Public Meeting on STEM
Wednesday, March 27; 4:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

The Public Meeting on STEM is a new event that will bring NSBE members together with STEM education policymakers. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Energy will address ways NSBE can work more effectively with government toward a common goal. The meeting will be hosted by Mike Muse, an industrial engineer and former NSBE Region IV chair. Muse cofounded the record label Muse Recordings and was appointed a member of the National Finance Committee and National Advisory Board for the Democratic National Committee.

Opening Session
Wednesday, March 27; 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Sponsored by United Technologies Corporation

Opening Session is the kickoff event of the Annual Convention. It showcases the convention theme, includes speakers and highlights NSBE’s national and convention leadership. Award-winning journalist Roland S. Martin is the featured motivational speaker for this event. Martin is host and managing editor of Washington Watch with Roland Martin, which airs on the TV One Cable Network. He also appears on CNN and the Tom Joyner Morning Show. Keynote speaker for Opening Session is David Gitlin, senior vice president of Aircraft Systems for UTC Aerospace Systems. Members are encouraged to show NSBE Pride by wearing the #NSBE2013 T-shirt during this session.

Pre-College Initiative Kickoff
Thursday, March 28; 8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

The Pre-College Initiative (PCI) Conference will start with a breakfast featuring April J. Ericsson, Ph.D. as the keynote speaker. Dr. Ericsson attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she received a B.S. in aeronautical and astronautical engineering. She received her Master of Engineering and her Ph.D. in mechanical engineering in aerospace from Howard University. Dr. Ericsson spent most of her engineering career at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center.

Graduate School Conference Kickoff
Thursday, March 28; 9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

The theme of the GSC Kickoff is “How to Make a Million Dollars in Four Semesters.” Howard G. Adams, Ph.D. is the featured speaker. Dr. Adams is founder and president of H.G. Adams & Associates, Inc., a Norfolk, Va.-based company that provides consulting and training in mentoring, student development and leadership.

Distinguished Lecture Series, Featuring Carl B. Mack and the National Chair’s Council
Thursday, March 28; 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

NSBE’s own Executive Director Carl B. Mack will give a dynamic presentation on the historical advancements that helped build our community. Past NSBE national chairs will also discuss the events that helped shape and mold our organization. Our leaders will examine the U.S. civil rights movement, the battle to defend affirmative action, the evolution of the “digital divide” and other external trends that have affected NSBE in its 40 years of existence.

Alumni Extension Kickoff Luncheon and Forum
Thursday, March 28; 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

This event is a welcome to the Technical Professionals Conference and a kickoff of the conference activities. For current or future NSBE Alumni members, the AE Forum is the event to attend to discuss the future of the Alumni Extension and the needs of technical professionals. The event is hosted by Darnell Fisher, NSBE national Alumni Extension chair.

Thursday General Session
Thursday, March 28, 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Chevron Corporation

Ralph Cleveland, global head of Customer Operations and Business Transformation for AIG Property and Casualty Insurance will keynote the session. Cleveland has responsibility for all of AIG Property and Casualty Insurance’s Operations globally for the Consumer and Commercial businesses. Before beginning his AIG career, he spent 30 years in the energy sector in various corporate and industry roles.
DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES, FEATURING THE APPRENTICE WINNER RANDAL D. PINKETT
Friday, March 29; 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Join us for an intimate discussion with Randal D. Pinkett, Ph.D.: founder, chairman and CEO of BCT Partners and author of the books “Black Faces in White Places,” “No-Money Down CEO” and “Campus CEO.” Dr. Pinkett, a former member of NSBE’s National Executive Board, is coming home to NSBE to discuss how to succeed in the classroom and in the corporate world, and to share his journey to becoming one of the most recognized figures in our community.

GRADUATING SENIORS RECEPTION
Friday, March 29; 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Accenture

This signature event of the NSBE Alumni Extension has been refreshed to provide even more interaction between the AE’s newest members, our graduating seniors, and current NSBE professionals and participating corporate and government representatives.

FRIDAY GENERAL SESSION
Friday, March 29; 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Walmart

Ryan C. Mack, author, community activist, and contributor to CNN, BET and The Huffington Post, will headline the General Session on Friday. The session will tie into the day’s theme of “Blacks in Technology” and will focus on how black engineers, technology entrepreneurs and academia can maximize their financial worth to change and develop our community.

SATURDAY GENERAL SESSION
Saturday, March 30; 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Sponsored by Johnson Controls, Inc.

NSBE requests “all hands on deck” for the State of the Society presentation by NSBE National Chair Calvin A. Young III! Young’s address will include a review of the current program year, plans for the coming years, and the results of the administration’s focus on Academic Excellence, retention of black engineering students and key initiatives to ensure chapter leaders are successful. Young is a master’s degree student in manufacturing engineering at Polytechnic Institute of New York University. He is also an associate in the UTC Operations Leadership Program and has been a NSBE leader for the past seven years.

NSBE GOLDEN TORCH AWARDS
Saturday, March 30; 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the United States Navy

The 16th Annual NSBE Golden Torch Awards will be hosted by Nicole Lyons, the first African-American woman to race in the coveted classes of National Hot Rod Association Top Sportsman and Comp Eliminator as well as American Drag Racing League Top Sportsman. Off the track, she serves as chief executive officer and president of Cole Muscle Cars, an engine building and muscle car restoration company.