## Dear NSBE Family,

It is with immense gratitude and excitement that I welcome you to the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) 2026 Annual Convention, hosted in the vibrant city of Baltimore, Maryland — located in the Model Region, Region II! As the 2026 Convention Planning Committee chairperson, I am honored to lead this legacy-defining experience, rooted in purpose, pride, and possibility.

NSBE has shaped my story in ways I never could have imagined. I've gone from a quiet girl from Delaware, unsure of her place in this space, to someone who now boldly carries the torch for the next generation. NSBE believed in me before I believed in myself. And that belief is what we're channeling into every detail of this Convention.

Our theme for #NSBE2026 is **Advancing S.T.E.M.**, a phrase that challenges us to go beyond the acronym and embrace the four pillars that support our movement:

- Shaping the Future by leading in AI, green tech, and STEM education reform;
- Transforming Communities by dismantling systemic barriers and paying it forward:
- **Empowering Excellence** through mentorship, professional development, and access;
- Mobilizing Innovation by daring to build, lead, and reimagine the world we want to live in.

This year's Convention isn't just about programming; it's about *people*. Whether you're a student attending your first NSBE event or a seasoned professional shaping industries, this week is designed for you. Our team has worked tirelessly to create an experience that speaks to the heart of who we are: builders, leaders, change agents, and family.

We are excited for what's ahead — from our reimagined General Sessions and vibrant Career Fair to our powerful community engagement efforts and unforgettable speaker moments. But most importantly, we're here to make space: for your growth, your network, your joy, and your legacy.

Join us March 18–22, 2026, in Baltimore, for a Convention that doesn't just reflect who we are but propels us toward who we're becoming.

With NSBE love and that 2HYPE pride,

## Jazmine Bullock

2026 Annual Convention Planning Committee Chairperson National Society of Black Engineers