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THE WOMEN IN ENGINEERING NETWORK NEWSLETTER

Semester 2 was jam packed for WEN, especially before lockdown hit. We knocked out some big events in the first couple of weeks and continued tinkering along with all our initiatives.

EVENTS

WEN PRESENTS: DESSERTS + DRINKS, MIKAYLA STOKES

This year we hosted our first WEN Presents: Drinks and Desserts night at La Zeppa, with the theme of innovation. WEN members and WEN allies had a fun filled night of making new friends over desserts and drinks and great music. We had an exciting interactive activity where everyone was given a random word and in teams of 5, came up with the best (or worst) innovative idea they could think of. The ultimate winning idea was a dating app that makes matches based on your internet data. We also had some other great (or questionable) ideas such as a piano that shocks you if you get your country's national anthem wrong and a solar powered restaurant for Jeff Bezos.

Overall this event was a smash hit and we hope we can run another one like it soon!

WEN GALA, ADITI RAMALINGAM



Alongside the stellar cityscape views, we celebrated our 28th annual WEN Gala dinner on the 30th of July! With the biggest turnout we have ever had, this night was awesome, bringing together everything WEN has achieved since 1993 despite some pretty turbulent times. A new tiktok, becoming the second largest

student organisation within engineering, expanding our leadership team to 45 leaders and four brand new programmes for high schoolers, allies, WEN students and industry. Most importantly, we have managed to triple our alcohol budget over the past three years 😊. We also crowned our gala monarch, enjoyed a 3-course meal, drank some wine and danced the night away under the beautiful harbour bridge (which was coincidentally purple as well - YAY).



WEN WELLNESS 3: SELF DE-WEN-CE, FELICIA INDRAWIDJAJA

The third installment of our WEN Wellness series was Self De-WEN-ce. Over twenty of us showed up, game faces on and ready to learn. The instructor, Ash, showed us simple, but memorable tactics on how to defend ourselves and get out of those sticky situations. She showed us different scenarios and how the *cup-weaken-run* method could be applied in every situation and got us to practice in pairs. We finished off our session with smoothie bowls as a refreshment. Everyone had a good laugh and walked away a little bit more confident.



ONGOING

WEN MEET + EATS, ZOE MILLAR

WEN Meet & Eats are a new set of events that we have started running this year. Students have had the opportunity to hear from some great engineering companies such as AECOM, Aurecon, Tonkin+Taylor, Xero and many more. While chatting to the companies with catered Subway, PitaPit or Sushi lunch, everyone is able to gain a better understanding of what it is like as a female graduate in the company and also build strong network connections.



PART ONE, CHANTELE HAYWOOD

The first half of Semester Two was a great time for the Part 1 committee as we were able to hold our famous "Bob Ross Evening" in which the Part 1 students were able to come and paint alongside one of Bob Ross' videos while eating some Sal's pizza! Even though some happy little accidents occurred on many paintings, everyone had a great time relieving their stress through painting.

MENTORING,

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Peer Mentoring started the semester with the annual Summer Work Event Info Night! We got to share some inside scoop from a recruitment & sourcing consultant and were able to share their tips and tricks to land those summer internships. We also had speakers from a range of specialisations share their experiences at their respective summer jobs.

What's coming up?

- Zen with WEN:
 - Yoga on 22nd Sept
- WEN Podcast: On WENsdays...
- WEN Wellness 4: Kickboxing
- Sponsor Q&As on Instagram Live

The Industry Mentoring programme also had its third professional development event centred around "breaking unspoken rules." The event's focus was providing attendees with an open and safe space to share instances where they have second guessed or reconsidered raising personal struggles, particularly in a work or school environment, due to societal constructs and unspoken rules. Examples of the topics raised ranged from addressing and seeking help to approaching situations where you have been tasked to do something beyond your capabilities.

OUTREACH, EMILY-JADE YEE



This Semester, Outreach has continued to be very busy, despite the unfortunate surprise lockdown! We were able to do a couple more school visits - including a whole day visit to Otahuhu College in collaboration with SPIES Outreach volunteers. The Outreach team also did another round of recruitment for volunteers and hosted a training day which included a workshop run by Nanogirl Labs. The KiwiBots robotics mentoring programme also wrapped up this Semester, with positive feedback from both the schools and the volunteers. The High School CAD Competition, run by Outreach committee member Sarah, was also opened this Semester, and has had an extremely successful response with 65 entries!



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