



# SWENext High School Leadership Academy (SHLA)

Tentative Agenda: WE Conference and Year-Round Program

Pre-WE20 (Year-Round)		
Monday, July 13	4:00-4:45 PM CT	<b>Techniques for Advocating for Yourself</b> <i>Speaker: Gisella Lamas</i>
Thursday, August 6	6:00-6:45 PM CT	<b>College Considerations</b> <i>Speakers: Elizabeth Heyde, Vidhya Thiyagarajan, Maya Rozenshteyn</i>
Thursday, August 13	6:00-6:45 PM CT	<b>Resumes and Letters of Recommendation</b> <i>Speake: Kristin Abele</i>
Thursday, August 20	6:00-6:45 PM CT	<b>College Essays and the Common Application</b> <i>Speakers: Kristine Loh, Julia Hines, Bekah Travis</i>
Thursday, August 27	6:00-6:45 PM CT	<b>Scholarships and Financial Aid</b> <i>Speakers: Lisa Woodward, Marcia Travis</i>
Monday, September 21	6:00-7:00 PM CT	<b>SWENext Connect: College Considerations</b> The SWENext Connect program provides SWENext students with the opportunity to establish a safe, positive relationship with peers and SWE members.
SHLA WE Programming: October 19-23		
Monday, October 19	6:00-6:30 PM CT	<b>SHLA Virtual Kick-off</b> Join fellow SHLA attendees and your SHLA moderator for an interactive networking session to begin the SHLA program. SHLA students should come prepared to meet other students, play a fun game and share a little bit about themselves.
Monday-Tuesday, October 19-20	N/A	<b>Video introductions</b> Students will be asked to upload 30-second videos to introduce themselves to the SHLA class of 2020!
Tuesday, October 20	6:00-7:00 PM CT	<b>Fireside Chat: Resilience, Career Pathways and STEMinism</b> <i>Speakers: Speakers Tara Ruttley and Ayonnah Tinsley</i>  In this fireside chat, NASA scientist Tara Ruttley and high school author Ayonnah Tinsley will interview each other on topics including but not limited to self-confidence as a woman in STEM, challenges and resilience required to pursue STEM as a career, career paths in STEM and engineering and resources available to pursue an education in STEM. Tara will share her experience as a woman who achieved a childhood dream to work for NASA, and Ayonnah will offer advice as a young woman experiencing the academic world of STEM for the first time. Students are encouraged to submit their questions beforehand and participate in the live discussion via Zoom!
Wednesday, October 21	6:00-7:00 PM CT	<b>Exploring Career Pathways</b> <i>Speakers: SWE Partners</i>  There are limitless career options for high school students who are interested in STEM subjects. But how do you choose a career path? What factors are important when thinking about your STEM future? Join a panel of engineers to ask questions about their jobs, passions, interests and just what it is that they do every day.



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SHLA WE Programming: October 19-23 (cont.)		
Thursday, October 22	6:00-6:45 PM CT	<p><b>Leading from the Passenger Seat: Practicing Leadership Skills at Every Level</b> <i>Speaker: Linnita Hosten</i></p> <p>Most students believe that leadership = leading from the front of the line. However, for high school students and rising college freshmen, these leadership positions are not always available. The good news is that you don't need to be in charge of a club or organization to practice effective leadership. In this session, Linnita Hosten will discuss how student leaders can display healthy and inclusive leadership when they lead alongside other leaders – a concept that is affectionately known as the Passenger Seat</p>
Thursday, October 22	6:50-7:30 PM CT	<p><b>SWENext Connect: Leadership Skills for College</b></p> <p>The SWENext Connect program provides SWENext students with the opportunity to establish a safe, positive relationship with peers and SWE members.</p>
Friday, October 23	6:00-6:30 PM CT	<p><b>Networking with Fellow SHLAs: Reflect and Recap</b></p> <p>Join fellow SHLA attendees and your SHLA moderator to reflect on what you have learned during the WE SHLA program.</p>
WE20 Annual Conference: October 26-November 13 (SHLA students will receive WE20 registration and recommended sessions for high schoolers)		
Thursday, November 12	6:00-6:30 PM CT	<p><b>SHLA Graduation Ceremony: Reflect and Recap</b></p> <p>2020 SHLA students are invited to a special Graduation Ceremony where they will reflect on lessons learned from the SHLA and WE20 virtual programs.</p>
Thursday, November 12	6:30-7:00 PM CT	<p><b>SWENext Award Winner Pizza Party</b></p> <p>FY20 SWENext Award Winners are invited to a virtual pizza party where they will connect with fellow award winners. Pizza will be provided by SWE.</p>
Post-WE20 (Year-Round)		
Tuesday, January 12	6:00-7:30 PM CT	Empowering Others through STEM
Tuesday, March 9	6:00-7:30 PM CT	College Advisor Panel - What to Expect as an Engineering Major
Tuesday, May 11	6:00-7:30 PM CT	Checking Your Bias: How To Promote An Inclusive SWENext Community

