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 transitions from Penn State Commonwealth Campuses to Penn State University Park.

As a free program aimed at welcoming engineering students to the University Park campus, STEP-UP provides students with opportunities to:

• Get to know students who are also transitioning from a Commonwealth Campus to University Park
• Meet successful upper-division students already in their major
• Network with companies at corporate events
• Develop professional skills through various program workshops
• Win a prize in the Extreme Engineering Competition

Get Involved

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

SHPE: The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers was founded in Los Angeles in 1974. Its objective is to empower the Hispanic community to reach its fullest potential and to impact the world through STEM awareness, access, support, and development.

NSBE: The National Society of Black Engineers was founded at Purdue University in 1975. 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 academia and industry.

Transitioned Student Highlight

“I participated virtually in STEP-UP during my second year. I gained a lot of valuable advice that has helped me succeed at University Park. I really liked meeting other people in my major and hearing about their experiences. The STEP-UP Involvement Fair allowed me to join engineering organizations before I transitioned, so I could get an idea of which clubs I wanted to join. I also appreciated speaking with company representatives and learning useful career tips during corporate events. For me, the best part about STEP-UP was the Extreme Engineering Competition. I had a lot of fun and was engaged while working with my group. The STEP-UP program is truly a valuable resource to help engineering students transition to University Park. I am excited to be involved with it again this year.”

– Megan Aquias, third-year student majoring in industrial engineering

Questions

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