Welcome from the CPC Chair

NSBE Family and Friends,

Welcome to the NSBE Family Reunion! On behalf of the Convention Planning Committee, I thank you for reuniting with your extended family for the 40th Annual Convention in Nashville, Tenn. What better place to celebrate NSBE40 than “Music City”? Nashville’s rich history, coupled with good old Southern comfort and an eclectic, thriving music scene, make it the best choice for this historical event. Our theme this year is “NSBE40: Engineering and Leadership in Harmony.” We are going to dust off the old photo album and show you how our family has grown and exemplified engineering and leadership over the past four decades.

One of our main focus areas will be music and technology, and we are excited to bring you unique content to expose you to engineering while igniting your passion for music. Among our 80-plus workshops, we have a number that are hands-on and technically focused. For example, our first-ever NSBE National Hackathon, Game Jam and App Workshop with Black Girls Code, and a number of technical training workshops, including cyber security, consulting, “big data,” cloud computing and web design. We want you to leave Nashville a better engineer by achieving academic excellence through these experiential learning sessions.

We will kick off the convention with the official NSBE Family Reunion event on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m., before the Opening Session. So definitely arrive early so you don’t miss out. What makes a great family reunion? Sharing good times and good music together with the whole family, and we’ve got you covered. Please visit the NSBE Career Fair, where more than 300 employers typically attend. Also check out the second annual NSBE Showcase to learn and play with cutting-edge music technology, take lessons, show off your talents, witness amazing innovations from fellow NSBE members, and much more.

If this is your first convention, take it all in, because you’ll never forget it. If you’re seasoned, make this the convention where you truly learn and grow by taking full advantage of all of our great content. Let’s have a great, fun and, most important, safe convention, and help us finally reach 10,000 at the 40th!

With NSBE Luv,
Brandon J. Johnson
NSBE40 Convention Planning Committee Chair