Gaskins Sets Up NSBE 39th Annual Convention for Success
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The convention theme for this year is “NSBE2013: Honoring Our Past, Driving Our Community Forward.” Convention guests will also be able to visit the NSBE Career Fair and the inaugural NSBE Showcase. CEAS is recruiting at the convention as there are faculty and graduate student positions open and ready to be filled. Gaskins hopes that many take advantage of these opportunities.

“I manage a committee of 25 people and we’ve been working tirelessly to make this convention a success and to bring together over 10,000 people. The goal is to plan the best convention in the history of the organization. We are increasing our engineering exposure and attempt to impact the greater community,” explains Gaskins.

Gaskins has been a member of NSBE since her freshman year at UC. She received her BS in biomedical engineering in 2008 and her MS in quantitative analysis in 2010. Gaskins is currently pursuing her PhD in biomedical engineering and engineering education. She also tutors at Huntington Learning Center, serves on the NSBE National Executive Board, and is studying to become a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) Consultant for Cincinnati Public Schools.

“NSBE has opened opportunities for me that some do not realize until they are more advanced in their careers,” reflects Gaskins. She encourages all those who can make it to attend the
convention because you can jump-start your career and learn about new technologies while supporting a great cause.

Founded in 1975, NSBE is the nation’s leading 501 (c) 3 non-profit, student-governed organization with more than 35,700 active members world-wide. The organization is dedicated to the academic and professional success of African-American engineering students and professionals. NSBE offers its members leadership training, professional development, mentoring opportunities, career placement services and more. NSBE is comprised of 242 collegiate, 70 professional and 82 pre-college active chapters nationwide and overseas.

The NSBE Annual Convention recognizes excellence among technical professionals, corporate, government, and academic leaders, as well as university and pre-college students. These awards illustrate the possibilities that can be cultivated through support and responsibility. Proceeds of the convention are used to create college scholarships for gifted high school students.

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