Since NSBE’s Lifetime Membership was established in 2002, its roster has grown to the commendable number of 220! These women, men, students and professionals are the essence of our Society. By joining the ranks of the elite group of lifetime members, they have made a lifelong commitment to NSBE’s mission: “to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community.”

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GESNEL GACHELIN
LIFETIME MEMBER #215
Region I: Boston Professionals
Cambridge, Mass.

Gesnel Gachelin is a seasoned electrical engineer working at a research and development engineering firm in the greater Boston area. He dedicates most of his spare time to volunteering in his community and playing racquetball. Gachelin also enjoys reading, talking, and learning about physics, God, philosophy and technology. He has been a member of NSBE since 2003.

“I became a lifetime member because I believe in the NSBE mission. Being a member of NSBE provides me with a vast network connection of people who want to see me succeed personally and professionally.”

ALLAND LEANDRE
LIFETIME MEMBER #214
Region II: Patuxent River Professionals
Patuxent River, Md.

Alland Leandre is founder and president of a Maryland-based management consulting company, Vyalex Management Solutions (VMS). In 2008, he founded the Youth in Technology Summit, an annual science, technology, engineering and math forum designed to inspire students to seek careers in STEM. He holds an undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering from Syracuse University and an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. He has been a member of NSBE since 1984.

“I decided to become a lifetime member of NSBE because, when I look back at all my success in my career, I can see the

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NATIONAL NSBE PROFESSIONALS MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

LIFETIME: the duration of a thing’s existence or usefulness; occurring or measured over a person’s active career
COMMITMENT: a promise to be loyal to someone or something
starting line connected to my experience with NSBE at school as a young black man at Syracuse University in the 1980s. I was encouraged and supported by a group of colleagues and realized that my experience was not singular: I realized I would like to see it endure.”

WILLIAM HARDEN JR.
LIFETIME MEMBER #217
Region III: Birmingham, AL Professionals
Birmingham, Ala.

William Harden Jr. is employed by BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama, where he was recently promoted to system administrator III in the Enterprise Content Management Department. He received his bachelor’s degree in software engineering from Auburn University and is now working on his Master of Engineering in information engineering management at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He has been a member of NSBE since 2003.

“Honestly, I think I made the decision that I would become a lifetime member as a collegiate member of the Auburn University chapter during a national convention my junior year in college. The opportunities to meet great people and be a part of an organization that allowed for the personal and professional development that I received as a member then and still today was an important factor. I am now just making good on a decision I made to myself some time ago.”

FRENAE F. SMITH
LIFETIME MEMBER #195
Region IV: Detroit Professionals
Detroit, Mich.

Frenae Smith is a graduate of Wayne State University and has a B.S. in chemical engineering and material science and an M.S. in chemical engineering and project management. She is employed at DTE Energy, where she is a subject matter expert in fuels quality and a principal supervisor in Codes and Standards. Smith attributes her success to her involvement in the Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program and the NSBE Pre-College Initiative program in the ‘90s. She serves as a mentor for youth with several organizations. Smith has been a NSBE member since 1995.

“I have had many NSBE mentors. I became a lifetime member to pay it forward to future engineers.”

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Region V: Dallas Professionals
Plano, Texas

Keith Matthews was born in Chicago, Ill., and earned a bachelor’s in electrical engineering from Florida A&M University in 1994. Matthews helped pay for his college education by joining the Army National Guard, where he became a paramedic. After designing and publishing the original website for FAMU’s School of the Environment, he switched his academic focus from circuit design to information technology. He is now a vice president at Citigroup, where he has been employed for more than 15 years. He has been a member of NSBE since 1992.

“I became a lifetime member because it was my way of saying ‘thank you’ to NSBE. The student chapter gave me the foundation to excel past the limits placed on me. In high school, one of my teachers said that I wouldn’t make it past my first year of university.”

JONATHAN D. MADISON, PH.D.
LIFETIME MEMBER #219
Region VI: Member at Large
Albuquerque, N.M.

Dr. Jonathan Madison is a senior member of the Technical Staff at Sandia National Laboratories, in the Computational Materials and Data Science Department. His research interests include solidification of metals, modeling microstructural evolution, and three-dimensional reconstruction and characterization of microstructure. He earned his bachelor’s degree in engineering from Clark Atlanta University and his master’s and Ph.D. in materials science and engineering from the University of Michigan. He has been a member of NSBE since 2001.

“The vitality of our organization is our responsibility. We can give our time, we can give our energies, or we can give our finances. But we must give at least one.”

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