



NEWSLETTER

2025 Newsletter Q4

Promoting communication with CIE members, sponsors, and our communities



2025 CIE Volunteer Appreciation Annual Picnic

October 18, 2025 | Arbor Hills Nature Preserve, Plano, TX

What a beautiful Saturday afternoon spent celebrating the heart of our organization — our incredible CIE/USA-DFW volunteers! Our Volunteer Appreciation Picnic was a wonderful success, filled with laughter, friendship, and heartfelt recognition for the people who make our mission possible.

One of the most meaningful moments of the day was honoring Susan Yin, who has dedicated more than a decade of service to CIE/USA-DFW. Her long-standing commitment and passion continue to inspire our entire community.

We also proudly presented Volunteer Appreciation Awards to several outstanding volunteers for their contributions over the past year. This year's honorees included:

Batuk Bista	Jade Dong	Daniel Ge	Jing Wang
Nancy Gan	Nidhi Singh	Juan Tang	Iris Tseng
Joseph Delsoin	Pingjian Yu		

Their dedication to CIE's mission — Engineering Excellence: Connect, Inspire, Empower — helps strengthen and uplift the community we serve.

AA heartfelt thank you goes to all of our volunteers, their families, and everyone who joined us for the celebration. Your participation and support help build a stronger, kinder, and more connected community.

The picnic was also a delicious international feast! Everyone brought homemade dishes and desserts, creating a table full of flavors from around the world. From savory specialties to sweet treats, we enjoyed sharing food and friendship. Through a fun community vote, Kushleen was crowned our Best Chef of the day!

The afternoon was full of activities for everyone to enjoy — including karaoke, jianzi, shabao, and exciting raffle drawings where lucky participants won gift cards. Most importantly, the picnic gave everyone a chance to relax, mingle, and connect outside of our usual programs. It was a wonderful opportunity for volunteers, families, and friends to strengthen relationships across generations and professions.

Events like this remind us that behind every successful CIE program is a community of passionate volunteers who believe in serving others. Together, we continue building a community that thrives on service, connection, and inspiration.



Preparing Our Volunteers to Connect, Inspire, and Empower

2026 Officer/Volunteer Orientation

December 6th, 2025, University of Texas at Dallas.



CIE/USA-DFW held its 2026 Volunteer Training Day to help volunteers learn more about the organization and prepare for the year ahead. Volunteers, officers, and team leaders gathered for an afternoon of learning, discussion, and connection.

The event started with a welcome from Dr. Jing Wang, who thanked volunteers for their time and dedication.

Next, Dr. Liping Ma shared highlights from CIE/USA-DFW's 2025 programs and achievements. She talked about the many successful events that were made possible by volunteers and community support.

Dr. Faa-Ching Wang then spoke about the history and vision of CIE/USA-DFW, explaining how the organization works to help students and young professionals grow in STEM fields and leadership.

To help everyone understand the larger organization, Dr. Xinfen Chen introduced CIE/USA and the National Council and explained how the DFW chapter works together with the national organization.

One special moment of the program was when Pingjian Yu shared his personal story as a CIE volunteer. He talked about how meaningful it is to serve the community and help students succeed.



The second part of the training focused on the future. Jasmine Yin hosted this session, and Dr. Liping Ma shared the goals and plans for CIE/USA-DFW in 2026. Volunteers learned about upcoming programs and how they can get involved.

Volunteers and officers also introduced themselves so everyone could learn more about each other. Participants then joined team breakout discussions to share ideas and talk about how to make future programs even better.

In the final session, volunteers learned more about how the organization works. Grace Tyler explained CIE's bylaws, ethics, and policies, which guide how the organization operates.

Dr. Tiger Zhou also shared information about CIE operations, giving volunteers a better understanding of how programs and events are organized.

The training concluded with closing remarks from Dr. Jing Wang, who thanked all volunteers for their support and encouraged everyone to continue working together.

CIE/USA-DFW volunteers play an important role in helping students discover opportunities in STEM, leadership, and communication. With teamwork and dedication, the organization continues to connect, inspire, and empower the community.



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CIE/USA-DFW Chapter 2026 T-Shirt Design Contest



2026 T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



**DESIGN REQUIREMENTS:
MUST INCLUDE CIE/USA DFW LOGO**

**TOP 3 IDEAS WILL RECEIVE PRIZES
AND PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

**THEME: COMMUNITY, LEADERSHIP,
SERVICE, INNOVATION**

Earlier this year, CIE/USA-DFW invited members, volunteers, students, and community artists to participate in the 2026 Chapter T-Shirt Design Contest. The contest provided a fun and creative opportunity for participants to contribute their artistic ideas to the chapter.

Participants were encouraged to design a T-shirt that reflected the values of Community, Leadership, Service, and Innovation, while also incorporating the official CIE/USA-DFW logo. The goal was to create a design that represents the spirit of the chapter and could be proudly worn by volunteers, students, and professionals at events throughout the year.

The T-shirt design contest was a great example of how creativity and community engagement can come together to celebrate the mission of CIE/USA-DFW. By inviting members and volunteers to participate, the chapter created another opportunity for the community to connect, contribute, and express pride in the organization.



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Exciting News from CIE/USA-DFW!

We are thrilled to welcome four outstanding leaders who have joined the 2026 CIE/USA-DFW Board of Directors. Their expertise, leadership, and passion for innovation will help strengthen our mission to support professionals, students, and future leaders in STEM.

Each of these leaders brings valuable experience across energy, technology, artificial intelligence, and academia, strengthening CIE's ability to connect industry, education, and community.

Together, we look forward to expanding opportunities for:

- ◆ Professional networking
- ◆ STEM education and youth development
- ◆ Innovation and technology leadership

Please join us in welcoming our new board members as we continue building a stronger and more impactful CIE community!



Dan Sinawat

Founder & CEO of AI
CONNEX and VC ARENA

Monica L. Knight

Senior Employee
Relations Manager at
Oncor Electric Delivery



Prof. Wei-Jen Lee

Professor and Chair,
Department of
Electrical Engineering
at University of Texas
at Arlington

Kris Fitzgerald

Former Chief
Technology Officer for
NTT DATA Services



Join us !

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All of our events and programs are powered by generous, enthusiastic volunteers. CIE/DFW volunteers gain valuable leadership skills, experience, as well as life-long friendships. Best of all, your help really matters to the communities we serve. Both adult and teen volunteering opportunities are available.



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What's next for CIE/USA-DFW in 2026?

President and Advisors

CIE/USA-DFW Chapter is led by many long-term volunteers and visionary community leaders.



Dr. Liping Ma
2025 President



Dr. Yun Liu
Advisor



Dr. Chris Koh
Advisor

Officer Team

CIE/USA-DFW Chapter is fortunate to have many dedicated, enthusiastic officers, who organize about 15 programs for the youth and professionals to advance our mission in STEM, in return, CIE/DFW volunteers gain valuable leadership skills, experience, as well as life-long friendships.



Jing Wang
Executive Vice President



Tiger Zhou
Chief Technology Officer



Jasmine Yin
VP Director



Jade Dong
VP Treasurer



Jing Xu
VP Youth Programs



Mike Pas
VP Young Professionals



Andrew Ma
VP Young Professionals



Tengran Liu
VP Membership



Christi Popovich
VP Public Relations



Wenting Lu
VP Public Relations



Jun Jia
Convention Co-Chair



Molly Wang
AIGC Chair



Graif Gao
AIGC Chair



Jie Ren
AIGC Chair



Pingjian Yu
Moderator



Joseph Deltson
Moderator



Daniel Ge
Moderator



Jan Xie
Accountant



Daisy Xiao
Accountant



Charlie Liu
Social Media



Tan Lin
Social Media



Han Li
Social Media



Juan Tang
VP Public Relations



Min Liu
Vice Chair

CIE/USA-DFW 2026 EVENTS

Every year, the CIE/USA-DFW Chapter organizes and hosts multiple professional and youth events with the aim of promoting professional growth, leadership, and STEM education within our community.

DEC 6, 2025

Volunteer Orientation and Officer Training

Young Professional Workshop 1:
Nerd Talk -
Technical Presentations That Move People

FEB 7, 2026

FEB 28, 2026

Volunteer T-shirts
Design Competition

Young Professional Workshop 2:
Interview Smarter -
Winning Jobs in an AI-Driven World

APR 10, 2026

APR 11, 2026

TI Cup Chinese
Speech Contest

Youth English Speech Contest
(Texas Dragon Toastmasters)

MAY 9, 2026

JUN 6, 2026

Student Engineering and
Creativity Convention (SECC) / AIGC
& MathComp/MathFun

Young Professional Workshop 3
STEM Career Pathways -
Skills, Growth, and Opportunity

JUL 18, 2026

SEP 12, 2026

CIE Annual Convention

Dragon Boat Race

OCT 4, 2026

OCT 24, 2026

CIE Member Social (Picnic)



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