CPP CoE’s Distinguished Alumna
Leanne Swanson (EE ’01)
Principal Manager, Distribution Engineering
Southern California Edison

Leanne Swanson has been named this year’s Cal Poly Pomona’s College of Engineering Distinguished Alumna. Swanson is the Principal Manager of Distribution Engineering, overseeing the system planning of the electric grid throughout the SCE system.

Swanson believes “engineering is one of the foundations for many things that we do in life that we don’t even know.” She is an advocate for innovative ideas that inspire young girls to enjoy engineering, such as “Goldie Blox, the engineering toy for girls.”

While at Cal Poly Pomona, working in labs was Swanson’s favorite part because she was able to apply what was taught in class and see real results. Additionally, she felt the hands-on learning approach of Cal Poly Pomona contributed to her professional development.

Be sure to congratulate Leanne Swanson for this amazing recognition.

Check out her video: https://youtu.be/ADhw11TpbSs

CPP Letters Hike
On May 20th CPP WE Ambassadors hiked their way up to the CPP letters on an adventure to vamp up the colors. The hike was a great way to de-stress before midterms and the coming finals week.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

CPP WE Ambassador End-of-the-Year Recognition
CPP WE will be hosting an end-of-the-year recognition event to thank our dedicated ambassadors! Many of the events held throughout the year, including Introduce a Girl to Engineering, E-Girl, CPP CoE Femineer Summit, and others could not have run as smoothly without your help.

The recognition luncheon will be held on June 3rd from 12:00-1:00 PM in 9-201/203. We hope to see all ambassadors there in support of those being recognized, and to celebrate another successful year.

CPP WE & MEP Graduation Reception
A collaborative ceremony between CPP WE & MEP will be held June 9th from 5:30-9:00 PM in recognition of our graduating class of 2016! We would like to congratulate those students for all the hard work, endless sleepless nights, and investment in coffee to reach graduation.

We wish you the very best in your future and hope that you give back to Cal Poly Pomona when you become billionaires. This is the beginning of a new chapter in your lives, and we know you will achieve many successes.

Congratulations Class of 2016!
On April 26, 2016 Dr. Laila Jallo introduced her story to our chemical engineering students. Dr. Jallo moved to the United States to pursue a Ph.D. in chemical engineering at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. One of her accomplishments includes the publication of a paper entitled Adhesion of Dry Nano-coated Microparticles to Stainless Steel: A Physical Interpretation. It is on the most downloaded list of the Powder Technology International Journal. Her expertise is in particle engineering, surface interactions, and materials characterization. Currently, Dr. Jallo is working on research with cosmetic products and hopes to develop a compact powder with natural properties making it better on the skin.

April 28th - CPP WE Talk

This CPP WE Talk featured two electrical engineers from Southern California Edison, Vichaya Lipipan and Tin Zar Kyaw. Vichaya Lipipan graduated in 2010, receiving her B.S. in Electrical Engineering and minor in Energy Engineering here at Cal Poly Pomona. Lipipan works at Southern California Edison as an Electrical Engineer. During her undergraduate degree, she participated in IEEE Power and Energy Society which impacted decisions that she made during her career. Zar Kyaw is currently going back to school part time to someday receive her master’s in electrical engineering. During the WE Talk, she emphasized the importance of changing jobs when yours becomes too easy. Challenging yourself at the workplace prevents you from becoming bored or lazy with your work.

Tin Zar Kyaw received her B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Cal Poly Pomona in 2013 and is currently working for Southern California Edison as a Distribution Engineer. During the WE Talk, she talked about how she became pregnant when starting at SCE and how that affected her lifestyle. She confessed that having a baby was a lot of work, but she still enjoyed pursuing her career and was able to focus on both.

May 5th - CPP CoE Femineer Summit

The Cal Poly Pomona College of Engineering (CPP CoE) Femineer Summit took place on May 5, 2016. The event was an immense success thanks to the help from our CPP WE Ambassadors. The summit provided a platform for nearly 200 Femineer students from various elementary, middle, and high schools to display their year-long projects. It was an opportunity for the CPP CoE Femineers to network and receive recognition for their hard work. President Coley attended the event to encourage the girls to continue to pursue STEM and push for them to achieve much more in their future. Additionally, CPP CoE Femineer Co-Founders, Interim Dean, Dr. Cordelia Ontiveros and Mechanical Engineering Professor Dr. Mariappan Jawaharlal, appeared at the event as Featured Speakers.