



Society of Black Scientists & Engineers

SBSE

Volume No. 3

Issue No. 2

Winter/Spring 2003

SBSE Mission:

To increase the number of culturally responsible Black scientists and engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community.

Dear Mr. President

Many members have contributed to the vitality of SBSE but it takes exceptional leadership to convert such energy into the perseverance of this organization. No matter what the storm, Brandon Moland has been the man behind the scenes to weather this great chapter through this past year of obstacles and achievements. This Sacramento native (home of the Kings) is a graduating senior in mechanical engineering. He has been a devoted member of SBSE/NSBE for the past four years and was a former member of the year. He served as an Exam/Notes Archive



Coordinator on the Academic Excellence Committee his sophomore year and he was Conference Coordinator last year. As coordinator he successfully took approximately 60 members to Nationals in Orlando in 2002. This year he took on the daunting job of presidency.

Immediately following his election, Brandon focused on improvements in the chapter and planted the seeds of growth for SBSE. This year our membership grew to 93 active members and is the largest chapter in the region and 37 people went to Nationals despite financial strains. There were a number of social events including successful Movie Nights and a trip to Gyro's 3D World of Terror with our PCI. We had strong recruiting and representation at activities fairs and other events in the general Stanford community; SBSE's founding father Professor Clayton Bates spoke at the end of fall quarter; we got a new banner and created an SBSE brochure. These are just a few of the many great things that happened to SBSE this year and Brandon was the mastermind behind it all. "He comes off quiet but he is very dedicated to the cause that SBSE and NSBE serve. He had to deal with a lot this year as president, especially with the slow economy, but he pulled it off," said Ugochi Acholonu, Vice President. He also supported the SRC CPC by volunteering at all events and offering his help even at 6 am in the morning. He defines NSBE love and we will miss him and all that he brings to SBSE. Next year he will work for the government in an area of national security. We wish him the best in his career and bright future. Thank you Brandon, for all that you have given to SBSE and done to fulfill the NSBE vision.

SRC@stanford.edu

SBSE hosted the 2003 Spring Regional Conference (SRC) this past February 7th – 9th and it was a virtual success! Well over a hundred participants came from all over the region to experience the last Spring Regional Conference on the glorious Stanford campus, palm trees and all. All workshops and conference events were held on campus while attendees stayed at the Hyatt Rickey's in Palo Alto. Highlights from SRC included: a PCI conference and the regional Try-Math-A-Lon. Along with the usual conference program there were innovative workshop focused on academic, leadership and professional development such as "Is PhD for Me?" presented by Dr. Noe Lozano and Ayodele Thomas. Unique entertainment was provided for both collegiate and alumni with a Chapter Mixer/Open Mic Night at the Coho on the opening night of the conference and an Alumni Social by our advisor Regina Wallace-Jones. And closing session was enriched by words of wisdom from the founder of SBSE, Professor Clayton Bates. Thank you to all the chapter members who volunteered at SRC and represented SBSE. Also special thanks to the CPC Advisor, Regina Wallace-Jones and the Chapter Affairs Advisor John Shaw. Most of all, thanks for a job well done by the dedicated conference planning committee (CPC): Wagahta Semere (Chair), Aqueelah McKinley (Vice-Chair), Michel Kwarteng (Secretary), Darryl Reeves (Treasurer), Phillip Arowosegbe (Facilities), Seyi Akanni (Registration), Kahlil Fitzgerald (Workshops), Joe Sithole (Publicity), John Wartenburg (Webmaster), Macharia Edmonds and Myles Sumlin (PCI), Jasmine Anderson (Entertainment) and Diana Banks (Banquet).

National Convention 2003: A NSBE Affair

It was once again that time of year to head out to Nationals and congregate with the remaining five regions.



The 29th Annual NSBE Nation Convention was held March 19-23 in the sunny location of Anaheim, California. The year's theme this year was "Fulfilling the Vision of Tomorrow." The convention experimented with forums for



general session instead of lectures and focused on sensitive contemporary issues like Affirmative Action (picket signs included for a brief

convention center protest), the Digital Divide and politics within NSBE like an unsuccessful campaign for an autonomous Alumni Extension. Along with the massive career fair and the more modest graduate school fair there were interesting and original workshops such as the



“Guaranteed 4.0 Seminar,” “Aids, Afrika, and Natural Healing,” and “How to Hit the Ground Running.” There were the regular competitions like Undergraduate Students in Technical Research (USTR) and Academic Tech Bowl along with events like Rocketry Launch sponsored by Boeing Co. A new National Executive Board and Regional Executive Boards were elected and sworn into office and there was a enjoyable Officer’s Mixer hosted by IBM. As always, there

was quality entertainment every night like the Comedy Show, Poetry Slam, and of course, those infamous NSBE parties. There was also a surprise



concert from 702 (their big come back) at the end of Closing Extravaganza. Despite the unfortunate timing during finals week, SBSE was still able to roll 37 deep, ranging from freshmen to graduate students, down to Southern California. A special thank you goes to our hard working Conference Coordinator, Phillip Arowosegbe. Phillip overcame the face of financial adversity and maximized



convention possible for this special in the Six to personally attended the making it an for me. It’s the number of attendees, making it SBSE to represent at National Convention House. “I would like thank everyone who conference for enjoyable experience been great organizing conferences for you all and I hope you too have enjoyed them,” said Phillip, but really we should be the ones thanking him. Phillip has worked very hard for SBSE, doing one of the most difficult leadership positions and did a great job getting the chapter to and from conferences in the best way possible while taking into consideration the chapter’s budget. Thanks Phillip!

the number of attendees, making it SBSE to represent at National Convention House. “I would like thank everyone who conference for enjoyable experience been great organizing

Going Once, Going Twice...

The Annual Bachelor/Bachelorette Date Auction had a slightly different flavor this year. It was held during the Spring Regional Conference and thus the crowd was not just the Stanford community with some bay area locals, it was a number of people from all over the west coast. Naturally, Ricker Dinning Hall did not have the capacity to hold that much of a turn out so the venue was moved to Kresge Auditorium. Notorious for crowd pleasing entertainment, there were several attractive participants, and in couple cases they raked in bids over \$100. The fundraiser was a success and SBSE was able to raise enough money to send more PCI to Nationals. Special thanks goes to Brian Mariner for manning the sound system, the three hosts Camille Hearst, Tefferi Brook, Rashieni Taha, the auction participants and buyers and most of all the E-Board for organizing a successful show.

Giving Back: Cultural Responsibility Beyond the Bubble

It's been a great year of service for SBSE. In the fall we left the Stanford bubble to spend a few hours at EPA High, the newest high school in East Palo Alto. Hopefully, the building activity we supervised motivated some students to compete in TECH Challenge 2003 at the San Jose Tech Museum.

In the winter, we welcomed Scott Sillers from the Rainbow PUSH Coalition to our general body meeting. We enjoyed a lively conversation about the Digital Divide and the job market for minorities. And who can forget the battle between Public Enemy and 50 Cent for the title of all-time greatest rappers?! The winter also saw two great community service activities. In a joint effort with SSCLES, we rolled up our sleeves and tidied up the outside area of PLUGGED IN, a local community technology center. A group of us also participated in a mentoring event at the San Jose Tech Museum in celebration of Black History Month.



The spring was no exception for great discussion and service. We heard a few words of wisdom at our general body meeting from Harry McKinley. He shared his advice on entrepreneurship and the importance of diversifying our technical skills. Don't forget: From those to whom much is given, much is expected. Finally, we ended a great year of service by putting on the tightest workshop at the BSU High School Conference!

Next year, look out for long-term volunteer opportunities at the Peninsula Boys and Girls Club, our nearest N.S.B.E. Torch Center . . . Enjoy your summers everyone!

–Aqueelah McKinley

An SBSE MVP



Brian Mariner is more than just a member of this chapter; he sets the standard for dedication and commitment to this organization. A graduating senior majoring in Computer Systems Engineering, Brian will be pursuing his master's degree next year at Purdue University. Brian has been a member of SBSE for the past four years, serving as Publicity Chair his sophomore year and Vice

President last year. But his contributions to the community do not end with SBSE, he has also been the Ujamaa RCC for the past couple years and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha. "Brian has been a dedicated and active participant since he was freshman. He is always willing to DJ an event (even on short notice) and always willing to lend a hand or give support even without being asked." said Ugochi Acholonu, Vice President. Even in his last year, Brian has given his assistance to SBSE like helping to DJ at the SRC Open Mic Night and the Auction, driving a van down to Nationals, attending regular meetings and events and just being there to support the chapter. His presence will be sorely missed and we wish him nothing but the best for the future.

SBSE represents on the REB



Congratulations to our very own Myles Sumlin! He will serve on the 2003 Regional Executive Board as the PCI Chair, keeping Stanford involved in the regional leadership. This sophomore in electrical engineering is from San Diego and worked on the planning of the PCI conference at SRC. He plans to remodel

the PCI structure of Region 6 so expect to see great changes this year from the contributions of this very dedicated SBSE member.

~An Academic Excellence Production~

Congratulations to all the SBSE members that received awards of Superior Academic and Exceptional Academic Achievement at the 2003 Black Community Awards on May 23rd. Big Ups go to Aqueelah McKinley and Lauren McCormick for the special recognition of their high academic standing over multiple consecutive quarters. They were two of six honored for such outstanding achievement. Great job ladies!

A Sneak Peak at Next Year's Leadership

SBSE Election Results 2003

President	Financial Chair
Camille Hearst	Arin Pinto
Vice President	PCI Chair
Wagahta Semere	Miklos Raibon
Secretary	Conference Coordinator
Dawn Black	Theresa Johnson
Academic Excellence	Publicity Chair
Seyi Akanni	Tiffany Dorantes
Programs Chair	Cultural Responsibility
Tiffany White	Ochuko Metitiri
Treasurer	Telecommunications Chair
Victoria Njoku	Aneto Okonkwo
Banquet Coordinator	
Yomi Fashoro	

And finally...

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2003, BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE. Best luck to all of you in your future endeavors.

As for everyone else, have a great summer and good luck next school year. Be sure to stay tuned for more SBSE news and upcoming events in the chapter like FRC 2003 (hosted by UC Riverside) and the 30th Annual National Convention, March 17-21, 2004 in Dallas, Texas.