

OCTOBER'S MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Meghan Smith is a senior double majoring in Industrial Engineering and Economics. She has been nominated for her spectacular ability to juggle academics, extra-curriculars, a part time job, and friends. Along with her double degree pursuits Meg works at Howard Ecker part time and is the president of her sorority! I myself have come to know Meg over the past few years and have it on good authority that she is a hard



worker, a creative thinker, and a committed friend. As her nominator points out,

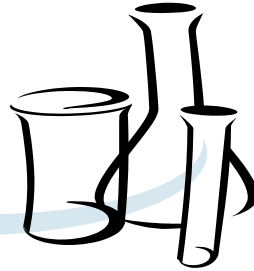
"Balance is something rare for busy North-

western students, so hooray for Meg!"
What a great role model for all of us.

SWE Congratulates our October's Member of the Month!

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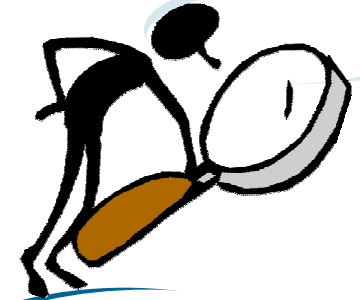
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THE SEARCH FOR RESEARCH: SWE'S RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

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What, I can research at Northwestern?!

Yup! There are lots research opportunities at Northwestern and within McCormick. Undergrads at this school have a great opportunity to get involved early on. There are lots of different centers, institutes, and research groups to choose from.

Check out these helpful websites:

1. <http://research.mccormick.northwestern.edu/>
2. http://ug-finaid.northwestern.edu/cgi-bin/financial_aid/work-study/jobs.cgi?campus=on

Where else can I get information?:

1. Check out your **department websites**. Each department websites list professors and their research. Contact information can be found on these websites.
2. **In Class!** Go up to your professor and ask him about his research. Ask her about her graduate students' research. Ask him about his colleague's research. It doesn't hurt to bother your prof a little. It gives them something legitimate to complain about during lunch.
3. Talk with **other students**. Ask your SWE Mentor for undergrad contacts involved with research. Talk to upper classmen who have done this all before.
4. When you go in for your **advisor** appointment ask him for some suggestions and contacts.

The Advantages

- It's never too late. Many undergrads don't start research until their senior year. But watch out some majors are beginning to require it!
- Research experience is extremely helpful for those grad school applications—especially Ph.D. programs.
- We are lucky at Northwestern to have so many undergraduate research opportunities. If you're interested and willing to look, you'll definitely find something.
- Check out that pretty face in the mirror! You're a women and in our field that's an advantage in itself. You are in high demand.



The Results

- The professor and graduate students you work with can act as mentors and advisors throughout college. When you graduate you have a guaranteed reference.
- Research will help you determine what you are most interested in. Maybe you'll love it...Maybe you'll hate it. But, you'll definitely have a better idea after trying it.
- One word: Resume.
- If nothing else it's a different experience.

Anecdotes from SWE Researchers

"The graduate student I work with is really friendly and helpful. She's like a mentor with a guaranteed interest in my success because its tied to her[s] as well."

~Kelsey Stoerzinger

"It is interesting to...concentrate on one area of study...[But], the work is very tedious, and it's easy to become frustrated."

~Kelly Luckasevic



"I just started 3 weeks ago...I haven't really been in the lab long enough to tell you what's cool."

~Lindsay Janes

"Doing research has helped me realize what specialization I wanted to take in Electrical Engineering. I plan to do graduate studies in Solid State before going into industry."

~ Anisa Myzeferi

"I am one of only two undergrads working there- so it's definitely a nice change of pace from campus life, and it's really relaxed "

~ Fran Lendacki

Did you know that you can get an undergraduate research grant to pursue your own research? Approximately 6 students receive corporate grants each year!

Check out this website:

<http://www.industry.northwestern.edu/students/>