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Letter from the President

CIE/USA-DFW Chapter's MISSION is to enable the growth of current and aspiring engineers and technologists by providing a platform for technical exchange, professional networking, and STEM awareness.

On behalf of the Chinese Institute of Engineers/USA Dallas–Fort Worth Chapter (CIE/USA-DFW), it is my great honor to welcome you to the 2026 Annual Convention.

This year's theme, "**Powering the Intelligent Future – AI Infrastructure, Innovation, and Workforce Transformation,**" reflects a defining moment for our industries, our communities, and the next generation. Artificial intelligence is advancing at an extraordinary pace, but the intelligent future depends on far more than algorithms alone. It requires the infrastructure that makes innovation possible, the creativity to turn new ideas into meaningful solutions, and, most importantly, people who are prepared to adapt, contribute, and lead.

At CIE/USA-DFW, we believe that technology reaches its greatest potential when it is connected with people and purpose. For more than a century nationally and nearly four decades in the Dallas–Fort Worth community, CIE/USA has brought together engineers, technologists, business professionals, educators, students, industry leaders, and community partners to exchange knowledge, develop talent, inspire innovation, and serve our community. Every year, we serve thousands of individuals and are supported by hundreds of volunteers in the DFW area.

Over the past year, we have continued to strengthen that mission through programs serving both young people and emerging professionals. Our youth initiatives—including MathComp/MathFun, the Youth English Speech Contest, the Student Engineering and Creativity Convention /AIGC, and Young Achiever Awards —have encouraged students to think critically, communicate confidently, explore STEM, and use technology to make a positive impact. At the same time, our young professional programs and Mentoring Circle programs have created opportunities for career development, leadership growth, technical learning, and meaningful connections with experienced professionals and industry leaders. These programs reflect our long-term commitment to building a strong pipeline of future innovators, professionals, and community leaders.

CIE/USA-DFW is also, at its heart, a community built through service. As a volunteer-led nonprofit organization, our strength comes from people who generously contribute their time, expertise, relationships, and resources. Our officers, board members, volunteers, sponsors, speakers, educators, parents, students, universities, corporate partners, and community organizations all play an important role in making our mission possible.

I am deeply grateful for your trust, partnership, and commitment. Together, we have created programs that educate and inspire, built bridges across generations and industries, and strengthened a community where people support one another and grow together.

As we gather at this year's Annual Convention, I encourage you to look beyond the technologies of today and consider the future we want to build together. Let us explore new ideas, create new partnerships, invest in the next generation, and prepare our workforce for the opportunities and challenges ahead.

The intelligent future will not be powered by technology alone. It will be powered by people—by our curiosity, creativity, collaboration, leadership, and commitment to serving others.

Thank you for being part of the CIE/USA-DFW community and for joining us on this journey.

Together, let us power the intelligent future.

Yours Sincerely,

Liping Ma

Liping Ma, Ph.D.
2026 President
CIE/USA-DFW Chapter

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2026 Annual Convention

Annual Convention

1:00 pm - 2:45 pm **Career Development Workshop**

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm **Break**

3:00 pm - 4:45 pm **Think Tank Forum**

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm **Break**

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm **VIP Reception/iOCSA**

6:00 pm - 6:15 pm **Lion Dance**

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm **Banquet**

- **Youth Talent Performance**
- **Keynote Speaker: Skip Howard, Founder & President of Computer Visionaries.AI**
- **Outstanding Community Service Award Presentation**
- **Young Achiever Awards Presentation**
- **CIE Leadership Team Recognition**



Dr. Jing Wang
Convention Chair



Dr. Jun Jia
Convention Vice Chair

Career Development Workshop

1:00 pm - 1:15 pm **Panelist and Moderator Introduction**

1:15 pm - 2:00 pm **Panelist Discussion**

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm **Audience Q/A**

2:15 pm - 2:45 pm **Group Resume Critique**



Andrew Ma



Wenting Lu

Career Development Workshop
Co-Chairs

Think Tank Forum



Dr. Chris Koh



Dr. Donghai Wang

Think Tank Forum Co-Chairs

Dr. Wei-Jen Lee
Think Tank Forum Host
UT Arlington



3:00 pm - 3:05 pm **Opening Remarks**

3:05 pm - 3:25 pm **Panel Introduction**

3:25 pm - 4:25 pm **Panel Discussion**

4:25 pm - 4:40 pm **Q&A**

4:40 pm - 4:45 pm **Closing**

Panelists

Dr. Adel Alaeddini, Professor
Southern Methodist University

Mark Carpenter, Sr. VP
Oncor Electric Delivery

Skip Howard, Founder
Computer Visionaries.AI

David Lu, VP (retired)
AT&T



Dan Sinawat
Think Tank Forum Moderator
AI CONNEX and VC ARENA

Career Development Workshop

Beyond the Algorithm: Communicate, Innovate and Lead in the AI Age



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CO-CHAIR
Wenting Lu

The CIE/USA-DFW Young Professional Program is dedicated to empowering rising professionals at critical stages of their careers. In 2026, we are excited to host a Career Development Workshop designed to help young professionals stand out in an increasingly AI-driven workflow.

Panelist Discussion

In this moderator-led session, our panelists will discuss the impact of AI on how employers seek and evaluate potential new hires and how AI is used on a daily basis. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from our industry leaders, hiring managers and career coaches as they discuss hot topics and answer questions from the audience.

Resume Critique

Following the panelist discussion, we will invite audience members to critique a set of AI-generated resumes based on what they learned from the first half of the workshop. This will give participants an idea on how to improve their own resumes and job profiles and receive direct feedback from the panelists.

Industry Leaders

For our 2026 workshop, we are excited to have such a distinguished list of panelists and moderator as they share with us their expert knowledge across a breadth of industries. Don't miss out on your chance to network and learn from the best of the best!



Aneeliz Alamo is a seasoned Human Resources executive with more than 20 years of experience leading people strategies across multiple industries. She currently serves as the HR Director-Americas for Diodes Incorporated. She has extensive expertise in all aspects of HR but has a passion for talent management and leadership development.

PANELIST



Aneeliz Alamo
HR Director, Americas
Diodes Incorporated



Lisa M. Ong
President and Founder
Wishing Out Loud LLC

PANELIST

Lisa M. Ong, PCC, CPA, is an acclaimed consultant, keynote speaker, and executive coach, recognized for her expertise in talent management and inclusive leadership development. Known as a "talent gardener" and "inclusion connector," she helps high-performing leaders excel. Lisa's consultancy, Wishing Out Loud LLC, founded in 2020, supports C-suite clients with talent strategies, employee experience, and leadership development.

Monica L. Knight, SHRM-SCP is a strategic human resources leader with deep expertise in employee relations, talent management, leadership development, and cultural transformation. With a thirty-five year career spanning roles in major organizations including Oncor Electric Delivery, Sprint, Motorola, AMD, and Dell, she has built a reputation for delivering people-centered solutions that elevate performance, strengthen organizational culture, and align workforce strategy with business goals.

PANELIST



Monica Knight
Senior Manager Employee Relations
Oncor



Hedison Mui
Account Executive
Synera

PANELIST

Hedison Mui is an Account Executive at Synera helping organizations adopt Agentic AI for Engineering processes. He has over a decade of experience working in many industries like Auto, Aero, and Energy supporting customers with the latest technologies in Simulation, High Performance Computing, Data Analytics, and AI. Hedison holds a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering, a master's in Mechanical Engineering, and an MBA degree from Florida Institute of Technology. He currently serves as a member of the board of directors for the CIE-DFW chapter where he has served for 7 years and has presented at other CIE events.

Mickey Yao is the AVP of Business and Data Analytics at USAA with more than 25 years of experience across the banking industry, including leadership roles at USAA Bank, JPMorgan Chase, and KeyBank. She supports key areas including member protection, product info stewardship, bank privacy, and information governance, with a focus on business value, strong delivery, end-to-end controls, advanced analytics, and collaborative partnerships.

MODERATOR



Mickey Yao
AVP of Business and Data Analytics
USAA

THINK TANK FORUM



CO-CHAIR

Dr. Chris Koh

"From Models to Metal - AI's Infrastructure Gap"



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Dr. Donghai Wang

FORUM HOST



Dr. Wei-Jen Lee

Professor and Chair, EE
Department, University of
Texas at Arlington

PANELIST



Dr. Adel Alaeddini

Professor and Executive Director of
Center for Digital and Human-
Augmented Manufacturing
Southern Methodist University



Mark Carpenter

Senior Vice President of
Transmission & Distribution
Operations
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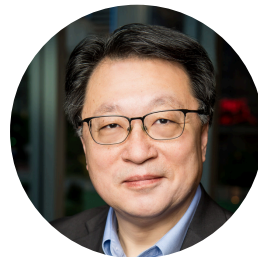
FORUM

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Dan Sinawat

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David Lu

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Skip Howard

Founder
Computer Visionaries.AI

Panelists will begin this interactive discussion by sharing their diverse perspectives and in-depth insights on AI's infrastructure. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and interact with the panelists.



HOST, PANELIST and MODERATOR PROFILES



Dr. Wei-Jen Lee

FORUM
HOST

Dr. Lee is professor and chair of the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of Texas at Arlington. An IEEE Fellow and Fellow of the Asia-Pacific Artificial Intelligence Association and International Artificial Intelligence Industry Alliance, he researches arc flash hazards, electrical safety, renewable energy, smart grids, AI forecasting, power quality, demand response, distributed resources, energy storage, and PEV charging. He has led major IEEE initiatives, contributed to multiple IEEE standards, served as PI or Co-PI on 120+ funded projects, published 570+ papers and proceedings, and is a Member of the UN Council of Engineers for the Energy Transition.

Dr. Alaeddini is the O'Donnell Foundation Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Executive Director of Research Innovation, Center for Digital and Human-Augmented Manufacturing (CDHAM) at Southern Methodist University. A leading researcher at the intersection of AI, engineering, and advanced manufacturing, Dr. Alaeddini integrates artificial intelligence, machine learning, digital twins, and human expertise to advance Industry 5.0 across manufacturing, energy, and healthcare. His research has attracted more than \$14 million in funding from federal agencies including DoD, DOE, NSF, and NIH, and he currently serves as Technical Vice President of the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE).

PANELIST



Dr. Adel Alaeddini



Mark Carpenter

PANELIST

Mark Carpenter is Senior Vice President of Transmission & Distribution Operations at Oncor. Over Mark's 50 year career, he has held various field management and engineering management positions in transmission and distribution. Previous assignments also include Vice President-Chief Information Officer, Vice President-Chief Technology Officer, Director of Engineering, and Director of System Protection. Throughout his career, he has focused on developing people and creating high performance teams.

Mark earned a BSEE at Texas Tech in 1975, is an IEEE Fellow, is a member of the IEEE/PES Industrial Advisory Council, and is on the Dean of Engineering Council at Texas Tech University.

HOST, PANELIST AND MODERATOR PROFILES

David Lu, retired Vice President of Network Systems at AT&T, joined Bell Labs in 1987 after earning an MS in Computer Science. Over 35 years, he led global R&D organizations of 5,600+ people, delivered multibillion-dollar business impact, and advanced SDN automation for core/edge virtualization, 5G, and Fiber networks. Holder of 68+ patents, he is a frequent IEEE, CIE-USA, Linux Foundation, 5G, and 6G keynote speaker. His honors include the CIE-USA AAEOY Engineer of the Year and Executive of the Year Awards, IEEE CQR Chairman's Award, CIO 100 Award, AT&T Innovation and Patent Awards, and AT&T Corporate Leadership Award. Since 2024, he has served as a visiting professor at the AI & Advanced Computing School of Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University in Suzhou, China, delivering lectures and seminars on advanced computing topics.

PANELIST



David Lu



Skip Howard

PANELIST

Skip Howard is a veteran AI and computer vision entrepreneur with more than 20 years of technology leadership experience. He founded Spacee in 2016, pioneering AI-powered supply chain robotics that use edge-based computer vision to solve major retail and logistics challenges. More recently, he founded Computer Visionaries, an AI consulting firm serving Fortune 500 companies. His previous leadership roles include Cancer Gene Connect, Pave Systems, and Hillwood Development Company. Beyond his companies, Skip leads one of North America's largest computer vision developer communities, serves on multiple boards, and has earned widespread recognition as an innovator, CEO, and one of Dallas's most influential business leaders.

Dan Sinawat is a visionary leader in artificial intelligence and a driving force in the Dallas tech ecosystem. As CEO of VC ARENA, he is on a mission to transform Dallas into the next Silicon Valley, bringing together Venture Capitalists, Family Offices and Founders to fuel innovation and investment. Recognized by Dallas Innovates, the Dallas Regional Chamber, and Dallas AI for his leadership as Founder of AI CONNEX, he has been named one of the Most Innovative Leaders in AI in DFW (AI75). Dan continues to play a pivotal role in building a global AI community and connecting cutting-edge technology with real-world applications.

FORUM MODERATOR



Dan Sinawat

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Skip Howard

Founder of Computer Visionaries.AI

Skip is an expert in GenAI and physical AI primarily through the use of computer vision. He founded Spacee, Inc. in 2016 with the idea of building natural user interfaces and reactive intelligence into the physical world. Since then, Skip expanded Spacee to solve billion-dollar problems through the use of AI by creating miniature supply chain robots that use computer vision at the edge. Skip has been instrumental in developing Spacee's computer vision technology, making it one of the leading technology companies in supply chain robotics. Skip went on to found Computer Visionaries, a Computer Vision and AI consulting company that serves several Fortune 500 companies.

Several publications have recognized Skip as a top CEO and innovator, including DCEO (2020 Winner of Innovation in Retail) and Ernst & Young (Finalist for 2019 Entrepreneur of The Year®). He was named one of the Top 500 most influential business leaders in Dallas by D Magazine in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026.

KEYNOTE ABSTRACT

As the former Founder and CEO of Spacee and the current Founder of Computer Visionaries.AI—with two additional companies operating in stealth—Skip has spent years building technology companies, making bets, chasing markets, and learning from both successes and mistakes. In this talk, he shares the lessons those experiences taught him: what worked, what didn't, what he would do differently, and how his approach to building companies has evolved over time.

He also offers his perspective on where AI stands today—what's real, what's hype, the risks companies are underestimating, and what is actually proving effective in the market. The session explores go-to-market strategies, how AI is reshaping the way companies are built and operated, where businesses are headed next, and what founders and leaders should be thinking about as we enter the next major era of technology.



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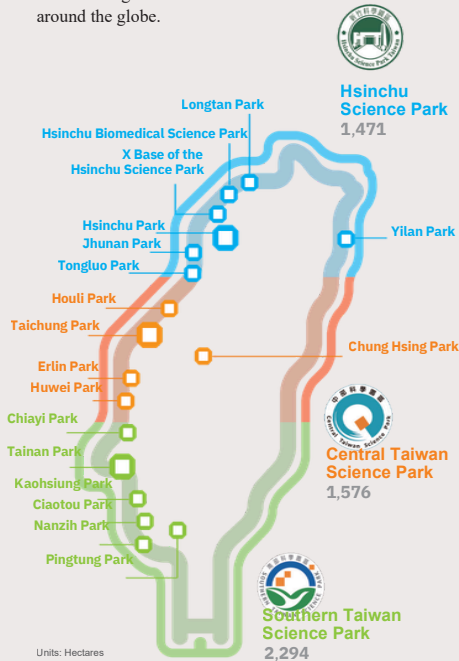
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Taiwan: Shaping the AI Future

Developing Science Parks

Taiwan currently has three core science parks located in the northern, central, and southern areas. These parks form lifestyle-oriented communities that integrate R&D, production, working, living and recreational facilities, and each park focuses on different but complementary S&T sectors. Their success over the past four decades has not only brought economic prosperity, but also made a name for Taiwan's high-tech industries around the globe.



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Our History

The National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) is Taiwan's leading cross-government agency dedicated to advancing scientific and technological development. Originally established as the National Science Council (NSC) under the Executive Yuan on February 1, 1959, it was transformed into the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) on March 3, 2014, with a mission to foster innovation, support startups, and strengthen collaboration between academia and industry. On July 27, 2022, MOST was restructured into the NSTC to drive a more forward-thinking science and technology strategy and capitalize on emerging global opportunities.

Our Mission

The NSTC is charged with tasks of planning the nation's frontier S&T, promoting the development of S&T, applying basic research to industrial applications, and coordinating the allocation of resources across agencies and fields. As an engine of S&T innovation, the NSTC has carried out four missions:

1. Formulating Science and Technology Policies
2. Supporting Fundamental & Strategic Research
3. Promoting Innovation and Entrepreneurship
4. Developing Science Parks

Formulating Science and Technology Policies

Taiwan's 2030 vision of "Innovation, Inclusion, and Sustainability" aims to develop people-centric S&T, meet the diverse needs of different age and ethnic groups, and build a sustainable society that features economic growth, ecological protection, and regional balance.

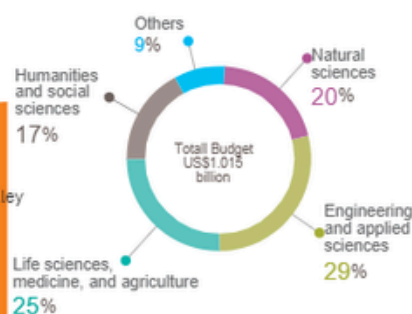
Major S&T Areas

- Semiconductors and Quantum Technology
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Space Technology and 6G
- Cyber Security
- Precision Health
- Net Zero Technology
- Defense Technology
- Humanities and Social Issues

Major Projects

- Chip Team Taiwan Initiative
- Greater Southern New Silicon Valley Promotion Plan
- Taiwan AI Action Plan 2.0

Research Grant Allocation by Fields, 2024



Note: The 2025 exchange rate was NT\$32.73 to US\$1

Supporting Fundamental & Strategic Research

To advance scientific and technological development, the NSTC funds academic research through grants to educational and research institutions. To maximize the efficiency of scientific resources, the NSTC also enhances the S&T service ecosystem by establishing national-level experimental facilities, integrating shared resources, and expanding access to core facility platforms.

Promoting Innovation and Entrepreneurship

As an upstream driver of the technological innovation ecosystem, the NSTC encourages universities and research institutions to pursue research with entrepreneurial potential and accelerate the transformation of their findings into startups. After receiving initial support from the NSTC, these startups gain further assistance from Taiwan Tech Arena (TTA) and TTA South, which help them connect with international markets and funding opportunities.

Foundations and Administrative Corporations

- National Institutes of Applied Research (NIAR)
- National Synchrotron Radiation Research Center (NSRRC)
- National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR)
- Taiwan Space Agency (TASA)

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The CIE Philanthropist Circle honors distinguished individuals, families and foundations whose exceptional generosity and steadfast commitment have made a lasting impact on CIE and the communities we serve. Through their visionary support, they advance STEM education, foster professional and leadership development, strengthen community engagement, and inspire future generations. Their philanthropy embodies the highest spirit of service and partnership, sustains CIE's mission and extends its legacy for generations to come. Please contact president@cie-dfw.org for more information about becoming a member of the Philanthropist Circle.

David Lu

INDIVIDUAL OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Since the CIE/USA-DFW Chapter was founded in 1989, its core value has been based not only on promoting community awareness in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) but also on its contributions to society. To honor this core value of community involvement, the CIE/USA-DFW Chapter has created the CIE individual Outstanding Community Service Award (iOCSA). Through this program, CIE recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their community through their time, actions, and dedication.

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2026 Young
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The Young Achiever Award (YAA) is one of the flagship programs of CIE/USA-DFW. The YAA is designed to encourage the younger generation to achieve high academic performance, develop leadership skills, cultivate a strong interest in science and engineering, and excel in extracurricular and community volunteer activities. These well-rounded skills will enable them to become strong leaders in this very competitive global marketplace and achieve the greatest possible impact in our community.

CIE/USA-DFW is honored to have professionals from various industries serve as judges in selecting the YAA recipients.

RECIPIENTS



Cayden Chen

Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas

- 2026 National Junior Classical League Slogan, Middle Division | 3rd Place
- 2026 National Latin Exam | Gold Medal
- 2026 Congressional Award | Silver Medal
- 2026 Jesuit Varsity Volleyball | TBHSV State 3rd | First Point NHSI Unsanctioned 3rd



Charlotte Chen

Frisco Independence High School

- 2023-2024 President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) | Gold
- 2025-2026 College Board AP Scholar with Distinction Award
- 2025-2026 AYLUS Outstanding Community Service Award | Gold
- 2025 College Board National Recognition Program | School Recognition Award



Hanson Du

Plano West Senior High School

- 2026 National Astronomical League Horkheimer D'Auria Service Award
- 2026 National "Engineering Changes the World" AIGC Video Challenge | 2nd place
- 2023 Texas Astronomical Society Brilliant Star Service Award
- 2022 John Wagoner Young Astronomer Award



Jean Gan

Plano West Senior High School

- 2026 UTD TAST Stembridge Research Program | 3rd Place Final Presentation
- 2026 Harvard Crimson Global Essay Contest Participation
- 2024 National Scholastic Art & Writing | Silver Key
- 2024 REAE 5311 Real Estate Analysis Course Completion



Ava Hong

Coppell High School

- Health Occupations Students of America International CERT Skills|6th (2025)|1st (2026)
- 2025 British Biology Olympiad (BBO) | Bronze Medal
- 2025 National Service Honor | Gold
- 2025 Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) State Qualifier



Kathleen Jiang

The Hockaday School

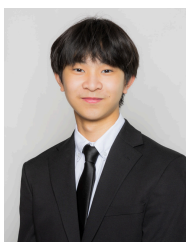
- 2025-2026 Finovate Hackathon | Two-time Champion
- 2022-2026 Youth English Speech Competition | Five-time Champion
- 2026 Texas Forensics Association World Schools State | Quarterfinalist
- 2026 College Board AP Scholar with Honor



Eugenia Jin

Grapevine High School

- 2026 FWRSEF Best of Fair | 1st Place & Qualified for ISEF
- 2026 AIAA North Texas High Schooler of the Year Award
- 2024 President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) | Gold
- 2026 UIL Soccer 5A Division 2 State | Silver Medal



Samuel Li

Plano West Senior High School

- 2026 FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) World Championship Division Inspire | 1st Place
- 2026 Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State | No.1 Ranked Clarinetist
- 2026 National Advocacy Conference (NAC) | Texas Student Ambassador for STEM
- 2024-2025 PVSA & National Service Honor | Gold



Serena Liu

Highland Park High School

- 2026 Yale Young Global Scholars Program (YYGS)
- 2024-2025 Advanced Vertical Robotics Nationals | 3rd & Best Presentation Award
- 2025 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards | Silver Key
- 2023-2024 President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) | Gold



Isaac Ma

Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas

- 2026 FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship Inspire Award | 1st Place
- 2026 Texas DECA State Career Development Conference | Finalist
- 2025-2026 5C Leadership Foundation Co-President
- 2023-2027 Jesuit Dallas Presidential Scholarship



Ishanika Nagpal

Frisco Lebanon Trail High School

- 2026 UIL Lincoln-Douglas Debate | District 2nd place | Regionals Quarterfinalist
- 2026 ThinkNeuro Bibliometrics Research Internship | Top Intern Award
- 2026 Founder & President of school's Red Cross Club - growing to 100+ members
- 2026 College Board AP Scholar with Honor Award



Tristan Sun

Highland Park High School

- 2026 MIT Research Science Institute | Top 10 Oral Presentations
 - 2025 USA Computing Olympiad | Finalist
 - 2026 International AI Olympiad (IAIO) | Team USA Qualifier, Competing 2027
 - 2026 Highland Park High School Student Council Executive President
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Eric Tang

Plano West Senior High School

- 2024, 2026 UTD TAST STEM Bridge Summer Camp | 3rd Place
 - 2026 Plano West Senior High Orchestra Co-President leading to Texas State Championship
 - 2025, 2026 Beal Bank Regional Science and Engineering Fair Participate
 - 2023-2026 College Board AP Scholar With Distinction Award
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Ruiheng Yan

Frisco Lebanon Trail High School

- 2026 British Biology Olympiad (BBO) | Gold Award
 - 2025 AMC 10B Distinct Honor Roll | Top 1% scorer
 - 2026 Division I at Texas UIL Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest Piano Solo
 - 2023 President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) | Bronze
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Jessica Yang

Plano Senior High School

- 2026 UT Southwestern STARS Biotechnology Camp (30 students statewide)
 - 2025-2026 College Board AP Scholar With Distinction Award
 - 2026 DECA Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making | State Finalist
 - 2023-2026 Civic Leaders of America (Nonprofit) | Texas State Lieutenant Governor
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Yee Ning Yap

Allen High School

- 2026 National High School Poetry Contest | Topical Winner
 - 2026 UNT International Summer Institute Concerto | Winner + Audience Favorite
 - 2024-2026 TMEA All-State Orchestra
 - Science Honor Society member
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Ariel Yuan

The Hockaday School

- 2026 FIRST World Championship Division Inspire Award
 - 2025 - 2026 DECA State Champion and ICDC Competitor
 - 2026 College Board AP Scholar with Distinction Award
 - 2026 Showstopper Dance Regional Champion and Gulf Coast Nationals Top 10
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The 2026 Young Achiever Award recipients will be recognized and celebrated at the 2026 CIE/USA-DFW Chapter Annual Convention and YAA Award Ceremony.



Junzhou Huang, a professor of computer science and engineering at The University of Texas at Arlington, is using multi-modal LLMs and Bayesian statistical modeling to develop an advanced computational framework to predict gene-gene and drug-drug synergies, aiming to lower costs and speed up the development of targeted treatments.



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**2025-2026
CIE Events**

2025-2026 CIE/USA-DFW EVENTS OVERVIEW

Sep 20, 2025	2025 CIE Annual Convention Dr. Liping Ma, Jade Dong
Oct 18, 2025	2025 CIE Picnic Nadum Charles
Dec 06, 2025	2026 Officer & Volunteer Orientation Jasmine Yin
Dec 12, 2025	2026 Volunteer T-Shirt Design Contest Jasmine Yin, Wenting Lu
Feb 07, 2026	Young Professional Workshop - Nerd Talk, UT Dallas Andrew Ma, Dr. Mike Pas
Apr 04, 2026	Young Professional Workshop - Nerd Talk in FTEC, UT Dallas Andrew Ma, Dr. Mike Pas
Apr 10, 2026	Young Professional Workshop - Nerd Talk, UT Arlington Andrew Ma, Dr. Mike Pas
Apr 11, 2026	Chinese Speech Contest* Xiaojing Ren
April 25 & May 9, 2026	Youth English Speech Workshop & Contest* Dr. Jing Wang, Pingjian Yu
Jun 06, 2026	Student Engineering and Creativity Convention (SECC)/AIGC Dr. Molly Wang
Jun 06, 2026	MathComp/MathFun and Parenting Seminar Jie Ren, Pingjian Yu, Angela He, Tengran Liu
June 2026 - May 2027	Mentoring Circle Dr. Yun Liu, Jade Dong
Sep 12, 2026	CIE/USA-DFW Annual Convention Dr. Jing Wang, Dr. Jun Jia
Sep 12, 2026	Career Development Workshop Andrew Ma, Wenting Lu
Sep 12, 2026	Think Tank Forum Dr. Chris Koh, Dr. Donghai Wang
Sep 12, 2026	VIP Reception Angela He, Dr. Tiger Zhou
Sep 12, 2026	CIE/USA-DFW Individual Outstanding Community Service Award Dr. Xinfen Chen
Sep 12, 2026	Young Achiever Award Jing Xu, Dr. Rong Kou
Sep 12, 2026	CIE Convention Banquet Jing Xu, Dr. Yun Liu

* CIE co-host with other organization

2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION



CHAIR

Dr. Liping Ma



VICE- CHAIR

Jade Dong

CIE/USA-DFW commemorated its 36th anniversary at the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center, University of Texas at Dallas on September 20, 2025. The event served as a platform to honor the organization's achievements, recognized by local governments, corporations, universities, and community groups. The dedication of numerous volunteers was also acknowledged. Several cities issued Proclamations in honor of CIE Day, recognizing the organization's valuable contributions to the community. Notably, seven companies and organizations, including Oncor Electric Delivery, Texas Instruments, Diodes, The University of Texas at Arlington, Cathay Bank, Cindi's New York Delicatessen, Generative AI for Kids received the Outstanding Community Service Award. The event was attended by over 200 individuals.



Dan Sinawat, Founder & CEO of AI CONNEX and VC ARENA delivered the Keynote Speech.

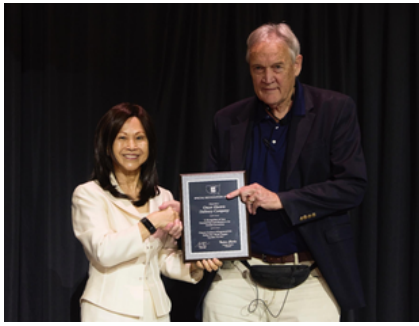


Guests enjoying Keynote Speech



Richardson Mayor Amir Omar Presents Individual Outstanding Community Service Award (iOCSA) to Jinzhong Liu, Dr. Liping Ma, Dr. Logan Song and Dr. Fang Wang

2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION



Company representatives receiving the CIE/USA-DFW Outstanding Community Service Awards

Clockwise in Line 1: Mark Carpenter (Oncor), Johnny Chang (Diodes), Dr. Brian Cheng (TI),
Clockwise in Line 2: Dr. Wei-Jen Lee (UT Arlington), Xiaomin Tong (Cathay Bank), Phương Le (Cindi's Delicatessen), and Dr. Zhenhua Yu (GenAI KIDS)



CIE Point/Counterpoint debate team



Congratulations to YAA winners!



Thanks to the 2025 CIE Board and Officers for their dedication.

2025 CAREER WORKSHOP



CHAIR

Dr. Jun Jia

At the 2025 Annual Convention of CIE/USA-DFW, one of the most anticipated sessions, Land Your Next Role with LinkedIn, Copilot, and Résumé Mastery, took place on September 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The session drew 76 enthusiastic attendees as speakers Mei Lin, Jason Andrews, and Solomon Tsao shared practical strategies and innovative tools to help young professionals advance their careers.

As part of the convention theme, "Shape the Future Together – Bridging AI and Humanity," the speakers showcased how artificial intelligence is transforming the job-search landscape.

- Mei Lin shared insights on how tools like Microsoft Copilot, Copilot Studio, and Azure AI Foundry empower professionals to move beyond simply using AI to creating real value and productivity in their careers.
- Jason Andrews demonstrated how to leverage Microsoft Copilot to decode job descriptions, tailor résumés, and prepare effectively for interviews.
- Solomon Tsao presented a live demo of Résumé Guru, an AI-powered tool he developed to help job seekers craft stronger applications and practice interview responses.

The session was designed as a modern job-search playbook, helping participants:

- Optimize their LinkedIn headlines, About, and Featured sections for recruiter visibility.
- Use Copilot to tailor résumés, outreach messages, and interview prep in minutes.
- Transform professional experience into targeted, interview-winning résumé bullets.

The event began with a 25-minute crash course on LinkedIn strategy, AI-powered tools, and résumé writing tips, followed by a 30-minute panel discussion and open Q&A, led by Batuk Bista, MC of the workshop. Attendees left with sharper LinkedIn profiles, tailored résumé examples, and action plans to approach their next career opportunities with confidence.



Career Workshop 2025 - Professional session participants, panel speakers, and volunteers.

2025 CAREER WORKSHOP

"This session showed us how AI tools and smart branding can truly give job seekers an edge," said one participant. "I left with a stronger résumé bullet and practical steps I can use immediately."

The program highlighted the powerful combination of technology, strategy, and storytelling—helping young professionals stand out and land their next role in today's competitive market.



Clockwise: Batuk Bista (MC of the workshop),
Solomon Tsao, Mei Lin, and Jason Andrews (Panel Speakers),
Jun Jia (Workshop chair),
Grace Tyler (CIE DFW Chapter Board Chairman)

2025 THINK TANK FORUM



CHAIR

Dr. Tiger Zhou

The 2025 CIE/USA-DFW Think Tank Forum took place during the CIE Annual Convention at the University of Texas at Dallas. The Forum, hosted by Dr. Gaurav Shekhar, Associate Dean of the Naveen Jindal School of Management, featured four outstanding panelists with diverse experience and expertise, moderated by Dr. J.-C. Chiao, Mary and Richard Templeton Centennial Chair Professor of ECE at SMU, under the theme "Bridging Minds and Shaping the Future."

- Kris Fitzgerald, CTO (Retired)
NTT DATA Services
- Dr. Mark A. Wynne, VP & Associate Director of Research
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
- Bo Gu, Director of Data Science & Generative AI
AT&T
- Prashant Vajpayee, Sr. Product Manager (Secure Data, Integrations, and AI)
Salesforce

The panel shared with the audience of more than seventy people how AI is shaping their work and institutions. AI means automation, and while it can free the workforce from repetitive tasks, panelists also flagged concerns over lost creativity and workforce reduction. Continuous learning was cited as key to staying ahead, and the audience left with two messages: embrace AI, and keep learning.



Clockwise: Dr. JC Chiao (Forum Moderator), Dr. Mark A. Wynne, Kris Fitzgerald, Bo Gu, and Prashant Vajpayee

2025 THINK TANK FORUM



Clockwise: Grace Tyler (CIE Chairman), Dr. Gaurav Shekhar, Dr. JC Chiao, Prashant Vajpayee, Dr. Mark A. Wynne, Kris Fitzgerald, Bo Gu, Dr. Tiger Zhou (Forum Chair), and Nadum Charles (CIE President)



Prof. JC Chiao leading the Q&A with the panel



Dr. Gaurav Shekhar, Forum Host



Think Tank Forum audience attentively listening to the insights shared by the panel

2025 ANNUAL PICNIC



CHAIR

Nadum Charles

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

What a beautiful Saturday afternoon spent celebrating the heart of our organization — our dedicated CIE/USA-DFW volunteers! The Volunteer Appreciation Picnic was a huge success, filled with laughter, teamwork, and heartfelt recognition for those who make our mission possible.

The most touching moment came when we honored our long-term volunteer, Susan Yin, who has served CIE/USA-DFW for over a decade. We also gave the volunteer appreciation award to dedicated volunteers for their contribution to the CIE programs in the past year. They're Batuk Bista, Jade Dong, Joseph Delsoin, Nancy Gan, Daniel Ge, Nidhi Singh, Juan Tang, Iris Tseng, Pingjian Yu, and Jing Wang. Their consistent dedication to our nonprofit mission of Engineering Excellence – Connect, Inspire, Empower continues to uplift our entire community.



We recognized Susan Yin for her life-long service at CIE

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers, families, and everyone who came out for their active participation and support. Together, we're building a stronger, kinder, and more inspired community that thrives on service and connection.

Our day was packed with activities — from Karaoke, Jianzi, corn hole, and many exciting raffle drawings where lucky winners took home gift cards!

2025 ANNUAL PICNIC

But beyond the fun, what truly made the day special was the chance to mingle and connect in a relaxing, non-business atmosphere — strengthening bonds across generations and professions.



Group Photo at the CIE Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

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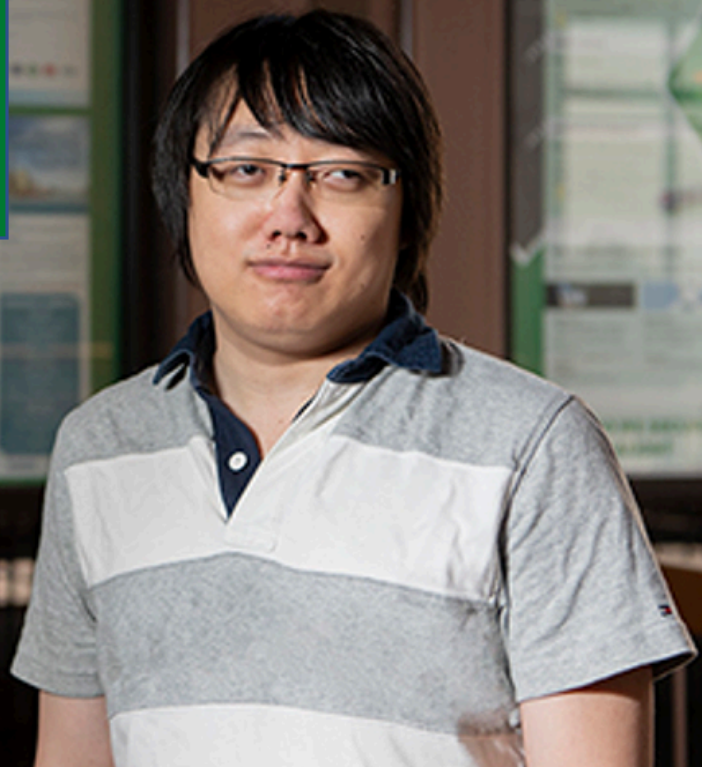
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2026 OFFICER & VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION



CHAIR

Jasmine Yin

The 2026 CIE/USA-DFW Volunteer Orientation and Training Meeting was successfully held on December 6, 2025, at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) campus in Richardson, bringing together 37 CIE officers, volunteers, and community members for an afternoon of learning, networking, and collaboration.

The event featured three sessions covering CIE's history and programs, officer and volunteer engagement, and CIE governance and operations.



The first session introduced attendees to CIE's past programs, the history of CIE/USA-DFW, the CIE/USA National Council, and a volunteer's personal experience with the organization.

The second session introduced the 2026 CIE team and provided opportunities for officers and volunteers to connect with different teams, including Youth Programs, Young Professionals, Web, Accounting, and Public Relations. Participants also took part in team brainstorming sessions and presentations to explore ideas and identify opportunities for involvement.

The final session provided an overview of CIE governance and operations, helping volunteers better understand how the organization works and how they can contribute effectively.

The afternoon concluded with a raffle drawing and group photo. CIE looks forward to building on the enthusiasm and ideas shared during the orientation and working together with its officers and volunteers to make 2026 a successful year.

2026 VOLUNTEER T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



CO-CHAIR
Jasmine Yin



CO-CHAIR
Wenting Lu

The 2026 CIE/USA-DFW Volunteer T-Shirt Design Contest was launched on December 12, 2025, inviting volunteers, members, and creative community partners to create an original design for the official 2026 volunteer T-shirt. Participants were encouraged to showcase their creativity while reflecting CIE's core values of community, leadership, service, and innovation. Submissions were accepted through February 28, 2026.

The contest received a diverse collection of thoughtful and creative submissions reflecting CIE/USA-DFW's identity and volunteer spirit. We sincerely appreciate every participant who contributed their time, talent, and ideas.

Following a careful review, the top three designs were selected, with the winners officially announced on April 9, 2026. The first-place design, featuring "Connect • Inspire • Empower," celebrates the people, ideas, and connections that strengthen the CIE/USA-DFW community.

The top designs were brought to life at the 2026 Math Comp & Math Fun event in June. The first-place design was featured on the official 2026 volunteer T-shirts, proudly worn by volunteers throughout the event. The second-place design was featured on commemorative mugs presented as appreciation gifts to SECC/AIGC judges.

We extend our sincere congratulations to our top three winners and heartfelt appreciation to all participants. Their creativity and enthusiasm transformed original ideas into meaningful expressions of CIE/USA-DFW's spirit of community, leadership, service, and innovation.



**Winning Design on Volunteers' T-shirts
at MathComp/MathFun**



**Second-Place Design on SECC/AIGC Judge
Appreciation Gifts**

2026 CHINESE SPEECH WORKSHOP & CONTEST



CHAIR

Xiaojing Ren

The 14th TI Cup North Texas Chinese Speech Contest, sponsored by Texas Instruments, the CIE/USA-DFW Chapter, and other organizations, and organized by the North Texas Chinese Culture Promotion Association (NTCCPA), was held at The University of Texas at Dallas on Saturday, April 11.

This year's contest received strong support from numerous public and private schools throughout the DFW region. The event attracted 118 students from kindergarten through 12th grade, with more than 30% of participants coming from non-heritage families, demonstrating the program's growing reach & diversity.

Following Toastmasters International guidelines, Chief Judge Dr. Jiang Li developed the judging procedures and trained the judges to ensure a fair and consistent evaluation.

To help students prepare for the competition, a free speech skills workshop on "Speech Delivery" was led by Jimilee Rempe.

The success of the event was made possible through the dedicated efforts of 10 committee members and more than 70 volunteers, who supported the planning, coordination, and execution of the program.



Part of the Committee Members



Registration site



Opening Ceremony

2026 CHINESE SPEECH WORKSHOP & CONTEST



Committee Members and Award Presenters

Group	Description	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
A1	Heritage Pre-K	Jiayi Guo	Bethany Liu	Sophie Deng
A2	Heritage Pre-K	Freya Mao	Anastasia Xie	George Liu
A3	Heritage K	Eleanor Zhang	Chenxi Xiao	Luna Chen
A4	Heritage G1&2	Evelyn Wu	Eli Yang	Nora Liu
A5	Heritage G2	Magnolia Ding	Lan Chen	Elon Yang
A6	Heritage G2	Aiden Han	Jaxon Chan	William Moore
A7	Heritage G2	Jonathan Lu	Miranda Clark	Adam Gao
B1	Heritage G3	Scarlett Tanglaurance	Liam Huang	Stella Wu
B2	Heritage G4~5	Ivy Liu	Erica Wang	Qiyi Jin
B3	Heritage G5	Edison Bodam	Jerry Cao	Charlotte He
C1	Heritage G6~8	Raphael Deng	Mabel Roomg	Qilu Jin
C2	Heritage G7~8	Aimee Teng	Fiona Ou	Nuoyi Geng
D1	Heritage G9~11	Sophia Wang	Runci Kang	
E1	non-Heritage Pre-K&K	Jenna Mu	Cora Miller	Soroush Akber
E2	non-Heritage G1~3	Asher He	Ellie Galligan	Valerie Huang
E3	non-Heritage G4~5	Liliana Vasylenko	Albert Tao	Victoria Sun
E4	non-Heritage G6~7	Chloe Bodam	Zoë Bass	Gemma Muga
E5	non-Heritage 5~8	Madeline Aaron	Benjamin Qiu	Malek Tawil
F1	Non-Heritage G9~10	Ishaan Siddamshetty	Vivian White	Sanjith Bogullu

2026 YOUTH ENGLISH SPEECH WORKSHOP AND CONTEST



CHAIR

Dr. Jing Wang



Workshop CHAIR

Pingjian Yu

The 2026 DFW Youth English Speech Contest was held on May 9th at the University of Texas at Dallas. The program brought together 76 student contestants in grades 1 through 11 for a vibrant day of learning, competition, and celebration, drawing more than 270 attendees. The CIE/USA-DFW Chapter and Texas Dragon Toastmasters Club co-hosted the annual DFW Youth English Speech Contest and continue to help young people strengthen public speaking skills, build confidence, and find their voices. We also thank our corporate sponsors: Oncor Electric Delivery, Texas Instruments Inc., Diodes Incorporated, UTA College of Engineering, Cindi's N.Y. Delicatessen Restaurant & Bakery, ConsulPath, Inc., Cathay Bank, Generative AI for Kids, and the University of Texas at Dallas.

Dr. Jing Wang and CIE/USA-DFW Chapter President Dr. Liping Ma led the 2026 Youth English Speech Contest. The organizing team managed registration, volunteer support, logistics, contestant flow, and the awards ceremony to create a smooth and welcoming experience for participants and guests.

Chief Judge Ms. Marcheta Robinson led the judging process and helped the contest maintain a clear, fair, and well-structured format. The judges and volunteers kept the program organized, treated contestants fairly, and created a positive experience for students and families.

Contestants ranging from first graders to experienced high school speakers showed courage, preparation, and growing command of the stage. Their participation across grade levels underscored the contest's role as a meaningful platform for youth development. Through this experience, students strengthened their organization, delivery, and audience connection while gaining valuable public speaking skills.

The Youth English Speech Contest Ambassador Program also played an important role in the 2026 event. This year, the organization named Abhiram Kalidindi and Miranda Clark as ambassadors. They reached out to share their contest experience with their peers, encouraged their participation, and represented youth leadership values in the community. Through this program, the event extends its impact beyond competition day and empowers students to inspire others to discover their voices.

The 2026 DFW Youth English Speech Contest ended on an uplifting note as the community celebrated student achievement and reaffirmed its commitment to youth leadership and communication. As the program looks ahead to future events, including additional CIE/USA-DFW activities later this year, the contest continues to remind everyone what young speakers can accomplish when people encourage them to step forward and be heard.



Judges and Volunteers

2026 YOUTH ENGLISH SPEECH WORKSHOP AND CONTEST

Winners of the contest were recognized in various grade-based groups:

Grade	First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Honorable Mention
1	Anika Pundru			
2	Miranda Clark	Agrima Sayi	Jyotshana Dalai	
3	Chloe Bodam	Kylie Kris Ramalingam	Chloe Bai	Katie Cao, Stella Wu, Claire A.
4	Ivy Liu	Aiden Guo	Abhiram Kalidindi	Daniel Liang, Duncan Wang,
5	Brandon Gu	Alisa Li	Edison Bodam	Eason Lin, Ilan Anadan, Jatin
6	Karina Jiang	Angela Guo	Xinyi Ma	
7	Hannah Wu	Ganishka Kapor	Vikram Nagpal	Dawson Wang
8	Lakshana Gokul	Celine Wu	Saanvi Sriram	
9	Diya Sharma	Keya Ramalingam		
10-11	Kathleen Jiang	Ishanvi Akula		



Winners and Award Presenters

2026 STUDENT ENGINEERING AND CREATIVITY CONVENTION (SECC)/AIGC



CHAIR

Dr. Molly Wang

The 2026 SECC/AIGC Challenge was held on June 6th at the University of Texas at Dallas, bringing together young participants and families for a celebration of artificial intelligence, creativity, and community impact. Organized by the CIE/USA-DFW Chapter as part of the 2026 Student Engineering and Creativity Convention (SECC), the inaugural challenge encouraged students from elementary through high school to explore innovative uses of AI while creating meaningful stories centered on volunteerism, community service, and social responsibility.

The competition was chaired by Dr. Molly Wang and initiated by Dr. Xinfen Chen, whose vision helped bring this AI-focused initiative to life. Participants created AI-assisted short videos combining emerging technology with creative storytelling and positive social impact. During the Project Showcase, finalists presented their work to the public and participated in interviews conducted by student reporters, sharing their creative inspirations, AI tools and techniques, and reflections on how technology can be used to serve communities.



Elementary School Division
winners and presenters



Middle School Division
winners and presenters



High School Division
winners and presenters

More than a technology competition, the SECC/AIGC Challenge promotes the spirit of "AI for Good." By encouraging young people to use emerging technologies creatively and responsibly, the program seeks to inspire a new generation of innovators who combine technical excellence, creativity, and social responsibility. The day culminated in the Awards Ceremony, recognizing students for their creativity, technical exploration, and thoughtful use of AI. The program was generously supported by Generative AI for Kids and Bloomyway AI, whose commitment to AI education helped make the competition possible.



Distinguished Awards winners and presenters

2026 MATH COMP/MATH FUN



CO-CHAIR
Jie Ren



CO-CHAIR
Pingjian Yu



MathFun Chair
Angela He

The 2026 CIE/USA-DFW MathComp/MathFun (MCMF) was held on June 6th at the Naveen Jindal School of Management at The University of Texas at Dallas, bringing together students, families, educators, and STEM professionals for a day of mathematical discovery, creativity, and hands-on learning. Organized by the CIE/USA-DFW Chapter, this signature STEM program continued its long-standing tradition of inspiring young minds through mathematics while connecting learning with innovation and real-world problem solving.

MathComp challenged students in Grades 1–8 to apply mathematical knowledge, logical reasoning, and creative problem-solving skills. Led by MCMF CO-Chairs Jie Ren and Pingjian Yu, the competition aimed not only to recognize academic achievement, but also to build confidence, encourage independent thinking, and help students discover the beauty and power of mathematics. Outstanding participants were recognized during the afternoon awards ceremony.



Event Winners, Emcee,
Event Chair, CIE Sponsors
and Officers

A major highlight of the event was a keynote presentation by renowned mathematics educator Dr. Po-Shen Loh, Professor of Mathematics at Carnegie Mellon University and former Head Coach of the U.S. International Mathematical Olympiad Team. In his talk, "Raising a Thought FULL Generation in the Age of AI," Dr. Loh emphasized the importance of developing independent thinking, creativity, communication, and lifelong learning in an AI-driven world.

The conversation continued in the "Beyond Numbers" educational forum, featuring Dr. Loh, Dr. Candace Walkington, Kaitlyn Fan, and Colin Wei, and moderated by Dr. Tiger Zhou. Together, the keynote and forum highlighted how mathematics builds confidence, critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills essential for the future.



Clockwise: Dr. Liping Ma, Dr. Tiger Zhou, Kaitlyn Fan, Dr. Po-Shen Loh, Dr. Candace Walkington, Colin Wei, Grace Tyler, and Tengran Liu

After the competition, MathFun, chaired by Angela He, transformed mathematics and STEM into engaging, hands-on experiences through interactive games, puzzles, robotics demonstrations, and STEM activities. The educational forum, “Beyond Numbers: Building Confidence, Creativity, and Problem-Solving Skills Through Math,” further brought together educators and students to explore how mathematics develops resilience, critical thinking, and innovation.



Kids Engaging in Fun Activities



Officers and Volunteers

The success of MathComp/MathFun 2026 reflected CIE/USA-DFW’s continued commitment to STEM education and its mission to inspire the next generation of confident thinkers, creative problem solvers, and future innovators.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, partners, and volunteers, MathComp/MathFun continues to thrive, enriching education and inspiring future innovators. Together, we are making an extraordinary impact—shaping the future of STEM one student at a time.

Winners of the contest were recognized in various grade-based groups:

	1st place	2nd place	3rd place	Honorable mention
Grade 1	Aiden Han	Nico Miller	Joanna Pan	Heidi Choi, Anika Pundru Catherine Wu, Riona yang
Grade 2	Max Yue	Pritika Saravanan	Yongqi Shen	Miranda Clark, Tamanna Goudar Elie Zhang, Willa Zhao
Grade 3	William Lee	Lucas Lin	Katie Cao	Evelyn Cheng, Sibin Feng Jason Wang, Ryan Duan Jiashi Guo
Grade 4	Ethan Lu	Michael Tan	Pepper Li	Charles Li, Duncan Wang Stephen Yang, Alex Sun
Grade 5	Fucheng Bi	Matthew Li	Brandon Gu	Seldon Ye, Edison Bodam Amelia Chou, Jerry Cao Jiayuan Guo, Claire Liu
Grade 6	Cyrus Kuang	Ethan Li	Vatsal Ganesh	Amrit Arasamangalam, Yuntao Chen Samuel Wang, Jacqueline Yuan Pranil Maru, Wilson Zhou
Grade 7	Ethan Shi Ayden Jin Stella Chen	Anuj unknown	Ally Jin	Lucy Hua, Dawson Wang Daniel Zhang, Nidharshana Vijay Daniel Huang
Grade 8	Anderson Cheng	William Zhao	Lillian Ye	

2026 MENTORING CIRCLE KICKOFF MEETING



CO-CHAIR
Dr. Yun Liu

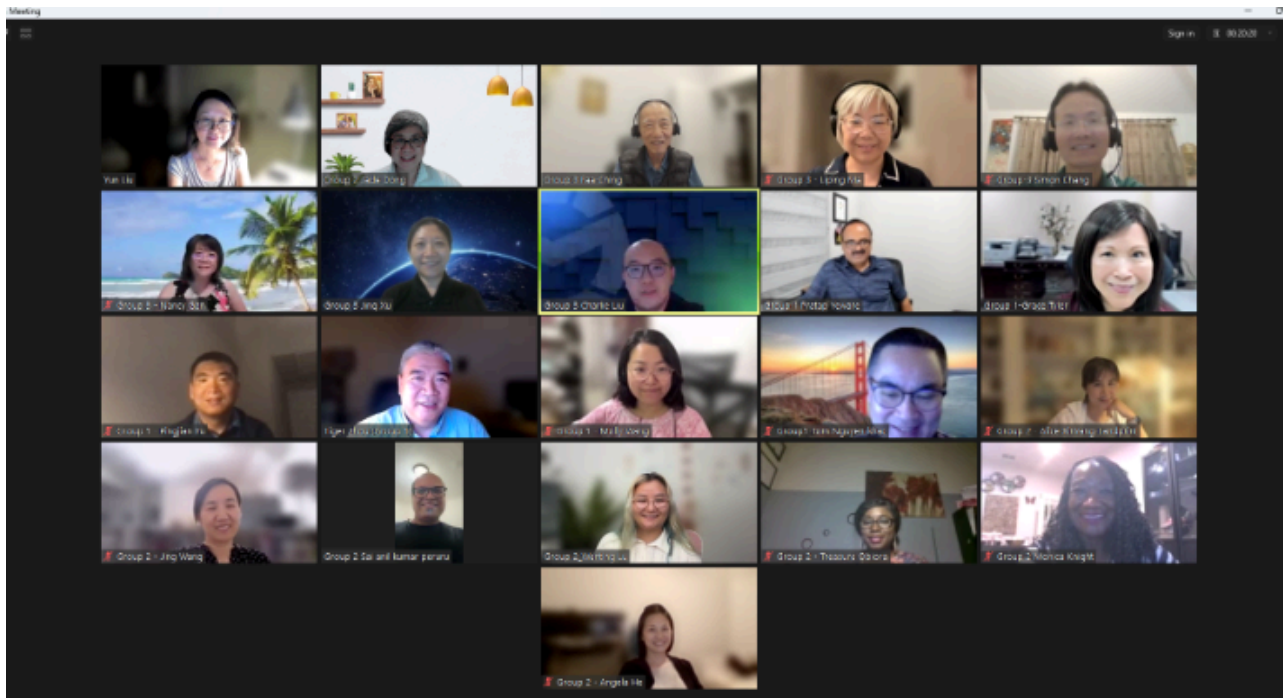


CO-CHAIR
Jade Dong

The CIE Mentoring Circle program was originally envisioned by Mark Carpenter, Senior Vice President of Transmission and Distribution Operations at Oncor. Led by dedicated CIE officers, including Dr. Faa-Ching Wang, founder of the CIE DFW Chapter, the program has been successfully running since 2019.

The 2026 Mentoring Circle Program, led by Dr. Yun Liu and Mrs. Jade Dong, kicked off on June 18, 2026, with 21 young professionals participating in three mentoring groups. The participants are guided by an exceptional team of mentors: two senior leaders from Oncor with extensive industry expertise; two distinguished professionals from Texas Instruments—one a retired industry veteran and the other an active leader in the field; and two seasoned entrepreneurs who have successfully built and led their own ventures.

The 12-month program provides a collaborative environment for professional and leadership development. Each mentoring group meets monthly for a two-hour interactive session, offering mentees opportunities to learn from experienced leaders, exchange perspectives, build meaningful connections, and grow together.



2026 Mentoring Circle Program Kickoff Meeting was held on June 18, 2026

2026 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WORKSHOP - NERD TALK



CO-CHAIR
Andrew Ma



CO-CHAIR
Dr. Mike Pas

Led by Dr. Chris Koh, who previously served as Senior Director and Sr. Global R&D Fellow before retirement, CIE Young Professionals team hosted a series of three workshops at UT Dallas and UT Arlington promoting key presentation skills to help young professionals turn their technical presentations into engaging experiences that stakeholders will remember.



Workshop Instructor Dr. Chris Koh giving his presentation on The Power of Three at the NERD TALK Young Professionals Workshop at UT Dallas

Chris brings over 30 years of expertise as a chemical engineer, with a rich background in both the petroleum and food industries. Known for his ability to make complex ideas clear and engaging, Chris has shared his insights with audiences around the world—from fellow engineers and non-technical teams to senior managers and Fortune 50 C-suite leaders.

The workshop opens with Chris's talk on the Power of Three, drawing from his experience of giving presentations to audiences of different backgrounds. Chris emphasizes the importance of storytelling and effective slide design to deliver dynamic presentations and engage the audience so they can be sure to take home the intended messages. The main takeaway is to know your audience and to cater your message accordingly so that you aren't boring marketers with unnecessary technical information or waving your hands with aspirational fluff at engineers.

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Following Chris's talk, the audience was given a chance to practice what he had preached during the first half of the workshop. The participants were split into several groups, given mock background information and preparation material, and asked to prepare a presentation while catering their message to different stakeholders; the groups were asked to present to either a marketing team, engineering team, or group of investors.



Workshop session at UT Dallas on February 7th, 2026 at the Jindal School of Management

Once preparations were complete, the groups were asked to present in front of a panel of industry experts and leaders who then gave the teams constructive feedback. Over the three different sessions, the Nerd Talk workshop proved to be an engaging experience for audience members from all levels of experience. This workshop series gave them an opportunity to break out of their comfort zones and practice invaluable presentation skills.



Workshop session at UT Arlington on April 10th with the CIE BoDs - Mark Carpenter, Grace Tyler, Monica Knight, and Dr. Wei-Jen Lee

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The Chinese Institute of Engineers (CIE/USA) is dedicated to promoting engineering and scientific excellence, professional advancement and leadership development of Asian-Americans.

History

The Chinese Institute of Engineers was founded in 1917 in New York by a group of Chinese engineers who graduated from American universities and served in various industries in the United States. The main organization moved back to China during World War II, then moved to Taiwan. The American counterpart became a separate chapter. In 1977, the institute was renamed the "Chinese Institute of Engineers, USA (CIE/USA)," with a mission to serve members from all over the United States. Since then, seven area chapters, namely the Greater New York, San Francisco-Bay Area, Seattle, Dallas-Fort Worth, OCEESA, New Mexico, and Southern California chapters have been established. CIE/USA works with other professional organizations to sponsor events, such as venture capital and management seminars, technical conferences, and high-tech exhibitions, and to promote joint interests and partnership in technology among the US, China and Taiwan. CIE/USA also co-sponsors the Sino-American Technology Engineering Conference (SATEC) in Beijing and the Modern Engineering and Technology Seminars (METS) in Taipei every other year.

ABOUT CIE/USA-DFW CHAPTER

The Dallas-Fort Worth 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. Leaders from these sponsoring organizations highlight every year's convention by sharing their experience and insight in business and technology at our evening banquet.

The mission of CIE/USA-DFW is to enable the growth of current and aspiring engineers and technologists by providing a platform for technical exchange, professional networking, and STEM awareness.

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