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# We Are Family!

Greetings, NSBE family!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the biggest event of the school year! The 40th Annual Convention of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE40) will be held in Nashville, Tenn., March 26–30, 2014.

Nashville is known as “Music City,” which fits perfectly with our theme this year, “NSBE40: Engineering and Leadership in Harmony.” The Convention Planning Committee is diligently working to provide a convention experience that highlights the beautiful harmony created when 40 years of engineering talent and leadership skills come together under one roof.

That’s right, NSBE Jr.: we will all be under one roof! Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center is a beautiful site to see and has everything you need to have a wonderful convention, without leaving the building! The city of Nashville is also a top family vacation destination, with attractions such as the Grand Ole Opry, the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Adventure Science Center and 17 colleges and universities.

The traditional Pre-College Initiative (PCI) Conference competitions — Try-Math-A-Lon, Science Fair and MATHCOUNTS — will return this year, along with a few additions. This year, KidWind will join the lineup of top-notch competitions, and the NASCAR Ten80 Student Racing Challenge will include middle school and high school levels.

The 2014 PCI Conference will be filled with many events that will keep you engaged and entertained. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops that will provide insight into the world of engineering and help you prepare for college. There will also be opportunities to experience the life of a college student during tours of local universities and to learn what engineers do on a daily basis by attending the tour of the nearby Nissan plant. Students will also have a chance to socialize with other students from around the world during evening entertainment events.

For convention updates, please visit <http://www.nsbe.org/NSBE40>. We will also send information out via NSBE’s *eNews* and social media, so make sure you’re in the loop!

The Convention Planning Committee and the PCI team are preparing to make this convention NSBE’s biggest family reunion ever! As a family, we will come together and continue to fulfill our mission: “To increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community.”

I look forward to seeing you in Nashville!

NSBE “Luv,”

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