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AICHE OHIO STATE CHAPTER STUDENT NEWSLETTER



Events Recap

A look at what we've been up to this month.

Fall semester is in full swing and I think we can all agree that the return of Saturday Game Days provides a refreshing sense of Buckeye spirit as we continue through the virtual semester. The online semester hasn't stopped AIChE's community, and a handful of virtual events have kept us all engaged and connected. Here's a look back at what we've been up to in October.

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To help keep our members feeling connected, we've initiated biweekly "Coffee Chats" sessions on Fridays. Members sign on to chat with one other and catch up. It may not be the 6th floor lounge, but it's always refreshing to get a chance to see our fellow Chem E's outside of class.

Halloween Virtual Game Night and Costume Contest

Who's to say Halloween can't be fun from your own home? This Halloween, AIChE hosted a virtual game night and costume contest. Members signed on to Zoom donning their best Halloween costumes to compete for a chance to win prizes and hangout.



UPCOMING EVENTS

INTERVIEW ADVICE PANEL

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
6:30PM-7:30PM

NOVEMBER GENERAL BODY MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
7:00PM-7:30PM

BUCK-IDENTITY WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
7:30PM-9:00PM

AICHE Alumni "Where Are They Now"

With our events being limited to the virtual setting, our executive team wanted to try a new feature to help keep our newsletter original month by month. Since many of us are staying home, we thought it might be fun to take a look at what some of our OSU CBE alums are up to now, and help our members get a perspective for life after college. With this new feature, we'll be interviewing alumni of OSU AIChE and sharing a feature about them each month! If you're interested in being interviewed, please reach out to our chapter by the email included at the end of this newsletter.



October Alumni Spotlight: Tori Krebs

To kick off our new Alumni Spotlight feature, we interviewed former AIChE president, Tori Krebs. Tori graduated from our CBE department in December of 2017. Tori is currently a Process Engineer for Marathon Petroleum Company. Tori started working for the company upon graduation, after two internship terms with the company during undergrad. She was interested in

working in the oil industry after her internship experience because she enjoyed the people that she worked with, and felt that her intern projects were truly challenging and interesting.

Tori's day to day job can change often depending on the needs of the refinery, which, she says, is part of what keeps her work engaging. In general, as a process engineer, she is always looking for ways to run processes more efficiently, effectively, and safely. This includes daily optimization as well as long term improvement projects.

In addition to being able to do something different and face new challenges every day, Tori also loves the opportunity to work with so many people of different backgrounds and experience levels. She feels that she is constantly learning from her work as well as her coworkers, and loves getting the chance to really see and understand the processes she learned in school.

Tori originally started with Marathon 2.5 years ago in Houston, Texas, but has since transferred to one of their refineries in Los Angeles, California. Out in LA, Tori has picked up hiking, running, and surfing as some new hobbies since college, but still keeps and rides her horse, Hailey, in her free time as well. In closing, one piece of advice Tori would like to share with our CBE undergraduates is "Don't ever underestimate yourself. Take the class that you think is too hard, apply for the job that you don't think you're quite qualified for, and take on the project that feels a little over your head. You'll be surprised with what you can achieve with a little hard work and dedication."

Thank you for your insight, Tori! AIChE is glad to hear about all you've been up to, and we hope that you continue to see success as new challenges and opportunities come your way.

Student Spotlights

Jerrod Shackelford



Our first Student Spotlight of the month was Jerrod Shackelford! Jerrod is a third year pursuing a dual degree in Chemical Engineering and Jazz Composition with a minor in business and is planning to graduate in Spring 2023. In addition to his hefty academic schedule, Jerrod is treasurer of Jazz Club, a member of the Integrated Business and Engineering program, and a Sesquicentennial Scholar!

In his free time, Jerrod enjoys practicing his music and arranging music for jazz orchestras. He has written a handful of arrangements for the Famous Jazz Orchestra led by Vaughn Weister. Though the orchestra is not currently performing due to COVID-19, they typically play every Monday night, and in addition to writing music for them, Jerrod has also sat in with the band and sung for them a few times as well.

In the future, Jerrod hopes to use his chemical engineering degree to contribute to renewable energy, healthcare, or anything nonprofit. Congratulations again, Jerrod! AIChE is proud to see our students embrace their passions outside of chemical engineering, and it's amazing to hear about all that you do within engineering and out.

Our second Student Spotlight was Erin Kelleher! Erin is a 4th year Chem E graduating this coming spring. She was nominated for her outstanding effort and impact as an undergraduate teaching assistant in CBE. Last year, she worked with Dr. Koelling for his CBE 2200 class, and currently works with Dr. Rathman as a TA for his experimental design class. As a TA, Erin demonstrates excellent knowledge of the material and is always keeps a positive and encouraging attitude when helping students.

Aside from her role as a TA, Erin is very involved in different organizations around campus. Within CBE, she currently serves as the Team Lead for the Chem E Car Fuel Cell Car, and previously worked on the team that won the AIChE Regional Competition in 2019. Currently, Erin is getting the fuel cell car team ready for the Regional Competition that will be hosted by Ohio State this spring!

Outside of CBE, Erin also serves as the Director of Fundraising for Phi Sigma Rho, a sorority for women in engineering at OSU. In her free time, Erin enjoys doing anything outside, like running, soccer, and watching OSU football. In addition to her roles around campus, Erin previously worked for Synergy Flavors, Inc. this past summer as an intern in their Research and Development team. After her enjoying her internship, she hopes to pursue a career in product development or R&D.

Erin Kelleher



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