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Letter from the President

Dear SPE GGS Members + friends,

I'm honored to be your president during the 2018-19 term.

We will continue our efforts to engage with the student chapters through our [mentoring program](#), [networking events](#), [career panel](#), our annual [Education Expo](#) and other events.

Please note that we have switched to a new ticketing system using **Eventbrite**, which should make the whole process much easier. We have early bird tickets for all event and will offer discounts to students, unemployed and retirees. Please check our [google calendar](#) or [website](#) for the latest events.

Is your company or organization interested in **hosting a tour** for our members? Please contact me if you'd like to organize a tour.

In addition, as always if you have any feedback regarding SPE, please contact me directly. I'd love to hear from you! Also, if you are interested in joining the SPE Board of Directors, **we have some vacancies.**

Best regards,

Yanika Schneider

SPE GGS President

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Upcoming Events

[10/24 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Career Panel at SJSU](#)

[11/13 6 pm – 8 pm Networking at EAG](#)

Education Corner



Mentoring Program (Barbeque)

Thank you to the students and professional members who attended our summer BBQ at Alum Rock Park on August 11th! Unfortunately, due to the recent wildfires in Northern CA and high fire danger, we weren't allowed to fire up the BBQ. Instead, we resorted to Plan B: "make your own sandwiches"! We had professional from different fields attend, including a few SJSU alums (undergrad and grad).

We will be reaching out in the coming months for feedback on your experience, and suggestions on future programs. We are relying on your input to help us tailor the program to facilitate great mentoring experiences.



From left to right – Yulia Cao, Syed Rahim, Bruce Prime, Crystal Pereira, Yanika Schneider (SPE GGS President), Hoi Yan (Kennis) Ko, Jennifer Hoffman (SPE GGS Treasurer), and Prasad Raut (SPE GGS Membership Chair)

Membership Corner

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest Membership Chair: **Dr. Prasad Raut.**

Biography

Dr. Raut is currently working as a Scientist- Polymer Applications at Imerys North American R&D center in San Jose. Prasad holds a Ph.D. in Polymer Engineering from The University of Akron, OH. He became an active member of SPE-GGS in 2017 and joined the Board of Directors in June 2018. Prior to becoming a professional member, Dr. Raut attended national SPE technical meetings as student member. Prasad is also a professional member of American Chemical Society (ACS) and past member of American Physical Society (APS) and Materials Research Society (MRS). The primary goal of the membership committee is to maintain and grow SPE-GGS member involvement, and work closely with student SPE chapters in the Bay area universities to engage and support students' interest in the plastics industry.

Why become a Member?

SPE and SPE-GGS local chapter offers membership benefits focused on serving various needs to succeed in the plastics industry. Being a national member makes one automatically a member of SPE-GGS local chapter.

Key SPE-GGS member benefits:

- Access to local technical events and industry tours
- Stronger industry connections with plastics leaders, peers and mentors
- Closer student engagement and one of whom can be your next team member/colleague
- Enhanced plastics knowledge
- Discounted event fees
- Four membership levels are available at SPE: Professional Membership, Young Professional Membership, Student Membership and Emeritus Membership

Membership Link: <https://www.4spe.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3596>

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