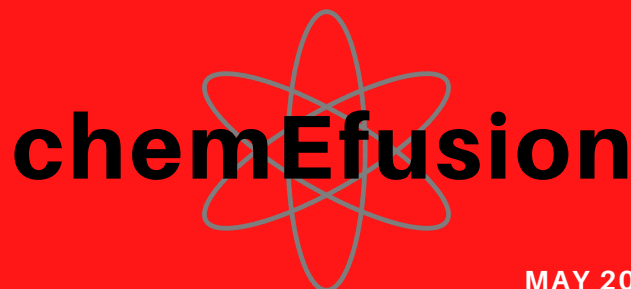




Pictured: Fatima Rizwan, Essa Almutar, Andy Shahidehpour, Mohammad Reza Askari, Mahmoud Abdel-Latif



MAY 2021 | VOL 1



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Fatima Rizwan

Hello readers! Congratulations on surviving a tumultuous year. Our lives turned upside down, yet we made it! So, let's pat ourselves on the back as we walk into a new academic year.

Through the pandemic, GSA continued to fulfill our promise. Virtual events felt odd and took a moment to adjust to, but it happened. Thank you to all our attendees, we are grateful for your continued support and enthusiasm. Also, a big shout out to my team, who went beyond themselves to overcome the numerous challenges we faced while planning the events, everything would have been impossible without their effort and dedication. In the upcoming year, we promise to go out of our way to make everyone's time at ChBE as memorable as possible. A special thanks to our amazing faculty and staff, you are the backbone of ChBE and we are honored to work alongside you and constantly learn from you!

This newsletter is as special as the past academic year was, and I hope you enjoy every bit of it!

In this newsletter:

Message from the President

Page 1

Mission Statement

Page 2

Fall 2020 - Spring 2021 Events

Page 2 & 3

GSA Members List

Page 4

GSA MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission as the Graduate Student Association (GSA) of the Chemical and Biological Engineering Department is to create a community of fellow graduate students, promote interaction of graduate students with each other and with faculty members, improve the overall experience of ChBE graduate students and help graduate students develop professional skills through interactions with alumni at various periods of their careers."

EVENTS

The 2020-2021 COVID-19 lockdown challenged the GSA to find creative ways to host virtual events. We organized evening social activities and game nights throughout the year for undergraduate and graduate students in the department to unwind and have some fun. We also held three programming workshops in MATLAB, hosted by Professor Mudassir Rashid, and Python, hosted by GSA members Andy Shahidehpour and Essa Almutar. Keep in touch for more upcoming social and professional events!

Fall 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
-09/11	Cocktails and games night
-10/01	MATLAB tutorial
-10/02	Game night
-10/15	Python workshop part 1
-10/22	Python workshop part 2

Spring 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
-02/08	Meet the ChBE department
-04/30	Fare-thee-well class of 2021

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ChBE
PRESENTS

COCKTAIL
& GAMES
NIGHT

GET YOUR FAVORITE DRINK AND JOIN US
A FUN SESSION OF JACKBOX!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH 7 P.M.

Virtual: <https://meet.google.com/kbi-atga-jwu>

GSA

GSA ChBE at Illinois Tech

PRESENTS
GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY
October 2, 2020
7:00 PM
Google Meet

<https://meet.google.com/dju-hjmm-doj>

Game controller icon

MATLAB WORKSHOP PART II

GSA
ChBE at Illinois Tech



Presenter-Mudassir Rashid

Thursday, Oct 1

12:50 PM - 1:40 PM

<https://meet.google.com/fqs-pejy-kgw>

GSA
ChBE at Illinois Tech



Python
Programming

PART 1

PRESENTERS - ANDY & ESSA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

12:50pm-1:40pm

<http://meet.google.com/anx-vscj-ckp>



**GSA
PRESENTS**

Meet The ChBE Department

Spend an unforgettable evening with
the faculty and the students of
ChBE

FEBRUARY 8TH, 2020

3:30PM

VIRTUAL

GSA
ChBE at Illinois Tech



GSA
ChBE at Illinois Tech

GSA & AIChE Presents

FARE-THEE-WELL CLASS OF 2021

SPEND AN UNFORGETTABLE
EVENING WITH THE
FACULTY AND THE
STUDENTS OF CHBE, ONE
LAST TIME.

Friday, April 30th || 4:00 PM
virtual



Spring 2021 GSA Executive Board

Fatima Rizwan	President
Sandra De La Torre	Vice President
Andrew Shahidehpour	Historian
Essa Almutar	Treasurer
Ogechi Chinenye Okocha Rufus (Spring 2021 Graduate MAS/PHEG)	Liaison
Ahmad Ijaz	Secretary
Katarzyna Kosierb	Graphic Designer

Prior GSA Executive Boards

Spring 2020

Shubhada Mahesh Khanvilkar (Spring 2020 Graduate MAS-ChE)	President
Essa Almutar (Spring 2020 Graduate MAS-ChE, pursuing PhD-ChE)	Treasurer
Ogechi Chinenye Okocha Rufus	Secretary
Ahmad Ijaz	Asst. to Secretary
Katarzyna Kosierb	Asst. to Advertising Coordinator
Sandra De La Torre	Advertising Coordinator
Andrew Shahidehpour (Fall 2019 Graduate BS-ChEM/MAS ChE, pursuing PhD-ChE)	Historian

Spring 2019

Fernando Borges	President
Sofia Garcia Fracaro	Vice-President of Events
Riya Narjari	Asst. Vice-President of Events
Sandhya Penta	Treasurer
Shashikant Jagtap	Sports Coordinator
Shubhada Mahesh Khanvilka	Secretary & Advertising Coordinator

Advisors

Beatrice Person	Staff Advisor
Donald Chmielewski	Faculty Advisor

chemEfusion Newsletter Committee

Andrew Shahidehpour	Editor/Historian
Fatima Rizwan	President
Beatrice Person	Staff Advisor



DISCORD

Join our new Discord channel to stay informed about upcoming events and socialize with the department!

IIT Chemical Engineering
<https://discord.gg/kJcXrxkkZ8>

Vote and Nominate!

Join the GSA
Executive Board
and Inspire Others!

JOIN GSA!

Contact Us:

Facebook: GSA CHBE IIT

Hawklark: gsachbe

Email: gsa.chbe.iit@gmail.com



ChBE at Illinois Tech