



SWENext High School Leadership Academy (SHLA)

Tentative Agenda: WE Conference and Year-Round Program

Year-Round: July to September		
Monday, July 13	4:00-4:45 PM CT	Techniques for Advocating for Yourself <i>Speaker: Gisella Lamas</i>
Thursday, August 6	6:00-6:45 PM CT	College Considerations <i>Speakers: Elizabeth Heyde, Vidhya Thiyagarajan, Maya Rozenshteyn</i>
Thursday, August 13	6:00-6:45 PM CT	Resumes and Letters of Recommendation <i>Speake: Kristin Abele</i>
Thursday, August 20	6:00-6:45 PM CT	College Essays and the Common Application <i>Speakers: Kristine Loh, Julia Hines, Bekah Travis</i>
Thursday, August 27	6:00-6:45 PM CT	Scholarships and Financial Aid <i>Speakers: Lisa Woodward, Marcia Travis</i>
Monday, September 21	6:00-7:00 PM CT	SWENext Connect: College Considerations (Not available as an on-demand recording) The SWENext Connect program provides SWENext students with the opportunity to establish a safe, positive relationship with peers and SWE members.
SHLA October-November Cohort		
Monday, October 19	6:00-6:30 PM CT	SHLA Virtual Kick-off 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.
Tuesday, October 20	6:00-7:00 PM CT	Fireside Chat: Resilience, Career Pathways and STEMinism <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!



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SHLA October-November Cohort (cont.)

Wednesday, October 21	6:00-7:00 PM CT	<p>Exploring Career Pathways <i>Speakers: SWE Partners</i></p> <p>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.</p>
Thursday, October 22	6:00-6:45 PM CT	<p>Leading from the Passenger Seat: Practicing Leadership Skills at Every Level <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>SWENext Connect: Leadership Skills for College <i>(Not available as an on-demand recording)</i></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>Networking with Fellow SHLAs: Reflect and Recap <i>(Not available as an on-demand recording)</i></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 Sessions for High Schoolers: October 26-November 13 (SHLA students will receive access to view sessions from the WE20 Virtual Conference.)

Thursday, November 12	6:00-6:30 PM CT	<p>SHLA Graduation Ceremony: Reflect and Recap</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>SWENext Award Winner Pizza Party <i>(Not available as an on-demand recording)</i></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>

Year-Round: January to May

Tuesday, February 16	6:00-7:30 PM CT	<p>Drive, Like A Girl <i>Speaker: Linnita Hosten</i></p> <p>Women leaders are irrational, emotional, and indecisive. That's what the "world" says. We know that not everything the "world" says is true. But is that statement true to your</p>
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		leadership style? Do you find yourself struggling to manage your emotions when dealing with issues in a team environment? Join us for this session that will help you sharpen your leadership skills.
Tuesday, March 15	5:00-6:00 PM CT	Careers in Public Safety <i>Speaker(s): Motorola Foundation Panel</i> Have you ever wondered what engineers working in public safety do? Join us for an engaging discussion with a diverse panel of Motorola Solutions employees to learn about an interesting sector of STEM & public safety. Find out what careers are possible and what students can do to obtain those careers.
Tuesday, April 13	5:00-6:30 PM CT	Conflict Transformation - Navigating Disagreements to Create Deeper Connections <i>Speaker: Laurie Ramsey</i> STEM-focused high school girls face conflict in their lives, from peer pressure to derision and belittling from males. When most of us are in the center of a conflict, our fight or flight instincts kick in and we either prepare to stand our ground and fight or we run away from the conflict. Learn how to transform a conflict by increasing mutual understanding, getting to the root of the disagreement, shifting the focus to the present and future and listening and investing in the relationship.
Tuesday, May 11	5:00-6:30 PM CT	Checking Your Bias: How To Promote An Inclusive SWENext Community <i>Speaker(s): SWE Board of Directors: President Heather Doty, Special Director Rose-Margaret Ekeng-Itua, Treasurer Lindsey Roberts McKenzie and Senate Speaker Alexis McKittrick</i> Did you know we all have biases? While most of our biases are unconscious or implicit, many of us act upon them daily in our interactions with others. Whether we are aware of it or not, it often dictates how we treat others and can be harmful if not addressed appropriately. Join the SWE Board of Directors to discuss the challenges of biases, ways to mitigate the negative effects and tools to support a diverse, culturally responsive community!
Tuesday, June 15	6:00-7:30 PM CT	SWENext Connect <i>Speaker(s): Markita Riley & SWE Partners & Committee Volunteers</i> Searching for an opportunity to build your network and get advice on how to find success in pursuing a career in engineering or computer science? Join this mentoring session where SWENext students have the opportunity to establish a safe, positive relationship with peers and SWE members.

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