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SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS TO HOST 42ND NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CLEVELAND NOVEMBER 7-11, 2018

Thousands of Professionals, Industry Leaders and Innovators to Attend the Largest Gathering of Hispanic STEM Talent in the Nation

CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA (October 1, 2018) – The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), a national organization representing Hispanic professionals and students in STEM, will host its 42nd National Convention in Cleveland on November 7-11, 2018. SHPE's convention is the largest gathering of Hispanic STEM talent in the nation.

More than 6,000 students, professionals, academia, and industry leaders, will gather for five days of learning and professional and leadership development through sessions and workshops, keynote speakers, signature events, networking, competitions, and award ceremonies. The theme of the convention is "Better Together," inspired by the conviction that individuals, organizations, and society as a whole benefit when everyone works together to encourage and empower Hispanic STEM talent and improve workplace diversity and inclusion. SHPE's vision is a world where Hispanics are highly valued and influential as the leading engineers, scientists, mathematicians, and innovators.

Notable speakers scheduled to attend include:

- Revathi Advaiti, President and Chief Operating Officer, Electrical Sector, Eaton
- Leslie Berland, Chief Marketing Officer, Twitter
- Marty Durbin, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, American Petroleum Institute
- Romelia H. Flores, IBM Distinguished Engineer & Master Inventor
- Frank G. Jackson, Mayor of Cleveland
- Dr. Theresa Maldonado, Dean of the College of Engineering at The University of Texas at El Paso
- Dr. Don L. Millard, Acting Division Director, Engineering Directorate, NSF
- Dennis A. Muilenburg, Chairman, President and CEO, Boeing
- Dr. Diana Natalicio, President of The University of Texas at El Paso
- Benny Gonzalez, Executive Director, JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- Raquel Tamez, CEO of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
- Dr. Dawn Tilbury, NSF Engineering Directorate

"According to the Census Bureau, Hispanics in the U.S. represent 15% of the workforce, but only 8% of the STEM workforce. SHPE's mission is to improve on those numbers and to empower Hispanics as leading engineers, scientists, mathematicians and innovators," said Raquel Tamez, CEO of SHPE. "The SHPE National Convention is our time each year to renew our mission - in a BIG way - and

engage with our members, partners, and stakeholders - nuestra familia - to ensure we are moving the needle and that progress is in fact made. This year's attendees will have the opportunity to network with industry leaders from some of the most notable and largest STEM employers in the world, learn from some of the brightest academic minds in STEM fields, and test their knowledge and skills alongside their peers."

Over the five days, attendees will be able to take advantage of technical training, leadership and professional development, and networking opportunities, as well as, interacting with over 200 exhibitors and sponsors actively recruiting new talent. The convention is made up of five specialized conferences, with something for everyone, including:

- The **Pre-College Conference** is an exciting two-day event designed to engage and motivate high school students around hands-on STEM activities that encourage them to think like an engineer or STEM professional.
- The **Academic Conference**, which includes tracks and events for Community College, Undergraduate, Graduate, Academia, Deans, and Advisors, is designed to provide participants with the necessary resources and networking opportunities to identify best-practices, explore career opportunities, determine funding resources, and address the disparity of Hispanics earning STEM degrees and entering the STEM workforce.
- The **SHPEtinias: Igniting Latinas in STEM Conference**, a program with 12 separate events, sessions and workshops which highlights and celebrates *Latina Movers & Shakers* in STEM, fully equips SHPEtinias with the requisite tools they need to excel in STEM fields.
- The **Professionals in STEM Conference** offers sessions, workshops, and high-impact networking events to benefit professional members at every point in their careers, from early stages, technical-expert level, all the way up to the C-suite and Board of Director levels.
- The **Technology and Innovation Conference** is a one-of-a-kind, cutting-edge experience designed to shine a spotlight on the latest technology in STEM, and the ways in which SHPE members and others are impacting these fields. Competitions within this conference include the Nissan Design Competition, SHPE Hackathon, and Extreme Engineering Challenge.

SHPE's National Convention will also include the exclusive Excellence in STEM Luncheon and the STAR Awards Gala, to recognize key individuals, corporations, government agencies, and academic institutions that have contributed significantly to support Hispanics in STEM. The full list of winners is [available here](#).

This year's recipient of one of SHPE's most prestigious honors, the Rubén Hinojosa STEM Award, is Dr. Diana Natalicio, President of The University of Texas at El Paso. The award, named after retired Texas Congressman Rubén Hinojosa, recognizes leaders who have a proven legacy of passionately supporting Hispanics in STEM and are champions for STEM initiatives within the Hispanic community. SHPE will also debut a new award this year - the Dr. Ellen Ochoa Award - honoring excellence demonstrated by a Latina in aerospace.

The Visionary Sponsor of SHPE's 2018 National Convention is Eaton, a power management company providing energy-efficient solutions. The U.S. headquarters of Eaton is in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Members of the media are encouraged to pre-register for the conference. For press credentials, contact Alyssa Sullivan at alyssa@alyssasullivanpr.com or 617-899-8631.

About SHPE

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) is comprised of a national network of more than 300 chapters. SHPE's mission is to change lives by empowering the Hispanic community to realize its fullest potential and to impact the world through STEM awareness, access, support and development. SHPE provides a variety of programming, services, and resources including hosting the largest Hispanic STEM convention in the nation. For more information, visit <http://shpe.org>.