

AIChE's ScaleUp: A Win-Win for Students and Industry

It's not often that a tooth-paste-powered car whizzes by you accompanied by boisterous applause, unless you happen to be at one of AIChE's regional or national Chem-E-Car competitions.



These exciting, high-energy events are made possible by ScaleUp, a program launched in 2007 to strengthen connections between industry and chemical engineering students. Chem-E-Car competitions bring out the best in chemical engineering students, as they compete using chemically-powered model cars of their own design and construction.

The Chem-E-Car competition is only one facet of ScaleUp. The program's corporate sponsors take an active role in engaging and educating the next generation of chemical engineers, with a strong emphasis on process safety. "Our ScaleUp sponsorship is a demonstration of our commitment to and partnership with AIChE and the students," says Cynthia Murphy, a Chevron University Affairs Manager. ScaleUp effectively prepares a new generation of innovative chemical engineering professionals in order to improve and further the industry as a whole.



Through corporate sponsorships, ScaleUp offers free AIChE membership to over 15,000 chemical engineering students at over 160 U.S. and Canadian colleges and universities. Students who are part of the ScaleUp program benefit from internship opportunities provided by sponsor companies and eligibility for more than \$50,000 in scholarships awarded annually through AIChE. Free membership allows students to access *Chemical Engineering Progress* magazine, ChemE On Demand, and a wealth of industry resources through AIChE's eLibrary.



More importantly, subsidized membership is the catalyst for getting students involved in their local chapters, where they are building their technical and leadership skills, networking with industry professionals, and becoming better prepared for their careers.

Chris Lowe, a 2012 University of Massachusetts graduate, says, "The connections that I've made with professionals at the local and national levels helped me to see where I can be in a few years. I've also interacted with my peers from across the country. They're the next



ChemE professionals, and I've started relationships with them now that can help me in my career."

Putting theory into practice

ScaleUp offers a rich variety of programs, from the Chem-E-Car to safety courses and Engineers Without Borders, that bring classroom theory to life. Owen Jappen, a 2011–2012 Stevens Institute of Technology junior and AIChE chapter board member, for example, has helped organize plant tours and trips to local section dinner meetings for Stevens ChemEs. "Initially I thought this would be just a fun thing to do, but then I began meeting and talking to people in industry and seeing what they're learning about and how equipment really works. I think it's important to get beyond a string of equations and symbols on the page," Jappen says.

Owen was active on the Stevens Chem-E-Car team and found it was also a source of practical, hands-on learning. Chem-E-Car teams design and construct chemically-powered vehicles within certain size constraints. As student participants begin to design their cars, they discover the many ways a car can be powered. That toothpaste-powered car, for instance, runs on a hydrogen peroxide and potassium iodide mixture, known as elephant's toothpaste. "Students get creative and try different types of reactions, including fuel cells, the Peltier reaction, or a bio-reaction, such as beef liver and hydrogen peroxide," says Tim Raymond, Associate Professor and AIChE Student Chapter Advisor at Bucknell University.

Getting the car to operate successfully requires more than just a chemical reaction; the students must also learn to work in interdisciplinary teams. "The systems integration of the car design was a new aspect for me. I liked that the Chem-E-Car in-

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Corporate sponsorship of ScaleUp furthers the profession by creating a prepared and responsible workforce. Society will gain a new generation of engineers with a better understanding of industrial process safety, and a renewed respect for the consequences of safety failures. Sponsor companies welcome a talented and innovative group of young professionals to the workplace.

For more information on AIChE ScaleUp, contact Darcy Lorin at darcl@aiiche.org or (646) 495-1398.

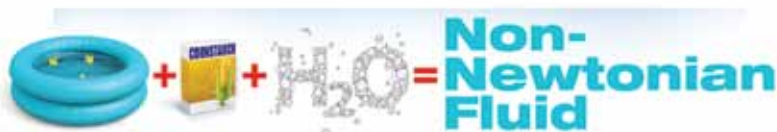
involved working with advisors from different disciplines. For example, when we needed to build a circuit for the car, we had to talk to an electrical engineering professor. We also worked with the machinist at the school to design parts of the car," says Kevin Conner, a 2011–2012 Stevens Institute junior and Chem-E-Car team member.

The Chem-E-Car also helps students understand the importance of safety in industry. "Students learn a lot about safe operation. They need to do job safety assessments and a huge amount of safety paperwork for their cars," says Tim Raymond.

As part of the partnership between ScaleUp and the Center for Chemical Process Safety (CCPS), Safety and Chemical Engineering Education (SACChE) membership has been provided for all undergraduates.

The SACChE program allows students to learn about process safety via interactive material online, and earn a certificate of safety achievement. Since 2008, SACChE has awarded nearly 11,000 certificates to undergraduates who have studied and completed process safety course materials online. "The safety program was a good reference source for me on my summer internship," comments David Monteiro, a 2011–2012 Stevens Institute junior. SACChE also sponsors annual safety awards for the National Student Design Competition and the Chem-E-Car competition.


Chemical engineering students can put classroom learning to work by volunteering with the non-profit Engineers Without Borders (EWB). As EWB volunteers, students apply chemical engineering methods to the most critical humanitarian problems



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—Victoria Baldwin, Stevens Institute student

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Building a professional network

AIChE's campus-based chapters offer students many opportunities to get to know their peers in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. The Stevens Institute chapter, for instance, ran an event that created a big on-campus buzz. Victoria Baldwin, a 2011–2012 junior and chapter board member, explains, "We filled a baby pool with corn starch and water. This mix forms a non-Newtonian fluid — like quicksand — so you can run across

it without sinking, but if you stand still, you sink. We held contests and even gave out Fig Newtons."

Students can network with their peers by organizing a regional student conference. Victoria Baldwin and Owen Jappen were on the Stevens student committee that organized AIChE's 2012 Mid-Atlantic Regional Student Conference. Held on the Stevens campus, the conference had over 20 schools registered with over 250 student attendees, and required many hours of planning and organizing. Says Victoria, "We accomplished a lot with a small group of students. I'm really proud of what we did."

Christina Delago, a 2011–2012 Stevens sophomore, helped plan the

conference's closing banquet. "I've made such good friends through AIChE and I really enjoyed working with them on the conference," says Christina. "And attending the event was a great networking opportunity."

Students also value networking with professionals from AIChE's 100+ local professional sections. "When I had the opportunity to meet professionals, I got to see what the work environment was like. It also gave me an established network for my career," says Owen Jappen. Adds Kevin Conner, "As a 20 year old, it was interesting for me to talk to a more senior person, who was also interested in seeing what I was learning and how things are changing."

Social media and the ChEnected

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online community provide still more opportunities for students to connect, especially with young professionals. David Monteiro is one of the many students, for example, who follow ChEnected on Facebook. “The site helps me learn about different fields and see what’s new in the discipline,” says David.

David is also the chair of AIChE’s Executive Student Committee (ESC). He works closely with Michelle Marsnick, AIChE’s Undergraduate Student Program Lead, to enhance communications among national and international chapters. As part of this effort, he is helping to develop a student chapter website, which will make information sharing among chapters easier. “One challenge for chapters is getting speakers to come in. The new website will be interactive, and will help the chapters share speaker information and other best practices,” he says.

Developing leadership skills

It did not take long for Chris Lowe to get hooked on AIChE. The UMASS chapter was hosting the regional conference in his freshman year, and it was looking for help with conference planning and logistics. He volunteered, worked closely with chapter leadership, and held responsibility for its \$13,000 budget. The conference was successful, and he moved on to a chapter leadership position as treasurer the next year.

“Your ChemE training is very technical; but outside of group projects, you don’t work with a team or develop interpersonal skills,” Chris points out. “My AIChE involvement was a huge part of developing my own management style. It was a good hands-on approach. You definitely learn to work with people you may not like, but you have to work together to do chapter programming.”

Chris also helped Arjun Gopalratnam, AIChE’s Young Professional

and International Program Lead, run the 2012 Student Leadership Development Conference (SLDC), which is a one-day conference with the goal of sharpening student leadership skills. “Arjun and I moderated a role-playing workshop that focused on the different personalities you work with in the chapter. Managing volunteers and especially managing peers is not easy at any level,” says Chris. “In this exercise, five students ran a mock executive board meeting. They’d role-play, and then we’d ask ‘What just happened here?’ We built on student feedback and got everyone discussing, thinking, and strategizing.”

Companies that hire chemical engineers also see the value in the leadership experience gained by participating in AIChE student chapters. “I recruit engineers for Chevron’s internships and full-time positions and one of the areas I always ask students about is leadership. What matters to me is not whether a student has had a large leadership role or not, but rather that the student has had some leadership experience as opposed to just having an opinion about leadership,” says Cynthia Murphy. “AIChE provides many leadership opportunities within the student chapters, with the options ranging from formal leadership positions such as club officers to simply taking on a small task — and everything in between.”

Gaining a competitive edge

As technology continues to accelerate at breakneck speed, the demand for chemical engineers shows no signs of decreasing. Companies need to hire the best and brightest if they expect to keep their competitive edge, and the ScaleUp program plays a role in making that happen. “New challenges in materials, clean energy, environment, health and safety, and more, await the next

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Students know that their involvement in AIChE is crucial to building and honing their own professional edge, as many ScaleUp sponsor companies offer internship opportunities to undergraduates.

Participation in AIChE’s regional and national student conferences also helps students gain an edge. At these conferences, students can participate in the Chem-E-Car competitions, attend paper and poster sessions, and have some fun by playing ChemE Jeopardy. Conferences may also offer presentations on wealth management or applying to graduate school.

Victoria Baldwin had the opportunity to participate in an annual student conference soon after she became involved in AIChE. “I presented research at the conference poster session on antireflective films for photovoltaic cells,” she says. “I had the opportunity to present to judges and professors who were there for the conference.”

Victoria and Owen Jappen offered a workshop for students called

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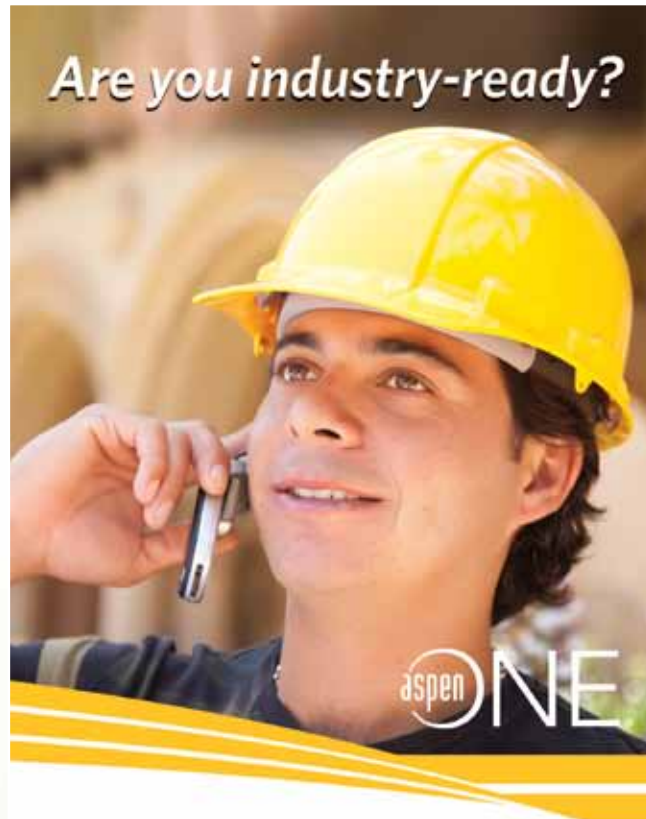
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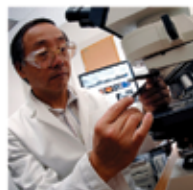
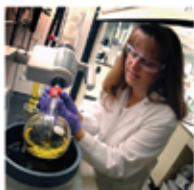


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Looking toward the future

Becoming involved in AIChE as a student has a long-term payoff for both the individual and the ChemE profession. "After I got my PhD, I returned to Bucknell, where I'd been involved in AIChE as an undergraduate," says Tim Raymond, who became not only Bucknell's Student Chapter Advisor and active in the Chem-E-Car competition, but also the Mid-Atlantic Regional AIChE Liaison and a Chair of the local professional section for six years.

David Monteiro is planning on staying active in AIChE and already thinking about what he can give back to an organization that has provided so many opportunities for his peers and himself. "I plan to remain involved with AIChE after I graduate. I'm going to love being the professional mentor, and give back to AIChE," says David. Chris Lowe agrees, "I'll stay involved as a Young Professional or as a YP member working with the students." ■



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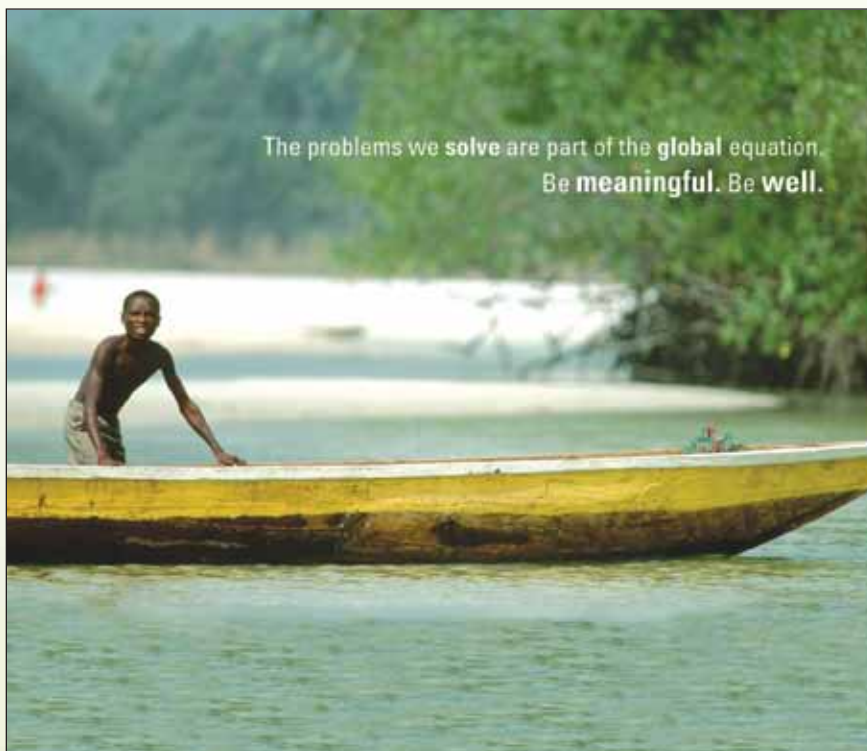
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