

Chapter No. 836: University of Missouri- Columbia

The members of University of Missouri-Columbia Chapter have their eyes on the prize. After achieving the Gold University Chapter Recognition Award for the 2014-2015 year, the chapter is determined to accomplish the same goal for the upcoming year.

In addition to maintaining their recognition status, the chapter has organized joint events with the Missouri University of Science & Technology chapter to offer both groups improved opportunities. Students have enjoyed networking and socializing with local IISE members from their respective universities.

In November 2015, members from both chapters participated in a tour of the Boeing facility in St. Louis, Missouri. Attendees observed the F-18 aircraft production area and explored the air and space history exhibit known as The Prologue Room. The exhibit includes large-scale military aircraft models and spacecraft mockups, in addition to photographs and videos depicting The Boeing Company's impact on the aerospace industry. Over one hundred years of flight history and advancements are on display, alongside interactive touch-screens and a unique art collection.

The chapter was well represented at the 2016 South Central Regional University Conference by two members participating in the Technical Paper Competition. The students presented their work in Manhattan, Kansas at Kansas State University to the 150 attending students.

Looking forward to the upcoming months, the team will contribute to a service event called Caring for Columbia on April 16, 2016. This student-led activity seeks to honor the community of Columbia through an organized day of volunteering to show gratitude for the area's continued support.

The University of Missouri-Columbia chapter is also teaming up with the Greater Kansas City IISE Professional Chapter through attendance to the annual Mentor Day in April. The Kansas City Professional Chapter hosts this event, benefitting students and professionals alike, to enhance the student's understanding of industrial engineering in the workplace. Students will travel to Kansas City, Missouri to network with industrial engineers in the workforce and experience company tours.

By leveraging relationships and resources at the community, student and professional level, it is clear that the University of Missouri-Columbia Chapter will continue to admirably serve their students and society.