



Chinese Institute of Engineers/USA-DFW Chapter

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Chinese Institute of Engineers/USA - DFW Member Newsletter - 2016 Q1

Hello CIE Members! This is the 1st Quarter Newsletter for our membership. We had three big events in the first quarter of 2016: our CIE Orientation for members and volunteers, our second time hosting a VEX Robotics Competition, and CIE Night. We've started the year well and we're looking forward to upcoming events!

2016 Orientation

CIE Orientation was held on 1/23/2016 at Texins Activity Center where 45 CIE members and volunteers attended the event. Orientation focused on understanding the history of CIE-USA and its DFW chapter to further emphasize the impact that the organization makes to the community. Today, our flagship programs (MathComp/MathFun, LAMP, Spring Symposium, Fall Convention) encompass activities for all ages and engages with potential volunteers from the start. Later on in orientation, various members shared their experiences with CIE before the new 2016 officers team was introduced at the end.



DFW Nothing But Net Challenge - VEX Robotics Tournament

CIE/USA-DFW hosted our second annual VEX Robotics Competition (VRC)! The Nothing But Net Challenge (at the regional level) was hosted on February 13th, 2016 at Schimelfenig Middle School in Plano, TX. The competition was a huge success with about 300 spectators, volunteers, judges, and participants featuring 24 teams around North Texas and even Oklahoma! The competition, presented by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation, is the largest and fastest growing middle school and high school robotics program globally with more than 12,000 teams from 33 countries playing in over 1,000 tournaments worldwide.

Each year, an exciting engineering challenge is presented in the form of a game. Students, with

guidance from their teachers and mentors, build innovative robots and compete year-round in a variety of matches. In addition to learning valuable engineering skills, students gain life skills such as teamwork, perseverance, communication, collaboration, project management, and critical thinking. The VEX Robotics Competition prepares students to become future innovators with 95% of participants reporting an increased interest in STEM subject areas and pursuing STEM-related careers.



Two alliances competing with each as multiple spectators, judges, and volunteers cheer them along



Tournament Champions: The winning three teams pose for a photo with some of the event planning team.

CIE Night

To welcome the Lunar Year of the Monkey and celebrate the Chinese Spring Festival, the CIE-USA/DFW chapter held its annual "CIE Reunion Night" gala on February 14th, 2016 at Maxim Restaurant in Richardson, Texas. Around 200 guests attended this celebration, including CIE members, board members, 2016 team officers, volunteers, and guests and their families.

The dinner banquet began with a beautiful melody by traditional Chinese musical instruments of Erhu and Hulusi. It made the guests peaceful and comfortable. During all the performances, Red Packets were distributed. Red Packets are a traditional custom of the Chinese Spring Festival and kids were very excited. Edward Yu, 2016 CIE president, Charley Chu, VP Technology and Wen-Shin Wang, VP Young of Professionals, blew all of us away by their amazing Taiji performance.

Dr. Xinfen Chen, 2016 CIE Chairman, recognized the 2015 and 2016 board members, advisors and event chairs to thank them for their contribution, and wished them success in the New Year.





The CIE/USA-DFW Area Chapter was established in January 1989 and registered in the state of Texas as a non-profit organization in 1992. Over the years, the CIE/USA-DFW chapter has established close ties with major corporations and government bodies around the world to promote the awareness and advancement of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

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