



# INSIGHTS

NEWSLETTER

## IEEE WIE FORUM USA EAST

### MESSAGE FROM COMMITTEE

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The IEEE WIE Forum USA East 2024 in Stamford, CT, was an incredible success, and we want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made it possible! From our dedicated organizers to our inspiring speakers, engaged attendees, and supportive sponsors—this forum truly came to life because of you.

Centered around the theme "Own Your Power Skills," the forum united a vibrant community of professionals and students, empowering everyone to embrace their unique strengths and drive meaningful change. With empowering keynote speakers, thought-provoking sessions, and invaluable networking opportunities, the event received glowing feedback across the board. The enthusiastic participation and impressive turnout reaffirmed the forum's role as a vital platform for growth, collaboration, and innovation.

As we reflect on this year's achievements, we're already filled with excitement for what's to come. In 2025, we'll gather in the DMV area with the inspiring theme "Innovate to Elevate." Mark your calendars—we can't wait to continue this incredible journey of empowerment and innovation together!

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### KEYNOTE HIGHLIGHTS

The IEEE WIE Forum USA East 2024 showcased an incredible lineup of keynote speakers who left attendees inspired and empowered.

- Bobbie Carlton
  - "Say Yes to Speaking!"
- Jill Gostin
  - "You can grow stronger through the challenges you face"
- Kathleen Weslock
  - "You will make the difference. Just chart your course."
- Donna Hylton
  - "Moving Generations To STEM"
- Nita Patel
  - "Being Imperfect"
  - "Don't Try to be Spectacular"
  - "Know the Nothing"
  - "Embrace Chaos"

### FORUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you want to make an impact and drive in the engineering community? Be part of the team that will bring our "Elevate to Innovate" theme to life in the DMV area next fall!

<https://attend.ieee.org/wie-forum-usa-east-2024/committee/2025-call-for-committee-members/>

# Happy Thanksgiving

## WIE MEET & GREET

The WIE Meet & Greet was a highlight of the forum, offering attendees a wonderful opportunity to connect and socialize with fellow women engineers over coffee and treats. The event fostered meaningful conversations and camaraderie among participants, celebrating the spirit of community within WIE.

A special moment of the gathering was the award ceremony honoring the remarkable achievements of Jyotika Athavale, whose contributions continue to inspire many. Attendees also had the privilege of meeting key WIE leaders, including Anisha Apte, Region 1 Coordinator; Maryam Alibeik, Region 2 Coordinator and Co-chair for the 2024 Forum; and Celia Shahnaz, WIE Chair.

It was truly a memorable and energizing experience, leaving everyone inspired and ready to continue advancing the mission of Women in Engineering!



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# Thank You!

This Thanksgiving, we're filled with gratitude for everyone who made the IEEE WIE Forum USA East 2024 unforgettable. A heartfelt thanks to our sponsors, patrons, inspiring keynotes, speakers, and attendees who brought their energy and ideas. Special appreciation to the Connecticut Section and the Stamford Marriott Hotel & Spa for their warm hospitality. Together, we owned our power skills and created lasting memories—thank you! 🙏🍁

## Save the Date

RITZ CARLTON, ARLINGTON, VA

Nov 6-8, 2025



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