



50th ANNUAL CONVENTION

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS

Graduate Student Conference

Program Guide

**National Society of Black Engineers
50th Annual Convention
Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, GA**

March 20 – 24, 2024



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Welcome Message

Greetings, NSBE FAMILY!

Join me at NSBE's 50th Annual Convention's Graduate Student Conference (GSC)! With an exceptional Atlanta experience in the works, I'm excited to work. Under the theme "Engineering CommUNITY," GSC unites NSBE and broader communities. Tailored for those in the graduate school pipeline, GSC empowers current students, prospective ones, and degree holders in Academia, Industry, and NGOs. Workshops and events provide insights into grad school dynamics, managing studies, post-grad options, and networking with field leaders.

- 1. Technical Research Exhibition (TRE) - undergraduate and graduate students have the ability to present their research.**
- 2. GEM Grad Lab - Are you interested in graduate school but are unsure of the process? Learn about applying, funding and succeeding in graduate school.**
- 3. Grad Society – Come join us in a space dedicated to GSC! Self-care activities, Flash Research Talks, and networking with fellow members of the community.**
- 4. Self Care Series (SCS) - This is the time to take care of yourself. Whether enjoying relaxed networking at the GSC Recognition Brunch or the stroke of a brush at Paint Therapy, let's nurture that other side.**

Stay tuned for updates and solicitation requests for Grad Brag and LEVELS, plus pre-registration info for GSC Recognition and Paint Therapy. Let's celebrate you and your journey through grad school and beyond. Excited to meet you at #NSBE50!

Three Ready,

**Makita R. Phillips Ph.D.
NSBE50 Graduate School Conference Chair**

MEET THE TEAM



Susan Okrah



Ruben Nelson



Ruth Hammond



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AGENDA AT A GLANCE

**Wednesday
March 20,
2024**

- **Registration 1-6PM, 7-9 PM**
 - **Opening Ceremony 5 -8 PM**
 - **Networking suites – 8-10 PM**
 - **GSC + ARLS Kickoff 8:30 – 10 PM**
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**Thursday
March 21,
2024**

- **Grad Society 11:30 AM- 4 PM**
- **Draw Your Project 12:30 PM**
- **Chair Yoga / Meditation 2 PM**
- **F.A.M Luncheon* 11AM- 1PM**
- **Technical Research Exhibition (Poster) – 12 PM- 2PM**
- **Technical Research Exhibition (Oral) – 1 PM- 3PM**
- **Career Fair 2- 6PM**
- **Networking Suites – 8-10 PM**

*Registration Required

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AGENDA AT A GLANCE

**Friday
March 22,
2024**

- **Career Fair 11AM - 4PM**
- **Grad Society 11:30 AM- 4 PM**
 - **Flash Talks**
 - **Grad Brags**
- **SWE & NSBE Mixer 2 -3:30 PM**
- **Paint Therapy 2-4 PM**
- **General Session 5-8 PM**
- **GSC Networking Mixer 7 PM-9 PM**
- **Networking Suites – 8-10 PM**
- **NSBE Professional Harlem Nights 8PM- 11PM**
 - **(Ticket purchase required)**

**Saturday
March 23,
2024**

- **#NSBE50 Paint by Numbers Wall 10AM -4 PM**
- **Grad Society 11:30 AM- 2 PM**
- **Flash Talks**
- **GEM Grad Lab* 12 PM- 4 PM**
- **Mental Health for GSC -2 PM- 3PM**
- **27th Golden Torch Awards 7- 9:30 PM**

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HIGHLIGHTED EVNETS

GSC + ARLS KICKOFF

Join the Graduate Student Conference and Academic Research Leadership Symposium to kick off NSBE50 and open Grad Society! This event is open to Graduate Students and ARLS attendees only.



GRAD SOCIETY

Stop by a space dedicated to GSC! Self-care activities, Flash Research Talks, and networking with fellow community members.

FINDING A MENTOR (F.A.M.) LUNCHEON BROUGHT TO YOU BY WELLS FARGO

Come learn about the importance of mentoring in your academic journey and beyond! Hear from Wells Fargo Executives about their experiences. This event is open to Collegiate and Graduate Students.

PAINT THERAPY

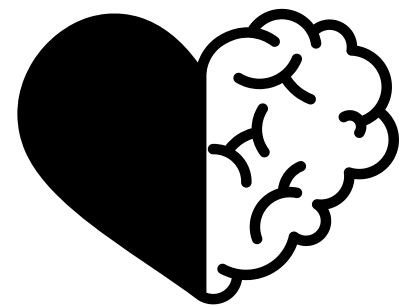
Come paint with us! Join GSC and WISE as we paint, network, and sip! Open to Graduate Students and Technical Professional Attendees! Registration Required. Link here: <https://events.eventnoire.com/e/nsbe50gscpaint-therapy>



HIGHLIGHTED EVNETS

GSC NETWORKING MIXER BROUGHT TO YOU BY BENTLEY SYSTEMS, MEAD & HUNT AND MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Join us for this exclusive networking event brought to you by Bentley Systems, Mead & Hunt and Michigan Department of Transportation. They are seeking talented individuals with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, or professionals in Software Development (Comp Sci), Civil, Architectural, Structural, or Electrical Engineering.



MENTAL HEALTH FOR GSC

In this tailored mental health talk for graduate students, we'll explore strategies that we have used to navigate the unique challenges of academia while prioritizing mental well-being. From managing workload pressures to coping with imposter syndrome, we'll discuss the tools we have used to foster resilience and maintain balance. By fostering open dialogue and emphasizing self-care, we aim to empower graduate students to thrive both academically and emotionally throughout their journey.

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Conference Location

Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC)

285 Andrew Young International Blvd NW

Atlanta, GA. 30313

- Phone: 404.223.4000



Conference Parking

- GWCC has five conjoined surface parking lots accessible at the east and west entrances.
 - Reserved Parking is available through ParkMobile: gwcc.clickandpark.com
 - Payment Methods: CASHLESS, VISA, MasterCard, AMEX.
 - No in and out privileges

Ground Transportation Options



From Hartsfield Jackson International Airport

<https://www.atl.com/ground-transportation/>

Public Transportation (Bus and Rail)

- MARTA: <https://www.itsmarta.com>

Ride Share

- Uber: <https://www.uber.com>
- Lyft: <https://www.lyft.com>

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What to Pack

- The weather will be slightly cold/moderate, so plan to dress warm; it will also be raining on Saturday so bring an umbrella (average low of 50°F and high of 71°F)
- **Dress Code:** Business casual for most events and sessions; however, for the career fair & hospitality suites, dress professionally (men must wear a tie and everyone must wear a blazer).
- Comfortable shoes (lots of walking!)
 - If you are wearing heels but have some comfortable shoes in your bag to walk around in
- Bring leisurely clothes for evening events



Accessories and Toiletries:
brush/combs,
watches/jewelry, medication(s),
cologne/perfume, lint roller,
deodorant, water bottle, portable
cell phone charger, umbrella,
snacks!!!



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SHUTTLE SERVICE TIMES

PICK UP AT BUILDING C

WEDNESDAY

12:00 - 4:00 PM - EVERY 30 MINUTES
4:00 - 11:00 PM - EVERY 10-15 MINUTES

THURSDAY

7:00 - 11:00 AM - EVERY 10-15 MINUTES
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM - NO SERVICE
4:00 - 11:00 PM - EVERY 10-15 MINUTES

FRIDAY

7:00 - 11:00 AM - EVERY 10-15 MINUTES
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM - NO SERVICE
4:00 - 11:00 PM - EVERY 10-15 MINUTES

SATURDAY

7:00 - 11:00 AM - EVERY 10-15 MINUTES
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM - NO SERVICE
3:00 PM - 12:00 AM - EVERY 10-15 MINUTES