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OCTOBER MEETING – Student Mentor Day – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!!

Fall is here! Time for school, football, and the annual Student Mentor Day! The Greater Kansas City IIE Chapter hosts this event each year for students from Kansas State University and the University of Missouri.



This year, Mentor Day will be held October 10th beginning at 8:30 am. The day will begin with a tour of Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri. Arrowhead serves as the home to both the Kansas City Chiefs and Wizards. Come join us for a behind the scenes look at operations at the stadium and what it takes to make game day run smoothly. After the tour, we will gather for lunch at the Clarion Hotel near the stadium for a pizza buffet.

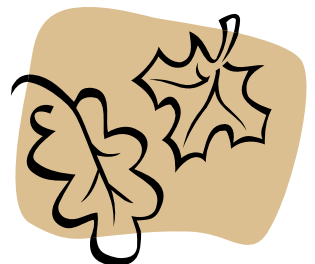
IIE is subsidizing part of the meal and the cost to mentors and students will be \$5. In the afternoon, students will accompany their assigned mentors to their workplace to learn about the mentors’ companies and careers.

Our chapter’s Mentor Day is always a very popular event, and a unique event to IIE. The success of this event depends on YOU, and we encourage you to participate this year. If you would be able to host one to two students for this year’s Mentor Day, please let us know. Contact Andrea Prouty (913.685.6250, Andrea.Prouty@protiviti.com) by October 4th to submit your name, company and the number of students you would like to mentor.

Thank you for your support of Student Mentor Day!

2 –NOVEMBER MEETING REVIEW: FALL CONFERENCE

The Fall Conference is Thursday, November 9th, from 8am – 4 pm at the Great Wolf Lodge located at the Legends at Village West. Our featured speaker, Amy McHenry from HB Maynard, will present two half-day sessions on “An Engineered Approach to Lean” and “Servant Leadership.” Topic overviews are provided below. Please contact Liz Meyer (lmeyer3@hallmark.com) if you have any questions.



Engineered Approach to Lean

Using the Maynard Workforce Performance Model™, we will explore the disciplines of 5-S, Best Methods, Setup Reduction and Work Flow Design. These four disciplines comprise the Lean Workplace Series and together they help companies identify and remove waste from their operations and prepare for other improvement initiatives. This session will provide an overview of each of the four disciplines and will

include plenty of examples, pictures and success stories. These four disciplines apply to all industries and are the foundation in providing a proper environment for further improvement efforts. Come prepared to roll up your sleeves and apply what you learn!

Servant Leadership

We are all leaders in many aspects of our lives. Leadership is defined as influence and this session will investigate what elements are necessary for a person to emerge into an effective and respected leader. This session will be for everyone, not just positional leaders. We will examine the importance of caring about others, building relationships, sensing potential and enabling others to succeed. While these qualities all support the ‘servant’ track of servant leadership, we will also explore the importance of the ‘leadership’ track which includes qualities such as knowing oneself, growing and developing and proactively setting the course. We will use the film *Seabiscuit* throughout the session to explore examples of excellent servant leadership. It is recommended (but not required) to view the film before attending the session.

3 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Hello everyone! Fall has officially arrived, and we are approaching the most exciting time of the year for IIE!

Mentor Day on October 10th should be a great opportunity to mentor students, network with other IE’s, and see Arrowhead Stadium up close. This is one of our most successful events every year, and we need your help to keep it strong. As always, we welcome any non-members who would like to be mentors, so be sure to invite your co-workers to join you!

The Conference Planning Committee is hard at work preparing for our local conference on November 9th. Amy McHenry from Maynard is flying in to present two great topics: “An Engineered Approach to Lean” and the “Principles of Servant Leadership.” Please make plans to join us at the Great Wolf Lodge for this great event!

I want to personally thank Jennifer Hedberg and Rachel Dubbert for their efforts in planning the September Sealy Tour. We had 23 attendees and enjoyed lunch followed by an interesting and informative look into the world of mattress-making. Sealy has embraced Lean principles and Kaizen events, and we got to see some of that in action.

Please let me know if you have questions about any of our upcoming events. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,
Jennifer Albers

4 – MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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Welcome new members – Francisco Molina, Aleia Vest, and Julie Vick

Francisco Molina – Francisco works at Transamerica in Kansas City downtown as Information Assurance Officer, responsible for the information security and business continuity programs. He has a BS in Industrial Engineering from the Universidad del Valle de Mexico, in Mexico where he is also a registered P.E., and a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University. He has completed the coursework for the Ph.D. in Information Science from Nova Southeastern University and is currently working on his dissertation proposal. Francisco was born in Mexico where he worked for 3M, GE, and AEGON and lives in Overland Park with his wife Melody and their twin 5-year-old sons.

Aleia Vest – Aleia is currently working at UPS in Lenexa, where she is an Industrial Engineering Specialist. Aleia earned her BS in Industrial Engineering and Management degree from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK. She is not new to the KC area, as she was born and raised in Topeka, KS. Her family still lives in Topeka so the move to KC was a good one for her.

Julie Vick – Julie Vick (nee Muetting) is a 2002 K-State IE and a 2006 Baker University MBA graduate who works for Procter & Gamble. She recently moved from the P&G Soap Plant (KCK) to the P&G Folgers Plant in downtown KCMO. At P&G she has had roles in inbound and outbound logistics, capital project startups, and production reliability leader. Currently she is the department manager of the Coffee Packaging Department at the Folgers plant. Outside of work she enjoys running (completed the Rock n Roll Hall of Fame marathon in 2005), tennis, and softball. She and her husband, Andy, live in Shawnee.

5 – CHAPTER UPDATE - Chapter Activity Report (CAR)

Section One: Chapter Plans and Operations

The first section of the Chapter Activity Report is scored on three factors:



- 1) **Timely submission of a strategic plan** – Our 2005 strategic plan was submitted to our Region Vice President by the July 15 deadline. **(4 out of 4 points.)**
- 2) **Quality of the strategic plan** – The RVP will score the plan and provide us with that information. Points are assigned for the following: calendar of key dates, officer information, budget, performance assessment related to last year, and overall format and quality. All sections were included in our submission. **(5 points available.)** In 2005, we received the full 5 points.
- 3) **Number of board meetings** – A board meeting is a planning meeting where a quorum (half plus one) of the officers are present. At least one meeting each year needs to be face-to-face, but conference calls and e-mail discussions can also be counted if a quorum of the officers participate and minutes are produced. Eight board meetings per year will yield the maximum score of 6 points.

With the change in our program year, we will have the benefit of having two planning sessions this year, which are face-to-face. Additionally we have had 3 conference calls while planning the Fall Conference that have had a quorum of the officers, and 1 board discussion via email. **(4 out of 6 points currently.)**

Next month we will look at Section Two: Chapter Programs.

Jay Christensen



6 – NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS:

The 10th Annual Applied Ergonomics Conference will be held on March 12th through 15th in Addison, Texas. If you are interested, please see the following website.

<http://www.appliedergo.org/conference/>

7 – CAREER DEVELOPMENT: NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN KANSAS CITY

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is hosting their National Conference in Kansas City this year from October 12-14. They expect 3,000 to 4,000 attendees, and both men and women are invited to participate. Click on the following link if you would like to learn more about this unique opportunity to attend a national engineering conference close to home.

[Kansas City SWE Conference Info](#)

8 – IIE, DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that as a member of IIE you can save on shipping costs with UPS? You can save up to 26% off Express shipping and 10% off business services. For more information call (800) 325-7000.

9 – OFFICER LISTING

Kansas City Chapter Vision Statement

To promote the IE profession and provide “value added” services to our members, educational community, and businesses.



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