



Our Mission:

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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Featured Events at a glance



UPCOMING EVENTS

CIE-DFW: 2026 LINEUP

CIEUSA-DFW has an exciting lineup of upcoming programs that showcase the chapter's commitment to STEM awareness, youth development, leadership growth, and community engagement. From student competitions and speaking opportunities to mentoring and recognition programs, these events are designed to serve members and families across the DFW community

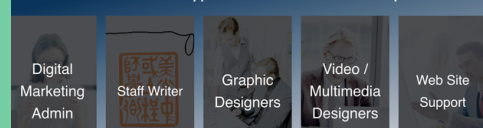
All of our events and programs are powered by generous, enthusiastic volunteers. CIE/DFW volunteers gain valuable leadership skills, experience, as well as life-long friendships. Best of all, your help really matters to the communities we serve.

Both adult and teen volunteering opportunities are available.

VOLUNTEER



Current Volunteer Opportunities at CIE/USA-DFW Chapter





CIE/USA-DFW's "Technical Presentations That Move People" workshop brought together attendees, speakers, and volunteers for an afternoon of practical learning, teamwork, and professional growth. CIE/USA-DFW leaders, guests, and volunteers came together to support a successful NERD Talk program.

NERD Talk: Level Up Your Career with AI

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NERD Talk Brings Technical Presentations to Life:

"The team challenge turned ideas into action and made the workshop highly interactive."

CIE/USA-DFW also recognizes Dr. Liping Ma, President of CIE/USA-DFW Chapter, for her leadership and great support from the board chairman Grace Tyler and board member Monica Knight. Appreciation also goes to Andrew Ma and Mike Pas, Co-VPs of Young Professional Program; Dr. Jing Wang, Executive VP; Dr. Tiger Zhou, CTO of CIE/USA-DFW Chapter; Christi Popovich and Wenting Lu, Co-VPs of Public Relations; Juan Tang, Graphic Designer.

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"Technical presentations move people when they are clear, focused, and delivered with energy."

Additional thanks go to Kevin Kodawa, Naman Karamchandani, Devang Shah, and Nidhi Singh, volunteers from the Naveen Jindal School of Management at The University of Texas at Dallas. Their contributions helped create a welcoming, organized, and successful experience for all attendees.

This workshop reflected the strength of the CIE/USA-DFW community—collaborative, innovative, and committed to professional growth. Thank you to everyone who contributed to a successful and inspiring afternoon.

Participants engage in the NERD Talk workshop's hands-on presentation challenge.



Workshop Instructor
Dr Chris Koh

The CIE/USA-DFW Chapter successfully concluded the NERD Talk workshop this afternoon with strong participation and a highly engaging program. Guests, speakers, and volunteers helped create an event that was both inspiring and rewarding.

Dr. Chris Koh served as panelist and workshop instructor, leading a session focused on structure, clarity, and energy in technical presentations. A major highlight of the afternoon was a one-hour hands-on challenge, where participants worked in randomly assigned teams to quickly build and deliver presentations under real-world time pressure.

The challenge gave attendees a chance to practice public speaking, teamwork, and fast thinking in a supportive setting. It also brought a high level of energy to the workshop and made the learning experience more memorable.

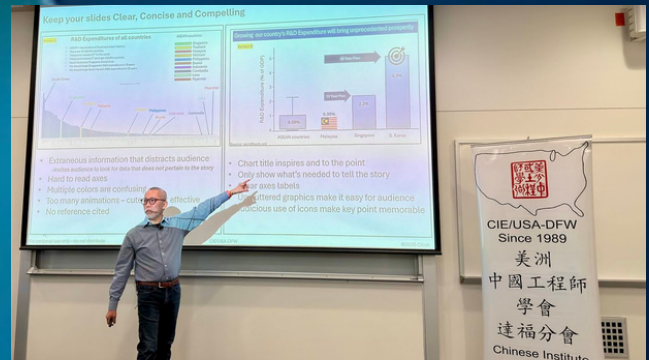
NERD Talk highlighted the value of communication, collaboration, and community.



LEADERSHIP, VOLUNTEERS, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Special thanks go to everyone who helped make the event a success. Andrew Ma served as MC and guided the program smoothly while keeping the momentum strong throughout the afternoon.

Below: Dr. Chris Koh leads an interactive session on effective technical presentations.



Below: Volunteers from UT Dallas helped create a welcoming and well-organized experience.



Below: The workshop combined practical learning with collaboration and professional development.



Left: Teams worked together under time pressure to create and deliver clear, compelling presentations.

CIE Events coming soon!



STUDENT ENGINEERING & CREATIVITY CONVENTION AI GENERATED CONTENT CHALLENGE

What if artificial intelligence could assist you in crafting your unique story of impact? Not merely any story, but your volunteer journey, your voice, and your profound influence. We are pleased to announce the launch of the [CIE/USA-DFW Chapter AI-Generated Content \(AIGC\) Challenge](#), titled "An AI-Powered Way to Tell My Volunteer Story."

This challenge brings together the power of AI and creativity, compassion and technology, and stories that have the potential to make a real difference. By participating, you will not only build a sense of community but also have the opportunity to win awards and gain recognition.

The deadline for submitting your content is May 3, 2026. The finalists will be announced on May 17, 2026. The final showcase and awards ceremony will be held on June 6, 2026, at [Naveen Jindal School of Management, UT Dallas](#).

If you are passionate about artificial intelligence, storytelling, and making a positive impact, this challenge is designed for you.



Math Comp Math Fun

On Saturday, June 6, 2026, the annual MathComp/MathFun (MCMF) event will be held in-person once again! As a flagship youth program of CIE/USA-DFW, MCMF welcomes nearly 1,000 participants each year, including students, parents, educators, and volunteers. The event aims to inspire young students' interest in STEM through engaging and educational activities for families.

MCMF 2026 will include four sessions: Math Competition; Math Fun Session; Parents Seminar; Awards Ceremony.

Event address: The Naveen Jindal School of Management (Davidson Auditorium) at the University of Texas at Dallas, 800 West Campbell Road, Richardson, TX 75080-3021

Please email mcmf@cie-dfw.org to inquire.

◆ MathFun Session and Parent Seminar are FREE and open to the public.



CIE/USA-DFW Chapter
Engineering Excellence
Connect • Inspire • Empower

Program Duration
June 2026 - May 2027

MENTORING CIRCLE

Curriculum based interactive discussion (not lectures)
For CIE officers & volunteers + Outside Professionals Welcome
Mentors are Seasoned CIE Leaders & Senior Corp Managers
2-3 hrs. Zoom/In person - Monthly

READING ASSIGNMENTS

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People - Stephen Covey
Bring Out the Best in People - Alan Loy McGinnis
Leadership and Self Deception - Arbing Institute

TOPICS

Personal Mission Statement & Action Plan
Leadership skills
Management practices
Crucial conversations
Professional development

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APPLICATION DEADLINE
5/31/2026

[HTTPS://CIE-DFW.ORG/EVENT/2026-CIE-MENTORING-CIRCLE/](https://cie-dfw.org/event/2026-cie-mentoring-circle/)

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2026 CIE Mentoring Circle

Applications Now Open - Register NOW
Deadline: May 31, 2026

If you are a professional in the DFW area with over two years of working experience and are seeking long-term mentorship for personal development and leadership growth - This Program is for You!

The CIE Mentoring Circle Program empowers emerging talent through meaningful relationships with experienced community leaders.

- 2-3 hours per month (virtual meetings)
 - Join a close-knit group of 5-7 mentees led by 2 dedicated mentors
 - Engage in open conversations, shared learning, and personal growth
 - Explore real-world topics that shape both your career and everyday life
 - Develop leadership skills that set you apart
- When: June 2026 - May 2027
Commitment: 1-year program



CIE Events coming soon!



2026 Young Achiever Award (YAA):

A flagship program of CIE/USA-DFW, the YAA recognizes and celebrates outstanding young members who demonstrate excellence across academics, leadership, and community impact.

Purpose:

To inspire and honor students who are developing into future leaders in a competitive global environment.

Focus Areas:

- High academic achievement
- Leadership development
- Interest in science and engineering
- Extracurricular involvement
- Community service and volunteerism

What Recipients Receive:

- Trophy and scholarship award
- Lifetime CIE/USA-DFW membership
- Recognition in the Annual Convention Proceedings (photo + accomplishments)

Key Dates:

- Rehearsal: September 11, 2026
- Award Ceremony: September 12, 2026
- (at the CIE/USA-DFW Annual Convention)

2026 DFW Youth English Speech Contest

Back in May! (In-Person)

Build confidence and public speaking skills in a fun, supportive environment. Serving the DFW community for 10+ years, this event welcomes 1st-12th graders.

Contest Details

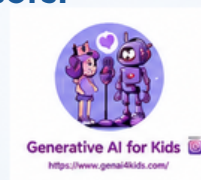
- Who: 1st-12th grade students (DFW area)
- When: Saturday, May 9, 2026 | 12:45-5:00 PM CDT
- Where: UT Dallas JSOM Davidson Auditorium
- Note: Mandatory contestant briefing at 1:35 PM

Registration (online, non-refundable)

- \$10 Early Bird (ends April 30, 2026)
- \$15 Regular (May 1-6, 2026)



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