

Eta Kappa Nu, University of Florida Student Leadership Conference

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Abstract—This report gives a detailed summary of keynotes that were presented to us throughout the conference as well as the information “takeaways” that can be beneficial to both the HKN Lambda Beta chapter as well as the AIMS2 program. Additionally, the experiences throughout this trip are addressed.

I. REPORT

THIS student leadership conference is an experience that exposed me to new ideas. These ideas will improve my leadership competence as well as the electrical engineering society as a community organization at CSUN. These ideas will also help me establish a student platform within the department of electrical engineering.



Joshua Galeno (left), Hareth Abdalkarim (center) & Xiaiao Feng (right) at HKN Student Leadership Conference.

One of the keynotes speakers addressed a very valuable point at the conference. This point regarded the shift from the previous generation of adults to the current generation of adult (millennials). This shift is an enormous change in the way millennials communicate and engage in a work environment. With the rising Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its increasing implementation of automation into today’s society, it is important that we as leaders practice that which AI cannot do, Emotional intelligence (EQ). It is important to address this crucial skill of EQ to our fellow engineering colleagues at CSUN-HKN. This way, our society can be more collaborative as a team in which students in our department will further

benefit in the years to come. Additionally, today’s students communicate highly on social media. This can be used to implement a social platform of our own to highlight events, accomplishments, and updates, as a way to promote our society.

During the conference, I had the privilege to chat with fellow HKN officers from the University of Florida and other universities. I realized that their student platform is highly involved within the politics of the department of electrical engineering and computer science at their campuses. Their society has a voice that represents all the students within their field that is highly regarded and respected. They conduct meetings with the EE faculty every semester to discuss ways to improve the learning experience to variety of courses. They also conduct meetings with students every semester to discuss courses successfully taught or courses lacking in teaching efforts. I have come to recognize that our society does none of these practices of emotion intelligence. Given that our society is the bridge of communication between the faculty and students, it is vital that our methods of communication be revised. This will help improve the department and its student within.



Hareth Abdalkarim (left) & Joshua Galeno (right) at the HKN honorary trademark monument. An attempt was made to pull the key out, which was not a success.

Lastly, I was well informed about some certifications that can benefit me in the future. FET and PE examinations as well as other LEED accreditation, can further push me to achieve more as an engineer and scientist. Many employers highly demand for such accreditations. Therefore, our society can host workshop and events to inform our student body about the benefits that can be achieved with these certifications.

Overall, I grasped many tools that can potentially benefit the society as well as make ourselves a platform within the department of electrical engineering and computer science at CSUN. I met plenty of great leaders within the field of electrical engineering. My fellow officers and I took advantage of this opportunity and created a basis of constant communication with officers at other campuses in case any of us need answers to our problems. Additionally, we are connected to promote all of our programs and events in case in of us want to attend them. I see much improvement in the coming years.

In conclusion, I would like to take the time to thank the AIMS program and specifically Dr. Ramesh for providing me the opportunity of learning. The support help me achieve some critical skills that are significant to becoming a respectful & recognizable leader in the years to come.