MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
by Akanksha Prasad

"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

With these words from William Arthur Ward, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thank Professor Sohail Murad for all his trust and help, for the constant guidance and help of Professor Donald Chmielewski, and most importantly Ms. Beatrice Person & Fatima Rizwan, for showing their trust in me and giving me this opportunity.

To add further to it, as per the great words of Robert Quillen -- "If you count all your assets, you always show a profit." & Michael Jordan -- "Talent wins games, but teamwork wins championships"

This organization’s work & success would not have been possible without naming the assets of the organization. The constant help and cooperation of our Vice President Apurva Pawar, Treasurer Essa Almutar & Event Head Rediet Adugna. My sincere thanks goes to all of you from the core of my heart for your work towards accomplishing the goals of the organization. A special thank you to Andrew Shahidehpour for being the greatest backbone of the organization and especially me. I would also like to thank Ms. Delores Woods and Rachel Hirsh for their help and support. Last but not the least, I would like to thank all ChBE students and professors, for always showing their trust in us and for being with us during all the events. I am humbled and grateful for the trust you have bestowed on us. With the help of everyone, GSA-ChBe was able to successfully organize several events, for which we were awarded Stryker’s best organization award along with a few more to add to the list.

As was wisely said by Alfred North Whitehead “No one who achieves success does so without the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude.” So with this, I want to conclude that together we were able to achieve and I wish all the good luck to the upcoming future GSA team that we keep continuing with the same service with togetherness and excellence.
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
This year the GSA put together an exciting and comprehensive event schedule. We reached out to a number of alumni and industry professionals, IIT professors, and graduate students and staff to provide a wide range of interesting talks. Our goal was to introduce club members to technical topics and professional and interpersonal development skills for a well-rounded set of extracurricular activities.

We also hosted social events for new students and professors with food and activities. Each semester we strive to introduce new students to both GSA and the department, and help them network with faculty, staff, and students to aid them both inside and outside of the classroom.

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WELCOME SESSION WITH GSA

Come socialize with students to learn more about GSA!

Wednesday, January 12th
1:00 PM

JOIN ZOOM MEETING HERE

MATLAB Workshop
with Professor Rashid

Join us to learn about the various applications of MATLAB

JANUARY 20, 2022 | 07:00 PM
JOIN ZOOM MEETING HERE

Career Development Workshop

Join us to learn about resume writing, LinkedIn networking and job application.

Featuring: BJ Engelhardt, Director of Career Services at IIT

RAYMOND NELSON, PE, MBB

- Director, Lean Operations and Global Strategy at Basal Solutions
- Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt and Licensed Professional Engineer
- 37 years of engineering and leadership experience at DuPont
- IIT Alumnus

SANDRO MAZZINI
IIT alumnus
Director New Business Development at Technip Energies
30+ years of Commercial experience across 3 industries and 5 continents.

CHBE RESEARCH LAB INFO SESSION

GSA Presents

[ Mohammad] Reza Mostofi [Ashtiani]

- IIT Alumnus
- Principal Engineer at Honeywell

Join us to learn about our alumnus illustrious career
Awards
This year we are pleased to announce the GSA was awarded the Outstanding Student Organization Award, which was presented at the 45th annual Stryker Awards Dinner. Individuals and organizations are nominated for the Stryker Awards for acts of service, academic excellence, and leadership positions in student organizations.

**Outstanding First Year Involvement Award** - Apurva Pawar (Vice President).
**Outstanding Student Organization Award** - GSA.
**Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award** - Beatrice Person (Staff Advisor) and Donald Chmielewski (Faculty Advisor).
**Clinton E. Stryker Distinguished Service Award** - Akanksha Prasad (President).

GSA executive board members and faculty and staff advisors during the 45th annual Stryker Awards Dinner. Pictured: Professor Donald Chmielewski, Akanksha Prasad, Apurva Pawar, Rediet Adugna, and Beatrice Person.
**Prior GSA Executive Boards**

**Spring 2021**
- Fatima Rizwan - President
- Sandra De La Torre - Vice President
- Andrew Shahidehpour - Historian
- Essa Almutar - Treasurer
- Ogechi Chinenyewo Okocha Rufus - Liaison

*(Spring 2021 Graduate MAS/PHEG)*

Ahmad Ijaz - Secretary
Katarzyna Kosierb - Graphic Designer

**Spring 2020**
- Shubhada Mahesh Khanvilkar - President
  *(Spring 2020 Graduate MAS-ChE)*
- Essa Almutar - Treasurer
  *(Spring 2020 Graduate MAS-ChE, pursuing PhD-ChE)*
- Ogechi Chinenyewo Okocha Rufus - Secretary
- Ahmad Ijaz - Asst. to Secretary
- Katarzyna Kosierb - Asst. to Advertising Coordinator
- Sandra De La Torre - Advertising Coordinator
- Andrew Shahidehpour - Historian
  *(Fall 2019 Graduate BS-ChEM/MAS ChE, pursuing PhD-ChE)*

**Advisors**
- Beatrice Person - Staff Advisor
- Donald Chmielewski - Faculty Advisor

**chemEfusion Newsletter Committee**
- Andrew Shahidehpour - Editor/Historian
- Akanksha Prasad - President
- Beatrice Person - Staff Advisor