

October Edition

NSBE NEWSLETTER



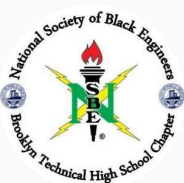
Why you should join our chapter?

NSBE is an international organization aimed to aid minority students in academics by providing various resources. Our chapter is located in Region 1, a closely knit community where we incorporate a welcoming environment. Our Regional Goals target to support each other, encourage innovation, and establishing our presence.

Our chapter at BTHS aims to prepare our members for college life and exposure to the engineering field. We host annual events such as Professionalism week and Engineer's week. For 2020, even though we would be holding our club virtually, we will still have access to the same resources and hopefully be able to host companies for virtual workshops. We plan for more interaction via Social Media (@bths.nsbe) and hope to grow our network.

To morph, motivate, and develop today's students into the builders, leaders, and innovators of tomorrow through academic excellence, professional development, and community service.

-- Our chapter mission statement



WHAT WE DID

A short recap about our experiences in the past year! We would like to be able to show what members of NSBE are able to experience and encourage you to join our club and get an idea of the different things that we do!

AVANADE JOB SHADOW

On December 12th, 2019 a group of NSBE and Sophomore Leadership members went to the IT company Avanade, to gain advice from C Suite executives and even meeting the CEO! Our participants received useful tips about going to an interview and how to present yourself in the best way possible. With these executive members of Avanade, we were able to format our elevator pitches, held mock interviews, and receive personalized advice. We toured around the office and saw some showcases of different programs that Avanade had developed for different clients, including a jewelry store and a grocery delivering company.



REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Our members made an appearance to the NSBE Fall Regional Conference at Niagara Falls. There were workshops about leadership, competitions, and inspiring speakers present. Our chapter specifically won the Try-Mathalon competition with members Andrew Zhou ('21 Applied Mathematics), Lucy Vuong ('22 Applied Mathematics), Aejay Tapang ('22 Software), Nur Ashsams ('22 Aerospace Engineering), and Cristian Taveres ('22 Mechatronics and Robotics). In the future, our members would like to participate in other competitions. The 2020 Fall Regional Conference will be held virtually, and all our members are welcome to join.

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PROFESSIONALISM WEEK

In the week of January 6th until January 10th, NSBE dedicated time after school to host workshops about different aspects of professionalism. This included a workshop by our advisors Miss O'Neal and Mr K about dress code, having professional photos taken by Student Media, a presentation about attitude by Mr Ventura, a career panel, and an elevator pitch competition! We were very successful with the outcome of the events this week and students who did attend were able to receive a lot of new information.



COLLEGE TOURS

In the 2019-2020 school year, we were fortunate enough to be able to visit a handful of colleges. These included Buffalo University, Stevens Institute of Technology, and Cooper Union. Our tour guides kindly showed us around the school, gave advice on campus life, and answered questions from our NSBE members. In 2020, we do hope to host some meetings with colleges/students virtually so stay tuned!

APPRECIATION PAGE

We want to take the time to appreciate our advisors who always go above and beyond for us and the chapter. We would like to properly highlight them, showcase how grateful we are, and allow new members to read more about them. We would also want to showcase our member of the month and thank them for the work they do for our chapter.

ADVISOR HIGHLIGHT

For our advisor highlight this month, we have asked one of our advisors Mr. Jan-Kristòf Louis-Mansano about the reason he became a NSBE advisor and why he thinks it's important to have such a club like NSBE in our school.

I've decided to become a NSBE advisor after I was asked to be a chaperone for a National Conference in Boston. There, I was able to see students of all ages use their academic skills in a series of situations that went beyond the classroom. It did not just involve their technical skills but also their reasoning skills along with their social skills, which were crucial to win a lot of competitions. In addition, this is an organization that aims at closing the gap that exists for people of color in the engineering field. It is important to have an organization like NSBE for the exposure that it gives to students from elementary school to college. There, you have an element of growth that takes into consideration a child's way of thinking and see how it can be molded into a career-oriented individual in their college years. As a teacher and a counselor myself, I am able to see kids from both an academic and a social/emotional standpoint. I have seen firsthand the benefits of NSBE for each student, each school and how this cycle highlights how these different facets of education can help a child thrive to become a fully functioning member of society. NSBE may be focused on engineering but as the mission states, my job as an advisor is to make sure my students are culturally responsible in their decisions to positively impact any community they decide to work for.



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

On this section of the newsletter, we would like to take the time to appreciate our members and what they have done over the course of the year. Please take note that we decide our member of the month at the END of the month, so this section will speak about the most recently announced member of the month.

For September, our member of the month was Hiba Altaf! She is a current sophomore and one of our newest members of the E-board. She has started the year strong with an amazing volunteer event, created lists of scholarships available, and took the initiative to do our CMRs for the past few months. We would also like to thank her for being on top of communication not only with Miss O'Neal and Mr K, but with other executives and GBM. We love having you on board on our E-board Hiba and we're excited for how you'll shape the rest of the year. We are so proud of you!!



UPCOMING EVENTS

A visual calendar to show our events and general notes about what we would be doing for the month.

2020 OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 GBM Meeting	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15 GBM Meeting	16 NSBE+Jr SL Cornell University Q&A	17
18	19	20	21	22 GBM Meeting	23 Fall Zone Conference	24
25	26	27	28	29 GBM Meeting	30	31 Halloween

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NSBE Week will tentatively be held on November 2nd-6th

GBM meetings are held afterschool at 4:30PM. Zoom meeting links will be sent to your BTHS emails

Please also note that **FRC/FZC registrations** are open and you can email Nur at bths.nsbe.secretary@gmail.com if you have any questions

FRC will be held on November 16,18,20,&21 virtually

More details&updates will also be sent to your BTHS email **when available**

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