

**Student Society of Architectural Engineers (SSAE) at
Pennsylvania State University**
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At Penn State, we try our best to distribute our efforts uniformly between serving our major and profession, serving our community, and promoting friendship and fun beyond the classroom.

Our recent activities include a making a presentation for our College of Engineering's Major Night, hosting an AE Career Fair resume/interviewing skills workshop, raising money for the Four Diamonds Fund to aid the fight against childhood cancer by taking a canning road trip, hosting a broomball game versus a chapter of the Alpha Rho Chi professional Architecture fraternity, and hosting AE Tailgate parties.

"Major Night" is an event held every Fall semester by the PSU College of Engineering. This year, SSAE members made a presentation about life as an Architectural Engineering major to undecided freshman engineering students. In addition to meeting with freshmen students to talk about our major, SSAE members made demonstrations in our department's lighting, mechanical, and structural labs, and took tours through our architecture studios.

In special preparation for the career fair, SSAE hosted resume workshop presented by AE Dept. Ph.D. Candidate/Instructor Jonathan Dougherty. Graduating seniors attend a resume workshop during a thesis course period, so the focus of the workshop was to help underclassmen develop their resumes for internship opportunities.

On Halloween weekend, SSAE members took to the streets—but not to trick-or-treat!

On Saturday, SSAE members hopped in their cars and took a little road trip to roam the streets about 2 hours away from State College in one of our members' hometowns. Instead of carrying pumpkins to fill with candy, these AE's were carrying cans to collect donations that will be used to help kids fight cancer. Last year, SSAE members raised thousands of dollars for the Four Diamonds Fund to aid the fight against childhood cancer, and we're doing it again!

Not that our professional and service activities aren't a blast, but we always make time to socialize with other student groups or to get our AE family together for a party. Recently, PSU AEs played the students of The Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity, Inc., PSU's chapter of the national, co-ed, professional architecture fraternity. Students threw on sneakers, grabbed some sticks and knocked a ball back and forth across our ice rink in a late night battle for inter-departmental bragging rights. Of course, like any other PSU organization, our semester would not be complete without some official Nittany Lion tailgating time, hosted by SSAE and

attended by faculty, students, and the staff from all parts of the department and AE student organizations.



For information on upcoming events visit the SSAE website at www.arche.pus.edu/ssae