

F2020-S2021 NEWSLETTER

Hello all,

Whether you are a long-time member of SSSC, a newer Speed School student wanting to learn more, or any friend of the Student Council, welcome! We are happy to have you join us here at Speed.

Over a year has passed since our very idea of school was changed. It has been a year of too many conference calls to count, wifi going out, laptop troubles, submitting pdfs, and many ups and downs with hybrid classes. Even with hope on the horizon in the form of in-person classes returning, it has still been a year of change, and with change comes what seems to be an infinite number of challenges.

However, during this year of infinite challenges, I have seen infinite inspirations. I am sincere when I say that everyone at Speed School: the faculty, staff, and especially the students, have inspired me. The students who continue to balance countless responsibilities on top of classes. The professors who have to work harder than ever before to engage a screen of their students' names instead of a full classroom. The staff whose creativity and drive continue to make Speed School a home for many. It is in the hardships of this year that I have seen the greatest inspiration during my four years here at Speed School.

It is in the most challenging of times when our passions persevere the most. Engineering is not about doing something because it is easy, but rather pursuing a passion regardless of what stands in our way; a passion that can make the world a better place than it was before. Watching my friends, my fellow SSSC Directors, and all Speed students work through the problems of this year has been nothing short of inspiring. To everyone reading this, thank you for inspiring me.

I encourage all of you to continue to bring your innovation, ideas, wonderful personalities, and stories to Speed School in all future semesters. The next semesters will bring their own set of challenges that will push us in different ways, but I know each and every one of you has what it takes to persevere. Continue to reach out to those who need a friend, get involved with one of the wonderful RSOs here at Speed, and pursue your passions with the same unwavering perseverance Speed is known for.

Thank you,
Luke Malone

Student Body President of the Speed School Student Council

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E-EXPO

Engineering Exposition looked a little different this year but still was an awesome experience. E-Expo is an event where students submit competitions, interact with speakers, and get to follow along in neat engineering projects from home. This year we had a record number of competition submissions from the high school division and some phenomenal displays from the elementary school. Overall, the event was so much fun but we are ready to be back in person with students for the March 2022 Engineering Exposition! We love this event because it is a showcase of what Speed School has to offer and a showcase of great engineering.

RE-EXPO

SSSC's Research Exposition kicked off the Fall 2020 semester. This was our first year having Re-Expo virtually but it was still a blast! Re-Expo featured graduate/Ph.D research presentations from faculty and students about their research. Speed School is a major institution focused on engineering research, and SSSC was proud to showcase that!

E-EXPO WINNERS

Rube Goldberg:

Elementary School:

1st - Rishaan

High School:

1st - Ian Mayer

2nd - Adam Howell

3rd - Ethan Smith

Windmill:

Elementary School:

1st - Sree

Middle School:

1st - Laynie & Jasmyne

High School:

1st - Noah Dailey

2nd - Andrew Smith

3rd - Eli Just

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HEALTH PROMOTIONS

SSSC hosted two events with Health Promotions this past year: one in July and one in November. In July, we learned about meditation techniques and how to refocus the mind. A special shoutout goes to Riece Hamilton, who led this event for us. Then, in November, we learned about stress resilience techniques. We learned about breathing exercises and body movements that could help combat the stress that we feel. Thank you to Oliver Sayani and Jaden Whitehead for assisting us with our daily battle against stress! Also, thank you everyone that came out to these events; I hope they were helpful!

DEAN'S FORUM

In October, Dean Collins and Dean DePuy met with Speed School students and answered any questions they had. Some of the topics discussed included the decision to shorten Spring Break, Speed School's anti-racist initiatives, professors learning how to teach online classes, the effects of online classes on engineering students, the Speed technology fee, adjusting class schedules to accommodate those students who work, and Covid-19. While the University is still unsure about the future, they hope to be back to normal in the fall! Thank you to everyone who came out, especially Dean Collins and Dean DePuy!

SODA TAB COLLECTION

Speed School Student Council has been collecting Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. We started this collection back in Fall of 2019, and we are still continuing to collect. Pop tabs are on soda cans, sparkling water cans, and various other beverage cans. If you would like to donate to our collection, please let a SSSC Director know!

FALL PARKING RESOLUTION

This fall, SSSC worked on making a resolution related to parking on campus. We wanted to push for students to have more access to reserved spots after 5pm. This resolution is intended to help students be able to access campus and get involved more easily while ensuring their safety.

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RSO CUP

RSO Cup is campus wide competition to recognize an outstanding Speed School Club or Society that has gone above and beyond in Speed School Student Council Organized Events. The winner of the RSO Cup for this year was AIChE!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Student of the Month for January & February was Aafreen Shaik. Aafreen Shaik was nominated because she has shown a strong interest in involvement with SSSC, and she is currently the only freshmen (to my knowledge) involved with SSSC.

NEW DIRECTORS

Here are the new SSSC Directors for 2021-2022:

- *President: Keeley Slade*
- *Executive Vice President: Oscar Martinez*
- *Operations Vice President: Maddie Back*
- *Services Vice President: Claire Crowley*
- *Director of Finance: Logan Stone*
- *Director of Public Relations: Nicholas Battjes*
- *Director of Society Relations: Aafreen Shaik*
- *Director of Student Activities: Joel George*
- *Director of Student Success: Bryan McLellan*
- *Director of Community Relations: Keegan Tingle*
- *Director of Council Infrastructure: Grant Morgan*