

Engineering faculty select two students for 2010 UB Society of Women Engineers Scholarships

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Two years ago, professors at the University of Bridgeport School of Engineering began collaborating on a critically important venture: establishing a chapter of Society of Women Engineers (SWE) on campus that would, among other things, award scholarships to the most promising students in the department.

Engineering professors donate to the scholarship fund, and any engineering student who is a member of SWE is eligible to apply. Winners are selected based on academic performance and a statement which describes their future personal vision as an engineer.

This year, SWE scholarships are being awarded to two students: Suliya Giwa, a graduate student earning her Master's Degree in Technology Management, will receive \$1,500. Madhumitha Iyer, who is earning her Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering and specializing in Digital Signal Processing, is being awarded \$500.

The scholarships will be presented tonight at a dinner and ceremony at Pellicci's Restaurant in Stamford, Conn.

“All of the applicants were highly qualified, which really made the selection process a challenge. We are so pleased for both students whom we know will make their mark in the field of engineering,” said Dr. Pallis, who is Chair and Associate Professor of at the Departments of Technology Management and Mechanical Engineering.

Ms. Giwa earned her Bachelor of Technology degree in Chemical Engineering from Ladokpe Akintola University of Technology in Nigeria. Her areas of interest encompass management and operations in the fields of energy, environment, automation, human resources, and new-product development. She plans to contribute to the development of technology-based companies in her native country of Nigeria, upon the successful completion of her degree.

Ms. Iyer holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electronics and Communications Engineering from the M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology in Bangalore, India.

Ms. Iyer earned a perfect 4.0 GPA in the fall semester and was awarded a research assistant position with UB Professor Navarun Gupta. She is the author of two conference paper publications in the area of 3D sound. She plans to pursue a Ph.D. in the same area of study.



Dr. Jani Pallis (left) and Dr. Elif Kongar (far right) present Society of Women Engineers Scholarships to engineering students Suliya Giwa and Madhumitha Iyer. The scholarships are funded by UB engineering school faculty.