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 Northwestern 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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INTERESTED IN MAKE SWE’S NEWSLETTER MORE INTERESTING?
CONTACT LIZ HOHL:
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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-financialaid.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 Storzinger

“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/