought for a snack!

This booth was one of the more popular demonstrations out of the Case engineering groups. More than 40 kids and future engineers tried to build the tallest spaghetti structure!

“A Word From the President

My name is Jessica Hatch, and it has been my pleasure to serve as the president of the Case Western Reserve University section of The Society of Women Engineers this past school year. I am very proud of Section G052; we have hosted a number of great events and successfully reached our goals this year as an organization.

We started the fall semester by welcoming the incoming class at The Activities Fair and SatCo where our SWE water bottles and SWEet candies were a big hit. We successfully ran a General Body meeting every month this past school year where we discussed the future of our organization on CWRU’s campus. We saw an increase in freshman and sophomore membership and elected a PR committee who hit the ground running.

Our standout event in the fall was our Faculty Appreciation Dinner co-hosted with Tau Beta Pi and NSBE. This evening of networking with professors and students, great food, and great conversation is the beginning of what I hope will be an annual event. I have even had a few professors ask me if they are on the invitation list for next year!

In the spring we participated in The Science Carnival at The Great Lakes Science Center during Engineers Week. Our activity: Marshmallow and Spaghetti Structures, was a huge hit with the crowds of kids that visited the center. SWE had 5 members volunteer for this event and we all had such a positive experience that we hope to expand our volunteerism as a section and strengthen our relationship with the science center.

Our last event of the semester was elections. Kelly Buchannan, Sara Malang, Angie Korpusik and Rebecca Rosenberger are the new executive board members and I have the utmost confidence in their ability to lead our section next semester. Engineering is my passion, and I am thankful of the large support system provided by The University and especially it’s student-run organizations. SWE at CWRU is comprised of intelligent, clever, and engaging men and women that strive for excellence in their fields to work to promote and support women in engineering.

This was a great year, and I am looking forward to see SWE continue to grow. As an alumnus, I will continue to be involved and hope to have John Hopkins’s Applied Physics laboratory, where I will be working next year, to host a SWE event.
Professors at Case are dedicated to the students and truly want to see them succeed. Their passion for their research is evident in their enthusiasm during lectures. Society of Women Engineers worked with Tau Beta Pi and National and National Society of Black Engineers to hold a faculty appreciation dinner as a way to tell them we appreciate their efforts! Professors from the different engineering departments were nominated for their contribution to teaching and mentoring students.

Tip of the Hat: Faculty Appreciation Dinner

Even though Kelly and Angie were new to campus in the fall, they got involved right away with SWE. Both Kelly and Angie are biomedical engineers and hold positions in the SWE organization. Both attending the Faculty Appreciation Dinner and saw it as an opportunity to meet other students as well as faculty members in various fields of engineering.

“I like SWE because it gives me the opportunity to get more involved in engineering by listening to talks given by professional engineers, volunteering, and attending other events.” Angie Korpusik

From the Left: Brian Metrovich (Civil Engineering), Jeffrey Capadona (Biomedical Engineering), Jeffrey Duerk (Dean of CSE), David Schiraldi (Polymers Science and Engineering) Mark DeGuire (Materials Science and Engineering)
Alumni Corner

Michelle is an Ohio/Indiana native who graduated from the Department of Polymer Science and Engineering in May of 2011. Since then, she has packed up her life and moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she is currently a first year graduate student in the Program in Polymer Science and Technology through the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at MIT.

In order to keep herself busy, she has become a leader in the small Women of Materials Science group and participates in numerous intramural activities.

Michelle Sing served as the president of SWE in the 2010-2011 academic year.