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FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES ORIENTATION
Repeated daily, 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
The NSBE brand is always evolving, but we must make sure our NSBE members are representing the brand in the best way possible. This workshop — required of all first-time attendees — will introduce you to the way the convention really operates and what is expected of you as an attendee. You will also have the opportunity to interact closely with members of the Regional Executive Boards.

GRADUATING SENIORS LUNCHEON
Sponsored by Accenture
Friday, March 28, 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.
This signature event of the NSBE Professionals gives our graduating seniors the opportunity to interact intimately with the professional side of our NSBE pipeline. This luncheon serves as the perfect forum for future NSBE Professionals to obtain an insight into the transition between the college and corporate worlds.

NSBE40 THURSDAY GENERAL SESSION
Sponsored by Chevron Corporation
Continuing years of sponsorship, Chevron will host the Thursday General Session, where the significance of leadership engagement will be highlighted. Come and hear former Mississippi Gov. David R. Musgrove, as well as Lauri J. Fitz-Pegado, who is a partner at The Livingston Group. Also at this exciting session, sponsors and mentors of NSBE’s Summer Engineering Experience for Kids (SEEK) will be recognized.

NSBE40 FRIDAY GENERAL SESSION
Sponsored by Johnson Controls, Inc.
Karla Bonzie, human resources director for Strategy and Operations Excellence and Global Integrated Supply Chain at Johnson Controls, Inc., will speak on behalf of our sponsor. Hear her address will be a great opportunity to glimpse the inner workings of company with a worldwide impact. Also speaking at this General Session will be Young Guru, a music engineer extraordinaire. He is “Jay-Z’s DJ,” and he knows what he is talking about. During this General Session, Young Guru will provide insight into being an entrepreneur in an industry you love and how to take your talent and skills beyond your mind.

17TH ANNUAL NSBE GOLDEN TORCH AWARDS
Saturday, March 29, 7 p.m.–10 p.m.
The NSBE Golden Torch Awards recognize excellence among technical professionals; corporate, government and academic leaders; and university and pre-college students. These awards illustrate the possibilities that can be cultivated through support and responsibility. Come dressed in your best evening attire to celebrate these award recipients who have successfully honored the NSBE brand.

NATIONAL FORUM
Thursday, March 27, 2 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
This is the time to participate in national NSBE business. During the National Forum, candidates for NSBE national chair will present their election platform and be open for questions. This forum serves as every member’s opportunity to question our would-be leadership on their intentions, methods and outcomes. This is the place to be involved.

T.O.R.C.H. THINK TANK
Friday, March 28, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
The presence of NSBE40 and the thousands of NSBE members in Nashville will not go unnoticed by the community. In attendance will be educational leaders, politicians and students. This Think Tank will be the opportunity for citizens of Nashville to express their concerns about the state of science, technology, engineering and
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mathematics in their schools. NSBE will propose solution-based answers to any questions they may have. We need YOU to be in attendance. Perhaps you have the experience to increase the presence of STEM programming in Nashville, as well as increase its impact.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, March 27 and Friday, March 28, 12 p.m.—4 p.m.
Give blood, and save up to three lives! As NSBE comes into Nashville by the thousands, we must be sure to leave a lasting impression on the community. NSBE40 has partnered with the American Red Cross and will host a blood drive at the convention center. With the high rates of sickle cell disease among African Americans, the need for us to donate blood is high! Please carve 30 minutes out of your schedule so you can leave Nashville knowing for sure that you made a positive impact.

NSBE40 SHOWCASE
Only in its second year at the Annual Convention, the NSBE Showcase is an exciting part of the event, created to contribute to NSBE’s interaction with the local community. The purpose of the Showcase is to expose the local community to the world of engineering and the world of NSBE by exhibiting the talents and activities of NSBE members, partners and stakeholders. The Showcase includes five interactive sections designed to keep you engaged!

NSBE FAMILY REUNION
Wednesday, March 26, 3 p.m.—6 p.m.
Think spades tournament, line dancing and music bumping. That’s right: NSBE is hosting the first-ever Family Reunion at this year’s Annual Convention! Plan to arrive early on Wednesday to make the event. There will be music by DJ Pitt, a free raffle at 3:15 p.m. (a tablet, laptop or Beats by Dre!) and a photo wall! Don’t forget to buy and wear your family reunion tee, on sale in the NSBE Store at http://nsbestore.org/products/official-2014-convention-tee! We are celebrating 40 years of the convention, and want to do it with the entire NSBE fam! Don’t miss this!

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