K-12 Outreach: Unique Contributions through AIChE and How YOU can get involved!

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We need engineers to maintain and advance our technological innovation - our creative edge in facing societal challenges - our economic strength

"The key to educating students to thrive in this competitive global economy is introducing them to the engineering design skills and concepts that will engage them in applying their math and science knowledge to solve real problems. This is the way to harness the creativity of young minds. This is also the process that fuels innovation of new technologies."



Ioannis N. Miaoulis, Ph.D.

president and director of the Museum of Science, Boston former dean of Tufts University's engineering school 6/09 article in ieee-usa today's engineer online

Pipeline for Workforce

2006 data from National Science Foundation Division of Science Resources Statistics: [www.nsf.gov/statistics/]

32.1 % of undergraduate degrees awarded in Science and Engineering

(4.6 are engineering degrees)

Lower and not that different from the most recent high value: 35.7% in 1969..... (5.7 are engineering degrees)

> and we are not using our complete population....



Percent of freshman students who graduate from High School – Average across United States



We need a technically literate Society to maintain and advance our technological innovation our creative edge in facing societal challenges - our economic strength

"Available evidence shows that American adults and children have a poor understanding of the essential characteristics of technology, how it influences society, and how people can and do affect its development..........To take full advantage of the benefits and to recognize, address, or even avoid some of the pitfalls of technology, we must become better stewards of technological change. Unfortunately, we are ill prepared to meet this goal. This report represents a mandate—an urgent call—for technological literacy in the United States"

> *From:* Technically Speaking: Why All Americans Need to Know More About Technology (2002) National Academy of Engineering [http://www.nap.edu]

Education Standards

• State Standards

• National Coming??

http://www.nae.edu/cms/14729.aspx

Need engineer involvement to train and guide



Benefits of K-12 Outreach



Companies and Professional Organizations

- Pipeline
- Societal Responsibility
- Employees Involved [Millennial Generation]

Engaging the Millennials



Born 1982 to 2000 75 Million people

Globally Common Characteristics including ...

This section inspired by Scott Fogler, AIChE President and Professor at University of Michigan

Engaging the Millennials



Common Characteristics include:

- Their job does not define who they are
- Expect immediacy in everything they do.
- Feel they can get anything they want off the Internet.
- Multi-task Look at CNN; hear comments, read text bottom of screen and listen to iPhone at same time.
- Connected via technology and not overwhelmed by information tidal wave
- Don't want to pay their on-the-job dues
- Social networking
- Altruistic

Benefits of K-12 Outreach



Teachers and Schools

- Hands-on, Interactive Learning
- Real World Connection
- Training Opportunities
- Role Models
- Standards



www.engineeringk12.org

- Engineering is Academic Glue it binds complex math and science concepts to real-world experiences and leads to learning that sticks with students.
- Engineering is Creativity the need for problem-solving and innovation brings out the best ideas from every student.
- Engineering is Group Work students learn to communicate and work together while they learn math and science by applying engineering principles.
- Engineering is Everywhere students learn that engineers have designed, created, or modified nearly everything they touch, wear, eat, see, and hear in their daily lives.
- Engineering is FUN!

Benefits of K-12 Outreach



Volunteers

- Impact local community
- Work to improve education for all
- Engaging learning experience
- Activity for local section or student chapter
- Fun!!

You CAN make a Difference!

- Change attitudes about science and engineering
 - exposure to ideas and activities
 - role model
 - relate to experiences
- Reach underrepresented groups through target activities, language and use of role models
- Teacher knowledge and comfort level
- •Longer term.... Harder to assess.....

"What Good Is a Scientist in the Classroom? Participant Outcomes and Program Design Features for a Short-Duration Science Outreach Intervention in K-12 Classrooms", Sandra Laursen, Carrie Liston, Heather Thiry, and Julie Graf, CBE—Life Sciences Education, Vol. 6, 49-64, Spring 2007

AIChE

What is Being Done in AIChE (or by AIChE members)

Curriculum Development & Dissemination Teacher Development Volunteer Development Corporate Partnership Outreach University Partnership Outreach In-class interactions After-School interactions



UOP EWeek in Chicago



AIChE

Courtesy Alan Zagoria Chicago Local Section

Local AIChE and Connections

- Hershey Company Shadow Programs-High School 10-12 grade, 15 years
- School Career Day programs-5th-12th grades, Presentation, Exhibit, or Panel Discussion
- Future City Competition, E-Week Sponsor and Exhibit Chemistry and Engineering-1000 students/parents
- Link with local after school groups: Scouting

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- What-in-the World Career Program-Lancaster County-grades 5th to $6^{\rm th}$
- Senior High School Annual Scholarship sponsor for south central Pennsylvania region

Courtesy	Lou Felice and John McCormick,
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Industry and University together...





The American Institute of Chemical Engineers And The University of Illinois, Chicago WELCOMES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- All day event
- Hundreds of students bused in
- Speakers
- Activities

... a strength of local chapters and local young profesionals

Courtesy Alan Zagoria Chicago Local Section

University Connections/After School

Middle School Engineering Camp (E-Camp)

Girls and boy get a chance to learn about and experience hands-on engineering in a fun and supportive environment









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Courtesy Skip Rochefort, Oregon State University

University Connections/After School

SKIES - Spirited Kids in Engineering and Science provides many "wow" and "how" science and engineering experiences to the K-5 Student









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University Students



Courtesy Skip Rochefort, OSU

- Energy K-12 Outreach Contest
- Curriculum Development
- Excited people ready to go



Activities During School



Modules/Activities

Presentations



Need to be aware of local requirements Direct teacher connections IC are always best....

Activities After School





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Museum Programs

Scout troops

YMCAs

Boys and Girls Clubs

Others.....



ANY activity will do.....

What do I need to participate in Outreach?

A target audience and venue

A contact for the audience and venue

Materials and Instructions

Maybe a team of volunteers



Lots of energy and love of engineering

How can I as an Individual Get Involved?

Contact an already active group in your area

Participate in National Programs

Use/Modify Established Material and Make your own Connections

> Take advantage of available resources – especially in AIChE!



Resources for Getting Involved

Activity Outlines/Plans and "How Tos"

Some trusted online sites:

http://egfi-k12.org

http://www.teachengineering.org

http://www.engineeryourlife.org

http://aspire.swe.org

http://eweek.org



And coming soon..... k-12.aiche.org !!







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We know that energy may be seen in the form of light when we turn on a light bulb. It also may be felt



Welcome to Engineer Your Life, a guide to engineering careers for high school girls! Imagine what life would be like



< For Engineers Compelling Engineering Messages What Girls Think About Engineering Once the coalition identified what girls wanted, it enlisted the market research firms What Girls Want From BBMG and Global Strategy Group to develop and test various career messages that Their Careers would motivate girls to consider engineering. This effort was undertaken in **Compelling Engineering** collaboration with a larger, ongoing campaign sponsored by the National Academy of Messages Engineering's Public Understanding of Engineering program, which seeks to broaden Ways We Can Inspire Americans' knowledge of engineering and its place in our society. Get Involved Four messages tested the strongest among high school girls: Live your life, love what you do. Engineering will challenge you to turn dreams into realities while giving you the chance to travel, work with inspiring people and give back to your community. Creativity has its rewards. Women engineers are respected, recognized and financially rewarded for their innovative thinking and creative solutions. Make a world of difference. From small villages to big cities, organic farms to mountaintops, deep-sea labs to outer space, women engineers are going where there is the greatest need and making a lasting contribution. Explore possibilities. Women engineers often use their skills to go into business, medicine, law, or government. An engineering education will prepare you for many different careers.

In light of engineering's persistent public image problem, these tested messages which are aligned with the values and aspirations most important to girls—can help us convince them that engineering is exciting, meaningful, and definitely worth







Resources for Getting Involved

National Programs and Other Cool Sites....

http://eweek.org

Engineers Week Programs: presentations, etc.

Future Cities Competition: 100s of participants across the country – listings near you, and how to start a new team

http://www.greatachievements.org/

http://acs.org/

http://discoverengineering.org/

And coming soon..... k-12.aiche.org !!



What an AIChE K-12 <u>Website is going to Offer?</u> Reduce the Energy Barrier for ChEs to get involved

- Target interests of Chemical Engineers
- Enable Connections
- Ready-to-use-or-modify *tested* presentations, activities, programs
- Provide PR for YOUR activities

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K-12 Web Initiative

Mission: Increase interest, awareness, and excitement for science and engineering, and chemical engineering in particular, in K-12 students by utilizing web-based tools to enable local volunteers to focus on exciting students in K-12 about engineering and science by disseminating national best practices and making local connections between the ultimate customers (students and teachers) and the resources (volunteers, information, companies, and resources), while increasing awareness of AIChE activities to the general public.

Centralize, Connect, Coordinate, and Communicate: Leveraging The National Volunteer Base and Ideas for Enhanced and Expanded Local Impact in K-12 Outreach.

K-12 Web.. What will it be?

- Searchable and interactive database housed on AIChE server
 - Collection of screened and formatted best practices from around the country
 - Search based on audience level, topic, length, expense
 - Search for "how to's" [contact school, start own program, talk with middle school children, etc...]
 - Provide real person contact.....
- Way to make connections
 - for volunteers to find activities/programs in their local area
 - way for teachers to find activities or local volunteers
 - way for new volunteers to find a way to contribute in their local area
 - Way to make appointments and submit questions....

NOTE: dark purple and italics means goal for second round.....



K-12 Web.. What will it be? (continued)

- Way for AIChE to develop new outreach opportunities enabled by web technology
 - Globalization
 - Networking with mentors and other students
 - webinars
 - Interactive web activities
 - ????

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k-12.aiche.org Timeline

Now: Under construction

[Still time to get your program or activity in!! Send to <u>kziemer@coe.neu.edu]</u>

National Meeting in November: Available for testing and feedback as part of K-12 outreach networking event from 11:00 to 2:00 on Monday, Nov. 9

January: Public rollout of Phase 1





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Fun Science Facts The amount of carbon in the human body is enough to fill about 9,000 'lead' pencils.

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Fun Science Facts Liquid air looks like water with a bluish tint.



Results 1 - 2 of 2

Artificial Pancreas.pdf Summary Quick Reference Keywords: biology, engineering, human body, waste Category: Engineering , Chemistry , Biology Standards covered: Unknown Length of module 60 minutes Practice Type: In-Class Cost: < \$20 Science Difficulty Level: Medium Audience Level: 4-6 Math Difficulty Level: Easy Presenter: Group or Individual Presenter Characteristics: Professional ,College Student ,Parent ,Teacher

Biopolymer.pdf Summary Quick Reference

Keywords: biology, polymer, chemistry, reactions, kinetics, Category: Engineering , Chemistry , Biology Standards covered: Unknown Practice Type: In-Class Length of module 30 minutes Cost: < \$50 Audience Level: 4-6 Math Difficulty Level: Easy Science Difficulty Level: Easy Presenter Characteristics: Professional ,College Presenter: Group or Individual Student ,Parent ,Teacher





What is a "formatted" module?

Part 3: Flowsheets: One of an Engineer's Communication Tools

Learning Strand:	Materials, Tools, and Machines
	Engineering Design
	Communication Technologies
	Manufacturing Technologies
Science and Engineering	Symbols
Concepts:	Procedures/Instructions
•	Effective Engineering Communication
	Planning on paper or building a prototype
	as a design step in the engineering process.
Preparation Time:	60 minutes
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Activity Time:	90 minutes

Activity time: Time Required - 2 class periods. Class period 1: Intro to flowsheets and whipped cream demonstration. Class Period 2: New snack food activity and wrap-up discussion.

Level of Difficulty: 3

Group Size: groups of 2

Purpose

The purpose of this activity is to introduce students to manufacturing processes and to the use of flow sheets as an important communication tool for engineers. In "Flowsheets: One of an Engineer's Communication Tools," students will:

- 1) Identify manufacturing processes they are familiar with.
- 2) Understand that a process consists of equipment, tools, and the procedures of how to operate the equipment and tools to make a desired product.
- Understand that a flowsheet contains symbols for equipment and tools, identifies steps and connections between equipment, identifies raw materials, and identifies process variables.
- create a flowsheet composed of symbols and procedures to communicate a
- manufacturing process. 5) Use a flowsheet of a manufacturing process to make a product.



This isketh is based on the flowibert of Richard F. Mathlewy, Frozen Concentrated Orange Juice from Florida Oranges, Pact Sheet FS & a series of the Food Science and Human Nutrition, Florida Cooperative Etwasion Service, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, Publication date: April 1994, See the following website for more information: www.ultimatecturis.com/gdf.fcoj.pdf.

Contains all needed information to run an activity

- •Level(s) of intended audience
- Materials
- •Time required
- •Purpose learning objectives standards
- Background information
- •Planning instructions
- Presentation materials
- Student worksheets
- •Quick instructors guide
- Assessment tools
- Contact person

Activity #3: Flor	vsheets 1		
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How do "Connections" work?

Lists of contacts for outreach by state, region, city

List of expert contacts by subject area/topic

Chat Rooms

Open forms for posting volunteer opportunities and volunteer needs





How Do I know my outreach is "good"?

Use material from trusted sites that you are comfortable with

Communicate with successfully active organizations in AIChE/other volunteers

Take advantage of training/learning opportunities

Do assessment [modules, SWE,]

Remember the end goal:

Help students enjoy science and engineering so that they are effective learners and can contribute to and participate fully in our ever increasingly technical society

Keeping the goal in mind...

Free Executive Summary



Changing the Conversation: Messages for Improving Public Understanding of Engineering

Committee on Public Understanding of Engineering Messages, National Academy of Engineering ISBN: 978-0-309-11934-4, 164 pages, 6 x 9, paperback (2008)

http://www.nap.edu/

Changing the Conversation National Academy of Engineering

"No profession unleashes the spirit of innovation like engineering. From research to real-world applications, engineers constantly discover how to improve our lives by creating bold new solutions that connect science to life in unexpected forward-thinking ways. Few professions turn so many ideas into so many realities. Few have such a direct and positive effect on people's everyday lives. We are counting on engineers and their imaginations to help us meet the demands of the 21st century."

AIChE

Keeping the goal in mind...



Engineers make a world of difference

Engineers are creative problem solvers

Engineering is essential to our health, happiness, and safety

Engineers help shape the future

_ Tested messages

Preliminary Taglines

Turning ideas into reality Designed to work wonders The power to do Behind the next big thing Because dreams need doing Life takes engineering Bolder by design

How AIChE is helping....

At the National Meeting:

- Student Chapters Workshop on energy K-12 outreach
 10:30 to Noon on Saturday, Nov. 7
- Education Division K-12 outreach session
 8:30 to 11:00 on Monday, Nov. 9
- Networking opportunity

 11:30 to 2:00 on Monday, Nov. 9 see other activities, gather information, make contacts, see and provide feedback on the web site
- Changing the Conversation Workshop
 - 8:30 to 11:00 on Wednesday, Nov. 11





How AIChE is helping....

Ongoing:

Increase effective connections through SIOC Irvin W. Osborne-Lee

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- Education
- Building network of K-12 volunteers
- building central location for resources and contacts
- making connections among members

We need YOUR help, too!!

Come to the network event at the National meeting and give us feedback!

Ideas? Modules? Programs? Contact: kziemer@coe.neu.edu

AIChE







Increasing interest, awareness, and excitement for science and engineering in K-12 students.



Preparing future engineering students and professionals to creatively solve technical challenges in an ethical, environmentally responsible, and socially conscious way.







Outreach

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