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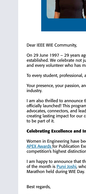
WIE Exchange

July 2026

Leadership Insights



Dear IEEE WIE Community,

On 29 June 1997 – 29 years ago – IEEE Women in Engineering was formally established. We celebrate not just an anniversary, but every member, every ally, and every volunteer who has made this community what it is.

To every student, professional, and volunteer – you belong here.

Your presence, your passion, and your perseverance are transforming our industry.

I am also thrilled to announce that the IEEE WIE Ambassador Program is now open for applications. Ambassadors are the heartbeat of WIE – they advocate, connect, and lead locally – embodying WIE's mission and values while growing their own skills and opportunity and beyond. We would love for you to be part of it.

Celebrating Excellence and Impact

Women in Engineering have been honored with four awards in the 34th annual APEX Awards for Publication Excellence, including a Grand Award, the competition's highest distinction, and 3 Awards of Excellence.

I am happy to announce that the IEEE WIE Distinguished Volunteer and Mentor of the month is Parvi Joshi, who received the IEEE WIE Global Tech Marathon held during WIE Day.

Best regards,

Dr. Winnie Ho
Chair, IEEE Women in Engineering

Read the Full Chair's Message

IEEE WIE Shines with Four APEX Awards in 2026

IEEE WIE proudly celebrates one Grand Award and three Awards of Excellence for outstanding achievements in publications and communications.

Grand Award

- Women to Watch (WIE Magazine, December 2025 issue

Awards of Excellence:

- Upskill & Reskill – Webinars & Presentations.
- IEEE WIE LinkedIn Campaigns – Social Media
- Women in Engineering Magazine – Architecting Resilience and Reinvention

IEEE WIE Magazine

IEEE WIE Upskill & Reskill Webinar Series

IEEE WIE LinkedIn

These honors highlight WIE's commitment to innovation, leadership, and inspiration across global platforms.

IEEE WIE Distinguished Volunteer and Mentor

This spring highlights a dedicated WIE volunteer who is well known for his/her notable contribution to IEEE WIE.

Featuring Parvi Joshi, 2026 IEEE WIE Global Tech Marathon Lead and Data Engineering Manager at AWS

When asked how her experience with IEEE WIE shaped her career and personal growth, Joshi responded, "Organizing the Global AI Tech Marathon gave me the opportunity to influence and lead folks beyond my own work organization. This strengthened my professional profile and experience."

- "Mentorship bridges raw potential and realized success. Young professionals often have strong technical skills but lack guidance on navigating organizations and translating work into impact."

Read the Full Feature

Professional Development

Career-Focused Webinar

Title: Embrace the Evolution: Using Fast Technology Advances to get Ahead of the AI Curve

Presenter: Chad Kidder, The Americas and Europe EDA Services Manager at Keysight technologies and an active IEEE volunteer

Abstract: The webinar will explore how historical innovation cycles can guide effective AI adoption, support career resilience, and help professionals navigate emerging technology trends. Participants will gain perspective on how to stay competitive in a rapidly evolving landscape.

- 5 August 2026, 11 AM EDT

Register - Fees for all

The 2026 IEEE WIE Big Idea Pitch Competition is Accepting Proposals.

Whether you're an innovator, entrepreneur, or student with a vision, bring your AI-powered startup idea to life and pitch solutions that tackle real-world challenges.

- Proposals Close: 19 July 2026
- Finalist Presentations: 3–4 August 2026 (10 AM EDT)

Submit Your Proposals

July Podcast Episode – Money, Power, and Purpose: Redefining Financial Freedom for Women

Build financial confidence with insights from Caroline Sees on navigating life transitions, overcoming financial myths, preparing for the unexpected, and creating long-term stability—plus lessons from her journey building an independent, purpose-driven advisory practice.

- **Guest:** Caroline Sees, Leading Financial Advisor and Certified Divorce Financial Analyst
- **Host:** LaShonda Julien
- Available wherever you stream your podcasts.

Listen/Download

Announcements

Submit Your Entries for the IEEE WIE Day Photo Contest

IEEE WIE Affinity Groups and Student Branch Affinity Groups are invited to submit ONLY ONE photo to the 2026 WIE Day Photo Contest, regardless of how many WIE Day events your group has hosted.

The prize will be awarded to the winning IEEE WIE Affinity Group or IEEE WIE Student Branch Affinity Group, not to an individual.

- Submission closes: 14 July 2026. Entries received after the entry period are void.
- Public Voting Opens: 17 July 2026
- Public Voting Closes: 31 July 2026
- Prize: US $500

Submit Your Photos

Earn Your 2026 WIE Day Badge

Steps to Earn a Badge

- Step 1: Look for the specifically labeled post, "Earn the Badge" – WIE Day, in the comment field, post an image of your WIE Day event (screenshots are acceptable) along with the name of your Affinity Group/Student Branch Affinity Group.
- Step 2: Look for the specifically labeled post, "Join the Mission" – IEEE WIE Day Badge, and solve the Rébus-cher puzzle.
- All badge earners will be entered into a drawing in August, and 5 winners will be selected randomly to receive WIE-branded merchandise.

Earn the WIE Day Badge

Be part of the 2026 global IEEE WIE STAR Program, taking place from 15 September to 31 October!

- IEEE WIE Affinity Groups worldwide are invited to organize inspiring STEM outreach activities under the theme "Artificial Intelligence in Action: Shaping Young Innovators for Tomorrow."

Learn More & Access Resources

Early-Bird Registration Now Open for the 2026 IEEE International Leadership Conference

This conference brings global leaders to Budapest on 3–4 October 2026 to explore Evolution: Advancing Leadership Across Generations.

- Through cross-generational dialogue, mentorship, and innovation, the IEEE WIE Conference aims to accelerate growth and redefine modern leadership.

Register Now

IEEE Member Group Insurance Program

Everyday Support for Women in Engineering: How the IEEE Member Discounts Program Helps

Women in engineering often manage multiple priorities—advancing their education, purchasing tools for their work, supporting families, and handling household expenses. The IEEE Member Discounts Program helps ease these pressures by offering ongoing daily savings on products and services that support both home and workplace needs.

- Members can access discounts, where available, on computers, shipping, and appliances.

Learn More

WIE Highlights

- **Explore** hands-on STEM activities inspired by the WIE manga stories available on the Tadpoleering website.
- Explore & Get Involved: What happens when 11,500+ Community Participants connect in one global space? IEEE WIE Day 2026 brings the WIE Global Network on CollaborateTM to life, where Affinity Groups showcase and amplify impact through WIE Day Photo Contests, badges, and worldwide visibility. **Explore the Community**
- Tune in to our **podcasts** for inspiring STEM insights on careers, balance, and growth.
- Invite a **Distinguished Lecturer** and/or an **Industry Expert** to virtually speak at the Affinity and Student Branch Affinity Group events.
- Become an **IEEE Senior Member**
- **Tune In to the WIE Channel** on IEEE.tv to view the recordings of the past webinars.
- **Donate** to IEEE WIE Fund of the IEEE Foundation.

MGA News

Now Accepting Nominations for 2027 MGA Committee Member Positions!

The IEEE Member and Geographic Activities Member Grade Appointments Committee is seeking candidates for 2027 Committee Member positions.

Members are encouraged to nominate colleagues for the Regional by 1 August 2026. Committees offer meaningful and help strengthen MGA through meaningful volunteer leadership.

Submit Nomination

News & Highlights From Other IEEE Units

- Second Meet the 2027-IEEE-President Elect Candidates Forum. **Register.**
- IEEE Women - Micro Volunteering Opportunity - Practice Registration Now Open. **Register.**
- **IEEE Launches Elite Masterclass to Train the Next Generation** of AI Ethics Leaders. **Learn More.**
- IEEE AgriTech Global Dataset Competition Now Open. Deadline: 30 September. Cash awards to top winners. **Submit.**
- IEEE Metaverse Grand Challenge for Simulation-Based Learning. Deadline: 15 August. **Submit your projects.**
- 2026 IEEE Metaverse Symposium - **Share your Emerging Ideas.** Deadline: 31 July.
- Ing Thrilene 2026. **Join** engineers, innovators, and emerging leaders for two days of career-shaping insights, leadership development, and future-focused conversations.
- IEEE TryEngineering - Now **Early Childhood Collection** introduces young learners (ages 4–7) to engineering through play, education, and hands-on problem-solving.

IEEE WIE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STATS

Data As of June 2026

- **Total WIE Members:** 43,200 | YoY Change: 3.0%
- **Student Members:** 31,470 | YoY Change: 1.8%
- **Graduate Student Members:** 11,730 | YoY Change: 2.3%
- **Higher Grade Members:** 8,094 | YoY Change: 8.2%

WIE Affinity Groups Worldwide: 241 | YoY Increase: 9.46%
WIE Student Branch Affinity Groups Worldwide: 1,727 | YoY Increase: 12.36%

IEEE MEMBER RESOURCES

- **Download Your IEEE Certificates**: IEEE volunteers and members can now easily access personalized digital certificates for Society Memberships, IEEE Membership, and volunteering roles directly through IEEE CollabraTec. Perfect for portfolios and resumes.
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