STEP-UP
Student Transition Engineering Program at University Park

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The Student Transition Engineering Program at University Park (STEP-UP) is a collaborative effort between the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), and the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) to aid students in their transition from a commonwealth campus to University Park.

STEP-UP is a FREE program looking to engage engineering students! This two-day virtual program gives students the opportunity to;

• Get to know new students who are also transitioning to University Park
• Meet successful upperclassmen already in their major
• Network with companies featured in the networking reception
• Develop professionally in the various workshops provided
• Win a SCHOLARSHIP in the extreme engineering competition!

Get Involved
SWE: The Society of Women Engineers founded in 1950, as an educational and service organization in the United States which has over 37,000 members in nearly 100 professional sections and 300 student sections throughout the United States.

SHPE: The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers was founded in Los Angeles, California, in 1974. Their objective is to form a national organization of professional engineers to serve as role models in the Hispanic community.

NSBE: The National Society of Black Engineers was founded in 1975 at the University of Purdue. It is one of the largest student-run organizations in the United States, with core activities centered on improving the recruitment and retention of Black and other minority engineers, in both academy and industry.

Transitioned Student Highlight

Erica is a senior majoring in civil engineering with a minor in environmental engineering. She is currently in her fourth semester at University Park after transferring from the Altoona campus. She is the SWE STEP-UP Director in addition to being the President of Penn State American Society of Civil Engineers, treasurer of Chi Epsilon, and a mentor for the Women in Engineering Program Orientation (WEPO).

“I participated in STEP-UP my freshman and sophomore years before transferring to University Park. Both times I was able to learn so much about how to transition and about the campus in general. The involvement fair was very helpful because it showed me what organizations I could get involved with once I transferred. The Extreme Engineering competition taught me how to work with people I have never met before. Also, it allowed me to meet so many great people who I still talk to today. Overall, STEP-UP was a great experience and I would love to do again if I was still at a branch campus.”

Questions

Contact stepup@engr.psu.edu with any questions, comments, or concerns. Learn more and view the full schedule.