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# SPWP NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

**WRITTEN BY:**  
**SUZANNE SHORT**

Happy New Year! I know most of us are looking to 2022 as a hopeful relief to the turmoil and upheaval of this era. Who could have imagined the challenges we encountered these last two years and the uncertainty we still face going forward.

I am duly impressed by the caliber of women we have serving on the 2022 Board of Directors, and feel confident in our abilities to revitalize the organization in the post-COVID environment. Our aim is to continue providing our members with education, professional development, and networking opportunities, while also growing our membership and increasing participation.

The 2022 scholarship program is now live on our website and accepting applications. We are still seeking a co-chair for the upcoming interview season. Reach out to Ingrid Cooper or a board member if you are interested to serve!

Please start spreading the news of our scholarships to everyone you know! To be eligible, applicants must be female, graduating from a Houston-area high school, and planning to attend a college or university in Texas. Our scholarship chairs will be reaching out to SPWP members soon to solicit volunteers for grading, checking references, and conducting interviews so please stay tuned.

The 2022 SPWP speaker line-up is nearly complete and will soon be published to our social media. We have a fantastic group of speakers scheduled this year so please plan to join us at our breakfast meetings each month! SPWP is excited to continue the in-person format at Norris Westchase during 2022.

As always, please connect with us on Facebook at the "Society of Professional Women in Petroleum, Houston" as well as on LinkedIn at "Society of Professional Women in Petroleum". This will help you stay updated on our upcoming events, and will also help to grow our social media presence in order to profile our organization to potential new members.

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# JANUARY MINUTES

**SUBMITTED BY: KELSEY HULETT**

1st VP Audra Seanghok called the meeting to order at 7:45 am on December 9, 2021.

Audra welcomed all members and guests to the 2021 SPWP Christmas Party. She introduced the 2021 Board Members and requested that the five guests present introduce themselves.

1st VP, Audra Seanghok, announced that the donated toys brought to the meeting would be delivered to Toys for Tots.

The members present were also reminded that SPWP annual dues will soon be invoiced for membership renewal and are due no later than February 28, 2022.

Audra recognized December member birthdays and membership anniversaries.

Erin Williams and Audra then lead the meeting attendees through various Christmas themed games including trivia, Bingo, and charades. A festive time was had by all.

Audra reminded everyone that our first meeting of the new year will be held Thursday, January 13th, 2022 at Norris Conference Center.

Audra wished everyone a Merry Christmas and reminded the attendees to connect with SPWP on social media – Facebook and LinkedIn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.



# JANUARY SPEAKER

## ANDREA EDWARDS, PE

### ZURICH RESILIENCE SOLUTIONS

Andrea has her Bachelors of Science and Professional Engineering license in Chemical Engineering. She began her career working for Hess at the Port Reading Refinery in New Jersey. Andrea joined Zurich in 2012 as a Principal Risk Engineer in the Energy Division. In her role, Andrea is responsible for assessing and providing risk engineering services to companies in the oil, gas, petrochemical, and chemical industries. The goal of these assessments is to identify potential loss exposures with respect to property and business interruption and provide practical solutions that will enable customers to move towards a “best in class” classification.

As of 2021, Andrea has also taken on a role in Zurich’s WIN (Women’s Innovation Network) Group, as one of the National Regions Co-Chairs on the national leadership team. In this position she provides guidance and support to the regional WIN teams.

In addition to her role in Risk Engineering, Andrea has also been involved with the Zurich employee wellbeing group since 2014. She currently acts as the lead support contact for remote employees, providing information focusing on mental and physical wellbeing, hosting virtual wellbeing-related events, and connecting employees to the resources available through Zurich.



## SPWP ANNOUNCEMENTS



### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Our scholarship committee consists of many volunteers with varying roles. Whether you have a lot of time or a little to help, we would love to have you!

Please contact the scholarship committee Chair if you are interested in volunteering to help with the 2022 scholarship season.

Chair - Ingrid Cooper [icooper@tex-fin.com](mailto:icooper@tex-fin.com)

# SCHOLARSHIP NOW OPEN

SPWP Scholarship applications opened on January 3, 2022 and will close on March 25. Be sure to spread the word on social media and in the office. Your online neighborhood groups are also a great place to share this info.



## Toys For Tots Christmas Charity

Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas charity! SPWP joined the holiday toy drive led by Edward Jones and was able to contribute toys for children ahead of the holidays!

We look forward to choosing a charity of our own to support in the 2022 holiday season! More to come later this year - stay tuned!

## Adopt A County Mile Saturday, February 26

Looking for a unique way to serve with SPWP? Consider helping us with our efforts to take an active role in the cleanup of our local community.

This year, we will continue helping to cleanup our mile along Spring Cypress Rd, near 249.

All those interested in participating in our next cleanup, should contact Amii Rozell for more details.

# MEMBER RECOGNITION



January 17 - Michelle Vincent



Katherine Culbert - 4 years  
Tricia Hill - 1 year

## MEMBER UPDATES

### KATHERINE CULBERT

Katherine Culbert (K & K Process, LLC) spoke at the December 14-15 OSHA Oil & Gas Health and Safety Conference at the Marriot Marquis. She presented two talks: 1.) PSM 101: an Introduction to Process Safety Management and 2.) How Climate Change is Affecting PHAs.

### ERIN WILLIAMS

Erin Williams (MSI) wrapped up the Fall Cohort of NOV's Business Innovation Program, presenting a business case on improving customer service at her location. The presentation was a huge success, is being implemented in the Spring, and Erin will be the guest alumni presenter in the next cohort.

*Forgot to send your updates?*



*It happens... there's always next month.*

Remember to look out for your monthly call for updates! Be sure to send in your news along with any photos you'd like to share. We love hearing about what's going on with you!



# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT UPDATES

## SUBMITTED BY: INGRID COOPER

### Noor Hakim (2021)

**Houston Community College/  
Prairie View A&M University**

I just took my last final yesterday. This semester went well, but I am happy to have a much needed month-long break!

I am currently searching for summer internship opportunities in the oil and gas industry or others. Do you know anyone looking for Industrial and Systems engineering majors? I'm considering engineering, corporate affairs, and other roles. I'd appreciate knowing about anything, I'm still exploring.



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### Cristy Lopez (2021)

**University of Texas at Dallas**



This is Cristy Lopez, one of the Fall 2021/Spring 2022 SPWP Scholarship recipients. I just wanted to email you to update you on how this semester went and thank you for the great opportunity that your scholarship provided.

I am a Marketing major at The University of Texas at Dallas and am interested in pursuing law after college. After talking to my pre-law advisor and joining pre-law student clubs in school, I applied and got accepted for a Public Policy minor. This semester, I took classes like Principles of Macroeconomics, Communication and Professionalism in Business, Public Speaking, and Introduction to Accounting. Next semester, I will be taking Principles of Microeconomics, Business Law, Constitutional Law, and more core classes. I am still waiting on my final GPA for the semester to be posted, but I know I have a B in my Intro to Accounting class and A's in all my other classes. Aside from academics, I really loved this semester and this university. I've made great friends from my own and other majors, joined a great sorority (Alpha Gamma

Delta), and even got the position of Director of Ritual for next semester. Furthermore, I plan on looking for internships in the Houston or Dallas areas for this summer. I want to thank you again for the scholarship I received. With the financial means to come here, I have been doing well and am so excited to continue my studies at a university that I love so much.

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### Christine Le (2012)

**Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health**

My name is Christine Le and I was one of the recipients of the SPWP scholarship in May 2012. Just a small update-- I am currently in my last year of dental school and am now applying for pediatric residencies. It's almost been ten years since I've gotten the scholarship and I just want to say thank you again so much for awarding it to me. SPWP still crosses my mind every month and I am so grateful. Thank you again!

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT UPDATES CONT'D

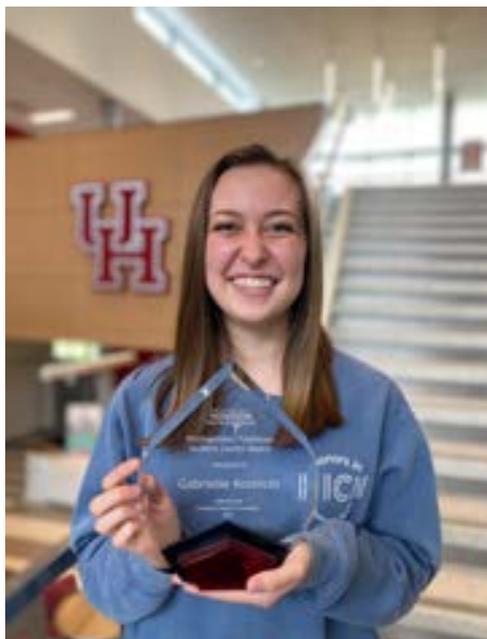
## **Khyati Malik (2021)**

### **University of Texas at Austin**

I had a really great first semester at UT. I was able to join some wonderful clubs that really helped me feel more involved on campus. I also was able to maintain high grades in my classes so I feel a little more academically confident.

I wanted to ask if you had any advice on figuring out exactly what type of future career or industry I'd prefer during college. I went into college hoping I'd be able to decide between a few different careers but I find that I haven't really come out of this semester any clearer on my future goals. I'm worried that I'll find something I really enjoy doing only after it's too late to pursue it academically. How do people decide what type of work they want to do in the future?

Thank you for supporting my first semester.



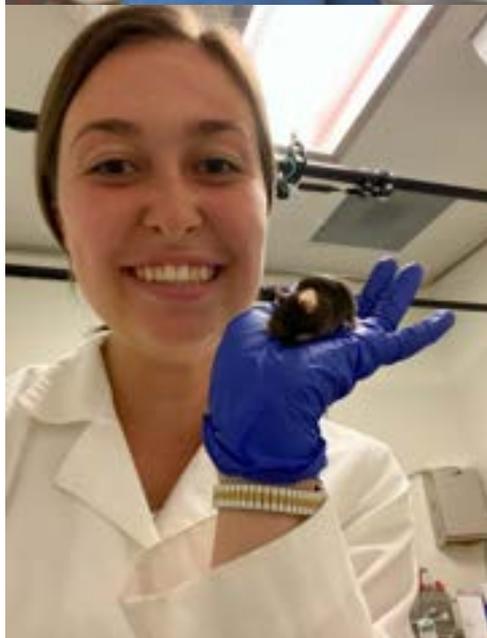
## **Gabrielle KostECKI (2021)**

### **University of Houston**

I've had a really fun summer getting involved with an addiction research lab through the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship. I've gotten to help with their most recent project of developing an anti-fentanyl vaccine and testing it in mice. I also have been involved with biology field work with another professor where I assemble and set up camera traps in the woods to document Greater-Houston wildlife. It's been super fun to be a part of hands-on research outside of the classroom! Recently, I started serving as a retreat counselor and mentor for 30 freshmen to help their transition into the Honors College. Once the semester starts, I'll continue serving as a Project Head of Creative Care, an art and well-being program for children in Houston's Third Ward.

The last big update (and probably the most exciting) is that I was chosen as the UH Distinguished Freshman Leader this year, which is given to only 1 person in the 5600-person freshmen class annually!

Thanks so much for all of your support - it means the world!





# GENERAL INFORMATION

The Society of Professional Women in Petroleum was formed in early 1981 to support professional career women in the Petroleum Industry, through networking, education, and the distribution of technology and information. SPWP is incorporated as a non-profit organization.

All aspects of drilling and production operations are covered through topical monthly breakfast meetings and industry speakers, and we constantly seek to further expand the knowledge of our members. We also feature professional development speakers and hold roundtable discussions on a rotating basis.

SPWP's membership consists of women who have active careers in the Oil & Gas Industry in fields including Engineering, Geology, Sales, Research, Finance, Law, Quality Assurance, Purchasing, Advertising, and Marketing.

SPWP is dedicated to furthering the careers of women in the Oil & Gas Industry and as part of our mission, we have a merit-based scholarship program that provides financial assistance to female Houston-area high school seniors entering a Texas college. Our annual fundraisers on behalf of this program are made possible through the tremendous support of companies within the industry, as well as through the tireless dedication of our members.

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## SPWP MISSION STATEMENT

SUPPORTING CAREER WOMEN IN THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY  
THROUGH TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION

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