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## The Gulf Coast Section: A Year in Review

### SUNIL LAKSHMINARAYANAN, 2018 – 2019 SPE-GCS CHAIR

The SPE Gulf coast Section extends a warm welcome to our new chair, Sunil Lakshminarayanan. We thought we'd introduce him by

sharing part of our conversation:

#### Connect: How did you wind up in Houston?

I was born in Nagpur (central India) and was raised in Chennai (formerly known as Madras), which is in south India. Having grown up in a family of chemists and chemical engineers, my interest towards hydrocarbons, organic chemistry and chemical engineering was high from a very young age. This interest naturally pushed me toward pursuing a degree in chemical engineering at the University of Madras. Immediately after this, I decided to continue with a master's degree in petroleum engineering at West Virginia University. After grad school, Weatherford International offered me a job in Houston and I have been here ever since.

#### Connect: What is so special about Houston and the Gulf Coast region?

Houston is a great city. A lot of folks from outside this region have a very wrong perception of the city and its culture. As the late Anthony Bourdain pointed out, "Houston is a 'wonderland' which is so diverse." In addition to its rich diversity, Houston is the energy capital of the world. The opportunity for professional growth, and to expand your social network, is incredible. After relocating to Houston, it grew close to my heart so quickly and became my home away from home.

#### Connect: How has SPE helped you in your professional life?

Being a grad student in Morgantown, WV, I was far away from the heart of the oil and gas industry. The exposure and facetime with professionals and organizations were far too little and few. In addition to the geographical

limitations, being an international student with work visa limitations made my job search a steep mountain to climb. During this time the professionals associated with SPE helped me with my job search and I eventually ended up getting offers from various organizations in our industry. If not for SPE, I would not be sitting here and writing this column.

#### Connect: What plans do you have for SPE-GCS in 2018-2019?

It is still early in the game, but we already have several new ideas that I would like to launch during my term. Currently, I am very excited by the Women in Energy (WIN) initiative (planning has started for a one-day convention to be held in early 2019) and the Completions and Production Symposium. Both events have evolved in rapid time and promise to be exceptional and unique. Apart from these, we are also planning to expand the technical offerings and also an inter-corporate sporting tourney. As we continue planning the year ahead, I will share more details.

#### QUICK TAKE

**Technical discipline that has made the most impact on my career:** Unconventional Reservoirs

**Must-haves for YPs to succeed:** A lot of heart and persistence

**Sports I follow:** Professional Cricket, West Virginia Mountaineers Football and Basketball

**Last business trip:** Hobbs, New Mexico

**Last book I read:** Shine by Gerry Lewis

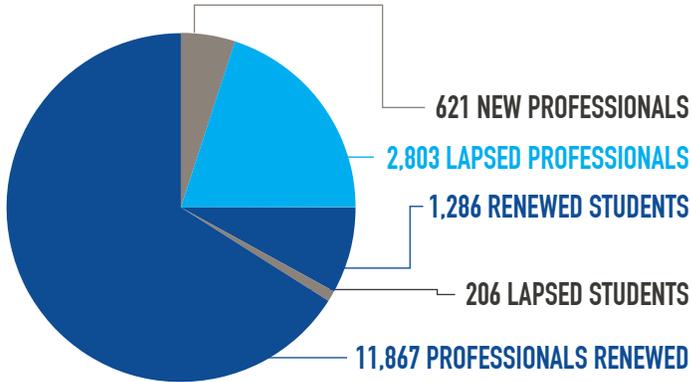
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			01	02	03	04
		• New Member Social			• MiT Seminar	• Young Professionals
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## Upcoming Special Events

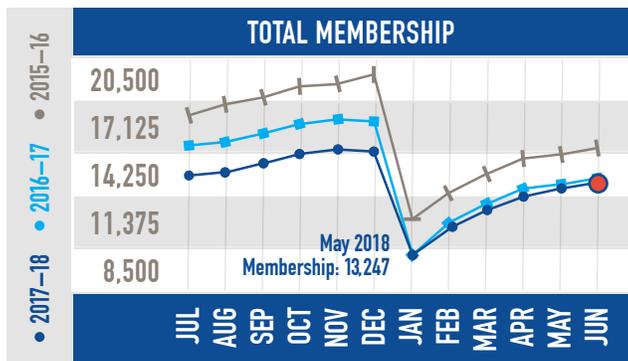
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- 9.12-9.13.18 CONTINUING EDUCATION & MIT LEARNING TUTORIAL
- 9.18.18 HOUSTON PRODUCER'S FORUM LUNCHEON
- 9.19.18 COMPLETION & PRODUCTION SYMPOSIUM
- 10.16.18 MIT HIRING EVENT
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### Membership Through June 2018



### Current Membership Trends



<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>WHEN</b>	August 16, 7:30 – 10:30am
	<b>WHERE</b>	SPE Houston Office: 10777 Westheimer Rd, Ste 1075 Houston, TX 77042
	<b>R.S.V.P.</b>	Taylor Wright T (713) 457-6821 F (713) 779-4216 <a href="mailto:spe-gcs@spe.org">spe-gcs@spe.org</a>

<b>Study Group Pricing</b>	Unless specified separately in the registration website:	
	MEMBERS:	\$40/\$55 Walk-in
	NON-MEMBERS:	\$55
	STUDENTS/MIT/Retired SPE:	\$15

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Sally Ebrahimzadeh



Sally graduated from the University of Houston (UH) in May 2015 with a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering. While at UH, she was involved in the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). She worked with student chapter volunteers to facilitate workshops for incoming freshmen at the SWE Regional Conference in 2014-2015 (called Mobilizing Dreams) and mentored over 100 incoming freshmen (Launch into Engineering) at University of Houston in 2015.

Her involvement with SPE-GCS started with attending professional events and volunteering. She is a member of the board of directors of the SPE-GCS Young Professionals Group and has been the 2017-2018 coordinator for the Professional Events Committee and the Awards Banquet Committee. She also collaborates on the different community outreach events hosted by the Young Professionals Group.

Sally is a reservoir engineer for Triple Five Energy Resources. She is responsible for performing asset base review biannually, evaluating acquisitions, and business development.

Sally is very passionate about serving the Houston community. Giving back to organizations is what motivates her as volunteer.

*Thank you for all that you do for SPE, Sally!*

## GIVING BACK

### Nii Ahele Nunoo & Future Young Leaders Workshop in Ghana



When I was in fourth grade, my parents moved the family to Adenta, a small suburb in Ghana. For two years we lived without access to water or electricity. On Fridays, I would pick up a recharged 12V car battery and connect it to a black and white TV set to watch with the family. This tradition sparked my interest in engineering. After high school, I received a scholarship to Truman State, and later transferred to Minnesota State, where I earned a degree in electronic engineering.

I worked with National Oilwell Varco on a downhole drilling tool that forever changed the way drilling is automated. I served on the Society of Petroleum Engineers Gulf Coast Section (SPE-GCS) Board. I reached out to Janeen Judah, former SPEI President, about my plan to organize an Emerging Engineer's type workshop in Ghana. She discussed my idea with Darcy Spady, the current president. Coincidentally, the board of directors was hosting their annual meeting in Ghana and I was given the green light to organize a pilot workshop in conjunction with the board meeting.

The SPEI Future Young Leaders Workshop was held in Ghana on March 15, and 160 students and young professionals from all over Africa showed up for the event. The feedback from participants was great and we were delighted they benefited from the workshop. We are currently working with SPEI to make the conference a yearly event. We hope SPEI and the sponsoring companies will continue to support this great initiative.

I am very grateful to have had this opportunity.

I would like to thank National Oilwell Varco, Darcy Spady, Janeen Judah, Sid Smith, Mervin Azeta, Springfield Energy, Seaworld Engineering, the SPEI board members; Afrikanus Mensah of Amaja Oilfield Services Ltd; the SPEI - Ghana chapter; and all our speakers and volunteers.

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For inquiries, please contact the SPE-GCS Membership Team at [membership@spegcs.org](mailto:membership@spegcs.org).

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## COMPLETIONS & PRODUCTION

# Is Fracture Conductivity Still Important in Unconventional Reservoirs?

The science of hydraulic fracturing (HF) has long understood the impact of fracture conductivity on well success. As HF was applied to unconventional reservoir development, increasing contact area was deemed a first-order priority. While conductivity was still considered important, the downturn in the industry led many operators to

replace premium (high conductivity) designs with large volume designs employing low quality (conductivity) proppant. These high contact area designs, which have now seen two to three years of production results, are ready to be analyzed and compared to higher conductivity designs.

## ROBERT F (BOB) SHELLEY



Bob Shelley has 40+ years of experience with hydraulic fracture design, execution and evaluation. As Director of Well Performance Evaluation for StrataGen, he leads a team of hydraulic fracturing, reservoir and data modeling experts. He's authored 30+ SPE papers, eight patents, and was a SPE Distinguished Lecturer. He holds a BS degree in civil engineering from Colorado State University.

## EVENT INFO

### WHEN

Wednesday  
August 22, 2018  
11:30am – 1:30pm

### SPEAKER

**Bob Shelley**  
*Director of Well Performance Evaluation  
StrataGen*

### LOCATION

Norris Conference Centre  
9990 Richmond Avenue,  
South Building, Ste 102  
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### PRICE

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including understanding risk, increasing production and reserves, and maximizing recovery.



Benefits to Sponsor Monthly Luncheons	Platinum \$750	Gold \$500	Bronze \$250	Emerald \$200
Exclusive sponsorship **	Y	-	-	-
Sponsorship banner display at registration table	Y	-	-	-
Place one logo item on lunch tables (i.e. pens, notepads, etc.)	Y	-	-	-
Introduction to Monthly Speaker	Y	Y*	-	-
Company logo recognition on SPE-GCS Reservoir Study Group website	Y	Y	Y	-
Complementary registrations for company representatives to attend luncheon	2	1	-	-
Company recognition in all media related events (i.e. Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, etc.)	Y	Y	Y	-
Company recognition at the event	Y	Y	Y	Y
Company Students/Members in Transition (4) Name tag Recognition	Y	-	-	Y

## 2018 - 2019 LUNCHEON DATES

Our monthly luncheons are held at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse (2405 W Alabama St, Houston, TX 77098). We are looking for sponsors for the following dates:

September 20, 2018  
October 18, 2018  
November 15, 2018

December 06, 2018  
TBD (with SPEE)  
January 17, 2019

February 21, 2019  
March 21, 2019  
May 17, 2019

## CONTACT

To confirm availability, contact Eric Laine ([SPE@ericlaine.com](mailto:SPE@ericlaine.com)) or Gus Rios ([gus.rios@unitcorp.com](mailto:gus.rios@unitcorp.com)). We are a non-profit organization 501c3 (tax exempt).

\*\* Platinum Sponsor will be exclusive the day of the meeting, no gold, bronze or special

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## MEMBERS IN TRANSITION (MiT)

### SPE MiT Initiative: 30th Seminar Series

The SPE Members in Transition Seminar Series is designed to include a selection of topics of interest to SPE members who are transitioning between jobs during the current industry downturn, or who are looking for new career opportunities. The agenda for the thirtieth seminar in the series will include “Think Like an Entrepreneur: The Top 3 Ways to Use Your Personality to Differentiate Yourself in the Market”, “Influencing and Rhetoric”, a third one to be announced, and a discussion of resources for SPE members.

#### PROGRAM 1

##### Think Like an Entrepreneur

In this interactive session, Dr. Wells will discuss the top three ways to use your personality as market differentiator. She will provide market-tested tips on how to sharpen your career search and stand out among the pack using your personality type.



##### DR. DANA D. WELLS

Using her keep it real, no nonsense, get-it-done style, Dr. Dana Wells has transformed businesses and careers in multiple industry verticals, start-ups, and mergers and acquisitions for over 25 years. She uses her innovation, change management, and human capital expertise to co-create customizable, scalable, and sustainable solutions that solve complex business problems and deliver value-added results.

#### PROGRAM 2

##### Influencing and Rhetoric

Anthony will share the tips, tricks, and tricolons necessary to persuade your way through any situation.



##### ANTHONY CARIDI

Anthony Caridi is a professional athlete turned entrepreneurial academic. He's spent the last decade studying business development, human capital, and influence. His doctoral research focuses on the power of influence and its impact on employee engagement.

#### EVENT INFO

##### WHEN

Friday  
August 10, 2018  
10:00am – 3:00pm

##### SPEAKERS

Dr. Dana D. Wells  
*President and Founder*  
*Dana Wells & Associates, Inc.*

Anthony Caridi  
*Director*  
*Alex & Red*

##### LOCATION

Houston Technology Center  
410 Pierce St  
Houston, TX 77002

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##### PRICE

Members: \$40/\$50 Walk-In  
Non-Members: \$50  
Students/MIT/Retired: \$15

*Registration Cap: 70*

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## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

### Volunteering at the Houston Food Bank



Your time is a gift to hungry kids, seniors and others who may not have enough to eat. Volunteers produce the equivalent of a meal a minute while helping the Houston Food Bank sort, process and pack food. And it's fun!

This event is a chance to make a difference while getting to know more people from our industry. We will be helping out at the warehouse. Volunteer projects vary based on need and may include inspecting/sorting food, repacking dry food into family-sized bags, stocking/cleaning the emergency food pantry and more.

Closed-toed shoes and sleeved shirts are required! Please also register with the Houston Food Bank.

#### EVENT INFO

#### WHEN

Sat, August 11, 2018  
8:00am – 12:00pm

#### LOCATION

Houston Food Bank  
535 Portwall St  
Houston, TX 77029

#### CONTACTS

Sally Ebrahimzadeh  
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## INVESTMENT & FINANCE INITIATIVE

### Working With Private Equity: From Deal Flow to Term Sheets

Please join us at a SPE-GCS Investment & Finance event. This event was created to open a dialogue between SPE members and the oil and gas investment community.

As activity increases with oil prices rising, and continued growth in demand and discipline by OPEC, the competition for capital is on the rise. During the downturn, private equity has undoubtedly left a large foot print on the oil and gas industry. But as the current capital environment continues to evolve, many question who has capital, how to access it, and what will drive the next PE activity wave in the oilfield?

Our panel will include individuals with legal, consulting, investment, E&P, and OFS backgrounds. It will discuss how to interact with the private equity sector, recent trends, and the opportunities and challenges of working with private equity investors. A question and answer session related to energy sector investment will follow.

A reception will take place from 5:00pm to 5:45pm and is sponsored by our host, Boston Consulting Group.

#### EVENT INFO

##### WHEN

Wed, August 15, 2018  
5:00pm – 7:00pm

##### SPEAKERS

**Aaron Davis**  
*Chief Executive Officer & President  
Fortuna Resources Management*

**Scott McMahon**  
*Chief Financial Officer, Pro*

**Oleg Mikhailov**  
*Partner & Managing Director  
Boston Consulting Group*

**Wes Jones**  
*Partner, Vinson and Elkins*

##### MODERATOR

**Bryan Marlborough**  
*Business Manager, Peloton*

##### LOCATION

Boston Consulting Group  
1221 McKinney St #3000  
Houston, TX 77010

##### CONTACTS

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##### PRICE

Members: \$40 / Non-Members: \$50

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SAVE THE DATE | Tuesday | October 16, 2018

### Members in Transition (MiT) Upstream Oil & Gas Hiring Event

Trini Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt Road

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION & MIT****Learning Tutorial: Unconventional Oil and Gas Resources Exploitation and Reservoir Development**

This course provides a comprehensive understanding of the latest advances in the exploitation and development of unconventional resources, with an emphasis on shale. It will address all aspects of the process, from data mining and accounting to drilling, completion, stimulation, production, and environmental issues. It offers in-depth coverage of sub-surface

measurements (geological, geophysical, petrophysical, geochemical, and geomechanical) and their interpretation. It discusses the use of microseismic, fiber optic, and tracer reservoir monitoring technologies and JewelSuite™ modeling software. It also explores future trends in reservoir technologies.

**USMAN AHMED**

Usman has lead BHI's unconventional reservoirs (Shale, CBM, Tight formations and Heavy Oil), mature oil and gas fields, integrated completions, intelligent reservoirs, dynamic reservoir characterization, carbonates and carbon capture & sequestration. Usman has more than 30 years of petroleum engineering experience with Schlumberger, TerraTek and his own reservoir and production engineering consulting firm. He holds a BS and MS (both in petroleum engineering) from Texas A&M University.

**AARON BURTON**

Aaron's career has focused on the completion of shales and similar unconventional plays that require multistage hydraulic fracturing. Burton started Unconventional Oil and Gas Training, a company specializing in training and consulting for unconventional multistage completions. He has a deep understanding of reservoir properties and stimulation design that are used in a data-driven approach to more effectively design completions in unconventional wells. Burton holds a BS in mechanical engineering from MSU.

**EVENT INFO****WHEN**

Wednesday & Thursday  
Sep. 12 & 13, 2018  
8:30am – 4:00pm

**SPEAKER**

**Usman Ahmed**  
*CTO, Unconventional Oil and Gas  
Technology and Development*

**Aaron Burton**  
*Owner, Unconventional Oil and Gas  
Technology and Development*

**LOCATION**

Newpark Drilling Fluids Office  
21920 Merchants Way  
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**PRICING**

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\$750

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Students/MiT/Retired SPE  
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## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

### Houston Producer's Forum Luncheon: Sara Ortwein



Want to boost your network to the next level? Interested in meeting and learning from Industry Giants in an intimate setting? The Houston Producer's Forum has opened their doors and invited us, SPE-GCS, to the regal Houston Petroleum Club for a luncheon featuring Sara Ortwein, President of XTO. Enjoy meeting a diverse group of senior executives, who share a vision that is aligned with SPE, while dining on the 35th floor with a great view of the city. Please do not hesitate to sign up. This is a great opportunity for you to enhance your position in the oil and gas industry and gain valuable mentorship.

#### HOUSTON PRODUCERS FORUM

#### EVENT INFO

##### WHEN

Tues, September 18, 2018  
11:30am – 1:30pm

##### SPEAKER

Sara Ortwein  
President, XTO Energy

##### LOCATION

Houston Petroleum Club  
1201 Louisiana Street, 35th floor  
Houston, TX 77002

##### CONTACTS

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### 2018 HOUSTON COURSES

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#### MORE INFORMATION:

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## SPE-GCS ELECTRIC SUBMERSIBLE PUMPS SYMPOSIUM

### Call for Abstracts is Now Open!

The SPE Gulf Coast Section Electric Submersible Pumps Symposium brings ESP technical experts, both operators and manufacturers, from around the world to share innovative information and lessons learned pertaining to ESP technology, production, and operations. You are invited to share your technical innovations and accomplishments by submitting a paper proposal.

**Submissions will be accepted through August 24, 2018.**

**For additional details on this event please go to:**

<https://www.spe.org/events/en/2019/symposium/19esp/electric-submersible-pumps-symposium.html>



## SPE Gulf Coast Section Electric Submersible Pumps Symposium

13-17 May 2019

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott  
Hotel & Convention Center

The Woodlands, Texas, USA



**COMPLETION & PRODUCTION****Completions and Production Symposium:  
Challenges and Perspectives**

Society of Petroleum Engineers-Gulf Coast Section (SPE-GCS) Completions and Production Study Group is proudly announcing its 2018 Completions and Production Symposium; Challenges and Perspectives. This event brings a great opportunity for Oil & Gas professionals, scientist and academia members of all level to discuss the current state, best practices and emerging technologies deployed in the most prolific and active basins across US. With the recent downturn, our industry has been forced to find new and innovative ways to economically develop oil & gas resources. SPE-GCS Completions and Production Study Group continues to provide a networking forum to discuss and disseminate the latest Challenges and Perspectives related to technological advances that drive US Oil and Gas resurgence in the World Market despite the challenging market environment.

We expect over 150 engineers, geologists, managers and financial executives to attend.

**PLATINUM SPONSOR****GOLD SPONSOR****SILVER SPONSORS****EVENT INFO****WHEN**

Wednesday,  
September 19, 2018  
7:30am – 4:00pm

**LOCATION**

OXY  
5 Greenway Plaza  
Houston, TX 77046

**CONTACT**

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**PRICE**

Members: \$150  
Non-Members: \$175  
Student & MiT: \$75

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## EDUCATION

## 2018 Petroleum Engineering Education Colloquium

Organized by Petroleum Engineering Department Heads Association and sponsored by the SPE-GCS Education Committee. Faculty and advisory group members of petroleum engineering schools based in the U. S. and other countries, as well as industry members, are invited to participate in the 2018 Petroleum Engineering Education Colloquium. Discussion on topics important to the future of petroleum engineering education will be facilitated by invited speakers from academia and the industry.

## EVENT INFO

## WHEN

Mon, Aug. 13 – Tues, Aug. 14, 2018  
8:00am – 5:00pm

## LOCATION

25403 Katy Mills Pkwy  
Katy, TX 77494

## CONTACT

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## Newsletter Announcement

We are pleased to announce two upcoming changes to our communications group: Aileen Lu as the new SPE-GCS Newsletter Chair and Taylor Wright as the new SPE-GCS Advertisement contact. The SPE-GCS communications provides access to invaluable information regarding events, announcements, and updates for chapter members. Without their dedication and effort, we would be unable to provide this valuable resource.

### NEW SPE-GCS NEWSLETTER CHAIR, AILEEN LU



Aileen is an International Business Consultant specializing in global market entry, supply chain management and strategic marketing. She has been promoting the economic development

between the US and China. The scope of her projects include job creation, retention, expansion and the enhancement of existing business relationships. Her key international accounts included Shell, Schlumberger, LyondellBasell, Caterpillar, Rockwell Automation, SAP, McKinsey, Aon Consulting, Kennemetal, Pfaff, Forbes, Small Business Development Center and Greater Houston Partnership.

In China, she served as Executive Officer for the China Australian Chamber of Commerce, Entry Clearance Officer for the British Consulate General Shanghai and Manager of the Formula One Grand Prix for Red Bull Racing.

In addition to being a NASA Aerospace Scholar, Aileen holds a degree in business management from the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology and a degree in Petroleum Engineering Technology from Houston Community College (HCC).

While at HCC Aileen served as President of SPE HCC, President of Petroleum Engineering Student Organization and Vice President of Public Relations for the Innovation Club.

As part of giving back to the community, Aileen plans to continue serving SPE as she completes her final education in Lean Six Sigma Black Belt. She plans to pursue opportunities in the energy sector utilizing her unique, yet transferable skills, knowledge and experience.

### NEW SPE-GCS ADVERTISEMENT CONTACT, TAYLOR WRIGHT



Effective August 1, 2018 all advertisement sales will be handled by Taylor Wright. Taylor is succeeding Pat Stone, who handled the Sections advertisements for twenty plus years. We would like to thank both

our advertisers and Pat for their ongoing support. A large part of our Section's success is because of our generous sponsors. If you are interested in advertising with the Gulf Coast Section, please contact Taylor at [spegcs@spe.org](mailto:spegcs@spe.org).

## SPE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

### SPE-GCS Global Recognition

Each year SPE International recognizes members who have made significant contributions to the industry. The year, 55 individuals are being recognized, and 18 of those individuals are from the Gulf Coast Section. Congratulations!

#### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- Christine Ehlig-Economides
- C. Susan Howes
- Mridul Kumar

#### DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP

- I. Yucel Akkutlu
- Ashraf Al-Tahini
- Elizabeth Cheney
- Mohammad Fassihi
- Daniel Georgi
- Berna Hascakir
- Rick Stanley
- Michael Thambynayagam

#### LESTER C. UREN AWARD

- Jitendra Kikani

#### DEGOLYER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

- Anuj Gupta

#### PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

- David C. Baldwin

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#### DRILLING ENGINEERING AWARD

- Dan Scott

#### FORMATION EVALUATION AWARD

- Leonty Tabarovsky

#### HEALTH, SAFETY, SECURITY, ENVIRONMENT, AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AWARD

- Richard Haut

### JOIN SPE AT THE ANNUAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION (ATCE)

Join us to celebrate SPE-GCS achievements at ATCE's Annual Awards Banquet on September 24-26 in Dallas, Texas. During the banquet, SPE International Awards will be presented. Register today at [www.spe.org/atce](http://www.spe.org/atce).

Awards for 2019 will be considered this fall. If one of your colleagues is making a major contribution, please consider nominating them. Details are available at [www.spe.org/awards](http://www.spe.org/awards).

## MEMBERSHIP

### SPE-GCS New Members Welcome Event

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new members of the SPE Gulf Coast Section. Join us at Escalante's in Town & Country to meet current members and to find out about opportunities to get involved!



#### EVENT INFO

##### WHEN

Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018  
6:00pm – 8:00pm

##### LOCATION

Escalante's Town & Country  
12821 Kimberley Ln  
Houston, TX 77024

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## Young Professionals RoughNeck Camp (RNC) From Planning to Profit: An Exposé in Agile Energy Careers

The 2018 RNC was held at ExxonMobil on July 12 and had over 300 attendees and 30 speakers. Three executive speakers from Exxon, Shell, and Talos Energy kicked off the event. This was followed by a senior panel comprised of individuals whose backgrounds span geology, HSE, and consulting. In the afternoon, the YP panel included four aspiring professionals. Our interactive roundtable sessions, with 20 influential leaders discussing how their disciplines contribute along the chain, concluded the event. A social at the Heights followed the event.

The 2018 RNC was so successful, we have been asked to organize a subsequent event!



### PRAISE FOR 2018 RNC:

*"Fantastic job on organizing the RNC! I really enjoyed meeting so many great young minds—makes me feel good about our future."*  
Anders Johnson, VP Storage, Kinder Morgan.

*"Kudos to your inclusion of so many women as speakers at the RNC!"* Gretchen Gillis, Geological Consultant, Aramco Services.

**A special thanks to those that made this day possible:** ExxonMobil, NCS Multistage, Baker Hughes a General Electric Company, Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors, Stepan Oilfield Solutions, EOG Resources, Shell, Newpark Drilling Fluids, and Scientific Drilling.



## SPE HCC President Joins NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars Program

Stennis, MS is home to America's premier rocket engine test complex, the NASA center where engines for all manned Apollo and space shuttle flights have been tested. They are currently testing the next generation of engines and rocket stages that will carry humans aboard NASA's new Space Launch System and deeper into space than ever before.

This June, HCC Student Chapter president Aileen Lu was one of the 40 students selected, from across the nation, to participate in the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) program. Onsite in Stennis, the program included building rescue and retrieval rovers, and budgeting and marketing for sustainable, affordable human exploration of Mars.

NCAS gives community college STEM students an authentic NASA experience.



*SPE HCC President Joins NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars Program*



*TAMU-SPE Career Enhancement Event*



## Please Join Us at the TAMU-SPE Career Enhancement Event!

Recruiting season is right around the corner! The Texas A&M University SPE Student Chapter is gearing up for our annual Career Enhancement Event on Friday, September 14 in College Station, Texas. At this event, companies will be able to network with our petroleum engineering students and advertise their positions for internships, co-ops, and full-time employment.

The Career Enhancement Event is the most attended activity hosted by our organization. Last year we proudly hosted 112 recruiters from 28 oil and gas companies and over 500 SPE student members, both undergraduate and graduate, attended. We would love to see you there!

If your company is interested in participating, please contact Adele Mouna at [tamu.spe.cee@gmail.com](mailto:tamu.spe.cee@gmail.com).

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