

Katie Francis, University of Connecticut Section, Candidate for Region Collegiate Senator



My name is Katie Francis and I am a Junior pursuing a dual degree in Chemical Engineering and Molecular and Cellular Biology at the University of Connecticut. I am the president of the UConn SWE section for the 2016 calendar year and previously served as secretary for 2015. I am also involved with the UConn Club Running team of which I serve as treasurer. I participate in undergraduate research in the department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering studying protein engineering under Dr. Yonku Cho. My professional interests include biotechnology and I hope to work in the biopharmaceuticals industry after graduating from UConn.

I would like to run for the position of Region Collegiate Senator for Region F. Throughout my last 3 years at UConn, SWE has been one of the most important aspects of my undergraduate career. It has brought me friendships, mentors, valuable professional and collegiate connections and the opportunity to give back to the community. Some of these things I would have never found within the classroom. Through my involvement with my section I have been fortunate enough to attend the region and society conferences the past 2 years. After seeing SWE in action at the region and society level I would love to represent the collegiates of Region F in the senate and work with the region collegiate leadership. It would be incredible to be a part of the changes that are happening within the society (as this is a very active time for the society leadership!) and help shape the future of SWE. As secretary and now president of the UConn section, I have helped the section with our semi-annual middle school outreach program, professional development programs for our members, creating a professional mentorship program, and leading the efforts to submit a bid to host the FY17 Region F conference at UConn. I believe the leadership skills I have developed throughout my SWE and undergraduate career will translate well into the RCS position. As Region Collegiate Senator I would hope to develop my strategic thinking skills and obtain a better understanding of the long terms goals of the society.

Lauren Mclsaac, Tufts Section, Candidate for Region Collegiate Representative



Lauren Mclsaac is currently a junior Mechanical Engineering student at Tufts University. She has been an active member of Tufts SWE since her freshman year and has held several positions (Freshman Representative, Sophomore Representative, Secretary). At Tufts, Lauren has coordinated events, organized and run meetings, and helped to increase membership. She has also attended the Region F conference the last two years and the National Conference this year.

SWE has been a very valuable part of Lauren's college experience so far and she wants to make sure that other students across the region have the same positive experiences and opportunities. Outside of SWE, Lauren is an active member of Tufts ASME and enjoys reading, painting, and baking.

Abigail Kronenberg, United States Military Academy, Candidate for Region Collegiate Representative



My name is Abigail Kronenberg and I'm a sophomore pursuing a major in Computer Science at the United States Military Academy. I am applying for the Region Collegiate Representative (RCR) for the upcoming school year. I have been a collegiate member of the Society of Women Engineers since my freshman year. During my freshman year, I was elected as my chapter's Secretary and have held the position since. Additionally, I was the cadet (student) committee head for speakers and posters for the 2016 Region F Conference, which my chapter hosted, coordinating and communicating directly between the Conference Committee and the speakers and poster applicants, as well as overseeing the sessions and the session proctors during the conference. I attended the weekly board meetings with my chapter's officers and the professional committee leadership, learning more about how SWE is structured. I have also volunteered for several outreach events with SWE, both at West

Point and as far as Atlanta, helping run STEM and Ethics Workshops for girl scouts and elementary, middle, and high school students. SWE has given me perspective on my career outside of military applications and given me the opportunity to improve my organizational, communication, and leadership skills.

In addition to my involvement in SWE, I row on the Army West Point women's varsity crew team. I have had the privilege of competing in regattas such as the Head of the Charles, Head of the Schuylkill, and the Dad Vail. I also regularly tutor fellow cadets in computer science courses and am working towards my CRLA tutor certification. This last summer, I interned at USC's Institute for Creative Technologies (ICT) in Los Angeles where I gained technical skills as well as life and civilian workspace experience. After serving on the committee for the regional conference, I believe that I am ready to take on more leadership and responsibility at the regional level, learn more about SWE's mission, and connect with other sections. I would be honored to be chosen as one of the region's Collegiate Representatives!

Zaire Johnson, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Section, Candidate for Region Collegiate Communications Editor



I love solving problems and being engaged in my community. Throughout high school I was engaged in many extracurricular activities. I love having responsibilities and working on different projects. At Rensselaer I'm on the SWE Freshman Committee, the Head Music Director at WRPI, Vice-Chair of the Student Senate Communications Committee, on the RPI TALKS board, and a sister of Pi Beta Phi. I love being socially active and being a Freshman Rep for SWE has given me a chance to dive into the back-end of SWE and see where I can lend my qualities. I'm always engaged and ready to lend a hand in any way that I can. I'd love an opportunity to dive deeper into SWE and get a sense of what other SWE communities are engaged in.

Throughout high school I regularly wrote extensive term papers that analyzed and synthesized information from various sources. I was also a co-captain of my high school's robotics team, my tasks regularly included communicating with industry sponsors, organization officials, school administrators, alumni, team members, and team parents. As the Head

Music Director I have weekly conference calls with various music promoters and labels. In the Communications Committee I am responsible for keeping members accountable and receiving updates from other government committees. I am disciplined and organized enough to navigate my schedule, with time to spare. I am fully aware of the time commitment. I am ready to do my best at this position for the next year, if not more.