

Chapter No. 825: Kansas State University

In “The Little Apple” you will find Kansas State University (KSU), where the students are “K-State Proud.” The KSU IISE chapter enjoyed an eventful Fall semester through participation in a variety of activities.

Chapter leaders kicked off the year by welcoming over 100 students back from the summer break at a fall picnic to reunite the student body. In their spare time, Kansas State members joined forces for intramural sporting teams to participate in flag football, ultimate frisbee and volleyball. The chapter also supported university athletics by hosting current students and alumni to tailgating festivities for the University of Oklahoma football game. On the social side, students were invited to a holiday party and asked to model ugly sweaters for the Chick-fil-a catered event.

KSU members are not just focused athletics and celebrations. Monthly meetings are held for the students, and local company representatives are invited to share information and experiences with the IISE members. The most recent gathering involved industrial and manufacturing systems engineering undergraduates to share their internship experiences at an Internship Panel.

KSU was also the destination for the 2016 University South Central Regional Conference. 150 IISE Students and Faculty from 12 Universities across the region travelled to Manhattan, Kansas to participate in a technical paper competition, local company tours, industry professional-led workshops and a slew of entertainment activities including bowling, billiards, games and volleyball. Attendees heard 9 students present their paper competition entries, and had the opportunity to travel to Topeka, Kansas for the choice to tour Frito-Lay, Hills Pet Nutrition, Foot Locker Distribution Center or the Mars chocolate factory.

To round out the Spring semester, the chapter has named the month of March as IISE Appreciation Month to recognize chapter members for their dedication to the organization.

The upcoming months will offer students more opportunities to hear from industry professionals and partake in chapter organized social and athletic events.

While 2016 is looking to be a great year for the K-State IISE team, it is clear that the chapter will continue to foster relationships with local businesses, potential new members and chapter alumni.

