National Society of Black Engineers
Columbia University Chapter
Greetings NSBE Family and Friends!

My name is Ken Yearwood, the 2008-2009 Columbia University NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers) Chapter President. On behalf of the Columbia NSBE Executive Board and membership, I am excited to make you aware of our Chapter’s recent achievements, and I ask that you read on to find ways in which we could partner with one another. You'll find much to enjoy about our programming, and our recent growth and success. Regardless of your background, there is always something stimulating going on in our NSBE Chapter that could serve you!

The Columbia NSBE Chapter was recognized as an official NSBE chapter in 1980, and at the time served as a support network for the small population of Black Engineers here at Columbia. Since then, our Chapter’s membership and influence have grown tremendously, from 15 collegiate members in 2005 to currently over 60 collegiate members and 20 pre-college members from the Bronx Engineering & Technology Academy. With backgrounds spanning the various disciplines of not just the School of Engineering & Applied Science (SEAS), but also Columbia College and Barnard College, our collegiate membership is incredibly dynamic. And despite the differences in our academic backgrounds and career aspirations, we all realize the importance and the versatility of NSBE’s three key business areas: excelling academically, succeeding professionally, and positively impacting the community.

With a diverse membership comes the need for wide spectrum of programming. Here is where you come in! Our partners – both on and off campus – are vital to our Chapter’s success, and we are always looking for ways to form new partnerships. We encourage you to look through the following to learn more about NSBE and how we could use our resources to help further your incentives. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Yearwood, Jr.
2008-2009 Chapter President
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• NSBE is the largest student-run organization in the country

• NSBE Mission Statement
  “To increase the number of culturally responsible Black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community.”

• History
  – Founded in 1971 as a support network for Black Engineers
  – Membership exceeds 31,000 collegiate and alumni members, and over 3,500 pre-college students in over 300 chapters

• “The Torch”
  – Our logo embodies all that NSBE has become and all that we aspire to accomplish
  – The NSBE Torch Symbolizes our everlasting, burning desire to achieve success and effect a positive change in the quality of life for all people
  – The Lightning Bolts represent the striking impact that will be felt by the Society and industry due to the contributions and accomplishments made by our members
The Columbia University NSBE Chapter has established itself as a premier organization.

- Focal points
  - Quality over Quantity
  - Effective Communication
  - Engaging membership and training future leaders

- Recent Achievements
  - In the last three years our membership has grown from 15 collegiate members, to over 60 collegiate members in 2008
  - Established 1st ever Columbia NSBE Jr. Chapter at the Bronx Engineering & Technology Academy (βETA), Fall 2008
  - Featured in the November 2008 issue of NSBE’s National Magazine because of our outstanding growth
  - Placed 2nd in the 2006 and 2007 Regional Academic Tech Bowl competitions
  - Awarded “Region 1 Chapter of the Semester”, November 2008
  - Since 2005, more than 60% of our membership have received internships or job offers through our programming
  - Awarded “Region 1 Chapter of the Month”, November 2005

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Above: Columbia NSBE Chapter awarded Region 1 Chapter of the Semester at the 2008 Region 1 Fall Regional Conference, November 2008
What do we do?

We use our partnerships and resources to help benefit you.
Excel Academically

Left: 2 NSBE members study together at one of our Chapter’s weekly study sessions

Right: A Columbia NSBE member helps one of his classmates with his homework
Left: UBS’s Cary Hall speaks to membership about managing personal finances

Right: Columbia NSBE member speaking to a Honda representative at the Fall Regional Conference career fair
Positively Impact our Community

Above: High school students from the Bronx Engineering & Technology Academy are given a tour of campus by their Saturday morning tutors.

Left: Columbia NSBE serving food at the Salvation Army soup kitchen in Harlem.
How can we serve you?

**As a Professor or Administrator…**

You could gain direct access to…
- High-achieving students interested in opportunities to aid in your research on and off campus
- Potential future graduate school and PhD candidates who are interested in your field

**As an Industry Professional…**

You could recruit from…
- A talented pool of minority students from a diverse set of academic backgrounds that are passionate about your industry, and interested in professional development
- Our membership by facilitating networking events or panel discussions with representatives from your company

**As a Student Group or Community Leader…**

You could make us aware of…
- Opportunities to volunteer with your community-based organization
- Ways in which we could partner with you on a collaborative event that could benefit your constituency

If you are interested in receiving our Sponsorship Packet, contact Chapter Treasurer Chelsey Roebuck (cwr2110@columbia.edu).
Interested in becoming a Columbia NSBE partner?

Contact us at:
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Additional Resources:
Columbia NSBE web site
National NSBE web site
Become a NSBE member
Columbia NSBE Facebook group