MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
by Fatima Rizwan

Hello readers! Congratulations on surviving a tumultuous year. Our lives turned upside down, yet we made it! So, let’s pat ourselves on the back as we walk into a new academic year.

Through the pandemic, GSA continued to fulfill our promise. Virtual events felt odd and took a moment to adjust to, but it happened. Thank you to all our attendees, we are grateful for your continued support and enthusiasm. Also, a big shout out to my team, who went beyond themselves to overcome the numerous challenges we faced while planning the events, everything would have been impossible without their effort and dedication. In the upcoming year, we promise to go out of our way to make everyone’s time at ChBE as memorable as possible. A special thanks to our amazing faculty and staff, you are the backbone of ChBE and we are honored to work alongside you and constantly learn from you!

This newsletter is as special as the past academic year was, and I hope you enjoy every bit of it!

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GSA MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission as the Graduate Student Association (GSA) of the Chemical and Biological Engineering Department is to create a community of fellow graduate students, promote interaction of graduate students with each other and with faculty members, improve the overall experience of ChBE graduate students and help graduate students develop professional skills through interactions with alumni at various periods of their careers."

EVENTS

The 2020-2021 COVID-19 lockdown challenged the GSA to find creative ways to host virtual events. We organized evening social activities and game nights throughout the year for undergraduate and graduate students in the department to unwind and have some fun. We also held three programming workshops in MATLAB, hosted by Professor Mudassir Rashid, and Python, hosted by GSA members Andy Shahidehpour and Essa Almutar. Keep in touch for more upcoming social and professional events!

Fall 2020

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MATLAB WORKSHOP
PART II

Presenter: Mudassir Rashid
Thursday, Oct 1
12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
https://meet.google.com/fqs-pejy-kgw

GSA PRESENTS
Meet The ChBE Department
Spend an unforgettable evening with the faculty and the students of ChBE
February 8th, 2020
3:30PM
Virtual

GSA & AICHE Presents
FARE-THEE-WELL
CLASS OF 2021

SPEND AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING WITH THE FACULTY AND THE STUDENTS OF CHBE, ONE LAST TIME.

Friday, April 30th || 4:00 PM virtual
Prior GSA Executive Boards

Spring 2020

Fatima Rizwan ................................................. President
Sandra De La Torre ................................. Vice President
Andrew Shahidehpour .............................. Historian
Essa Almutar .............................................. Treasurer
Ogechi Chinenyi Okocha Rufus ................. Liaison
(Spring 2021 Graduate MAS/PHEG)
Ahmad Ijaz ................................................ Secretary
Katarzyna Kosierb ................................. Graphic Designer

Spring 2021 GSA Executive Board

Shubhada Mahesh Khanvilkar ............................... President
(Spring 2020 Graduate MAS-ChE)
Essa Almutar .............................................. Treasurer
(Spring 2020 Graduate MAS-ChE, pursuing PhD-ChE)
Ogechi Chinenyi Okocha Rufus ................... Secretary
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Sandra De La Torre ................................. Advertising Coordinator
Andrew Shahidehpour ............................. Historian
(Spring 2019 Graduate BS-ChEM/MAS ChE, pursuing PhD-ChE)

Spring 2019

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Shubhada Mahesh Khanvilka ................. Secretary & Advertising Coordinator

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Donald Chmielewski ................................. Faculty Advisor

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Andrew Shahidehpour ......................... Editor/Historian
Fatima Rizwan ........................................ President
Beatrice Person ........................................ Staff Advisor

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IIT Chemical Engineering
https://discord.gg/kJcXrxkkZ8

Vote and Nominate!

Join the GSA Executive Board and Inspire Others!

JOIN GSA!

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Fatima Rizwan ___________________________ President