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Welcome to the new school year, SWENexters! Hope everyone had a fun summer and are geared up for an exciting and adventurous year ahead. At the end of June, there were 2,894 SWENext members, and another 1,691 who have already graduated from high school. That brings our all-time total of SWENexters to 4,585. Thank you all for being a part of this wonderful journey.

I am Sarita Kuppili, and I have the honor of being the editor of the SWENext Newsletter for this school year. Throughout the year, I am looking forward to sharing various STEM topics, introducing field experts and wonderful SWENexters, and announcing exciting opportunities from around the world.

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### Just Another Reason to be an Engineer

Sarita is a long-term SWE member and a Mechanical Engineer – find out how she got there, the type of projects she’s working on, and how you can #BeThatEngineer on [SWE's All Together Blog](#).



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Register for Invent it. Build it.

Get ready for SWE's Annual Conference, WE17, and its signature [Invent it. Build it.](#) event for students in grades 6-12. There's also programming for parents and educators at Invent it. Build it. The event takes place on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Austin Convention Center. We hope to see you there!



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G.I.R.L 2017, in Columbus Ohio



For three days, girls will dominate Columbus, Ohio, and SWE will be there partnering with Girl Scouts! From October 6-8, G.I.R.L. 2017 will draw more than 10,000 of the brightest, toughest and most capable girls and women in the world for an event that only comes once every three years!

SWE members will be on panels, talk at campfire presentations, and will be in the Hall of Experiences at booth #629. If you are interested and would like to be part of this epic event, [visit here to learn more about registration.](#)

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SWENext Engineering Challenge with a Chance to Win a Freebie

This month's engineering activity prompts us to think about how our lunchboxes keep our food cool throughout the day as you head back to school. The PBS Design Squad is asking students to insulate their very own lunchboxes that will keep popsicles, or anything else you may have in the freezer, frozen over time. Watch the video for design inspiration, and check out the [instructions](#) on how to do the activity.



This year, SWENext is asking students to share their results of the monthly challenge (with a picture and 2 to 3 line description). Each month, a lucky winner will be selected from the submissions to win SWENext SWAG. Don't miss the chance! All it takes is a few minutes and a fantastic picture. Please email your entries to [swenext@swe.org](mailto:swenext@swe.org) by September 20.



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