

WEECS Newsletter

Women in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

WEECS Events this Month

- ◆ Thursday October 2, 4pm-5pm in HEC 101: Resume Workshop and Mock Interviews
- ◆ Friday October 3, 4pm-5pm in HEC 356: Board of Director's Meeting
- ◆ Friday October 3, 7pm-9pm in ENG2 105: Cookies & Code
- ◆ Monday October 6, 6pm-7pm in CSB1 220: Meeting for Grace Hopper attendees
- ◆ October 7-11: Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Engineering
- ◆ Friday October 17, 4pm-5pm in HEC 356: Board of Director's Meeting
- ◆ Friday October 17, 7pm-9pm at UCF Observatory: Stargazing
- ◆ Monday October 20, 6:30pm-7pm in ENG2 302: Grace Hopper Informational Event
- ◆ Tuesday October 21, 9am-4pm in the Engineering Atrium: Bake Sale
- ◆ Friday October 31, 4pm-5pm in HEC 356: Board of Director's Meeting

EECS Events

At UCF

- ◆ Wednesday October 8, 4:30pm-5:30pm in Colbourn Hall: How It Works For You - Networking Techniques
- ◆ Monday October 20, 2:30pm-4pm in the Student Union: Ms. Carol Wick - Successful Women Seminar Series
- ◆ Wednesday October 22, 11am-12pm at Career Services: Take the Lead: Leadership Skills from Campus to Career
- ◆ Thursday October 30, 4pm-5pm at Career Services: Successful Interviewing

In The Orlando Area

- ◆ Tuesday October 7, 7:30pm at Scan Design, Altamonte Springs: Orlando Mac Monthly Meetup
- ◆ Wednesday October 8, 1pm-2pm at New Horizons Computer Learning: Central Florida Computer Society SIG on Security, Microsoft Access, and Microsoft Office
- ◆ Saturday October 11, 12pm at Melrose Center, Orlando Public Library: Orlando Robotics & Makers Club Meeting

Women In the Field

5 women in tech share the best and worst advice they've ever received, by Samantha Cole.

The Best Advice:

Hold high standards. Bo Ren, product manager at Facebook, says mentor Ken Ebbitt urged her to become the "go-to person" for challenging problems in the company. "He told me the way I hold myself, speak, write, and walk shapes how others perceive me," she says. "You should always hold yourself to the standard of the person you want to be."

Remember why you got into it. Many entrepreneurs today want to make a difference more than they want six-figure salaries.

"Technologists aim to enhance lives," Jagerson says. "To that end, my advice: Relentlessly seek to make the user's life better. To do this well, learn how to deeply understand their unmet needs."

Hush the voices. The best entrepreneurship advice Elisa Jagerson, CEO and owner of Speck Design, ever received was from her grandfather, a hall-of-fame quarterback. He

said, "There is a voice inside you that will tell you that you are not good enough, prepared enough, or worthy enough to fulfill your dreams. Quiet that voice."

The Advice Worth Ignoring:

Wait around for your moment. The worst advice Tara Syed Williams, business analyst at Pinterest, has ever heard? "Just wait."

"Great opportunities come to those who do more than what is asked of them," says Williams. "Be curious and ask for context around decisions

and work that falls on your plate."

Keep your head down. "Be a good foot soldier," someone told Ren when she raised questions about her path. Staying content to be a cog in the system wasn't true with her ambitions: "The statement discouraged me from pursuing other opportunities in the company. So glad I ignored it."

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Scholarships and Opportunities

- ◆ Breakthrough Technologies Scholarship - Current Junior or Senior studying micro and/or nano technologies. Due date: Sept 15th - Oct 31st 2014. finaid.ucf.edu/scholarships/
- ◆ Palantir Scholarship for Women in Engineering - Undergraduate women who have completed one academic year in a STEM field. Due date: December 31, 2014. www.palantir.com/college/scholarship/
- ◆ Computer Science and Computer Engineering Academic Award - Must be pursuing a degree in computer science/engineering with a minimum of 30 semester hours still to be completed. Due date: April 1st, 2015. education-portal.com/pages/Computer_Science_Academic_Scholarship.html

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