
VICE-PRESIDENTIAL PLATFORM

To: Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers – Rensselaer

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I would like to run for the 2008-2009 SHPE Vice Presidency position. My name is Anthony Pena and I am technically a junior pursuing a degree in Industrial and Management Engineering.

First question, who am I and why do I want to become the future Vice President for SHPE?

I am a friendly guy who loves to do many things such as cooking mi arroz y habichuelas con pollo (rice and beans with chicken), playing volleyball, playing dominoes and card games, reading, being involve in the community, but especially being very active in SHPE. I started my adventures as a SHPE member as a freshman in year 2005. In year 2006 and 2007, I was one of the top 15 most dedicated members. Even when I was out of school from Fall 2007 till Spring 2008, I was still supporting SHPE. I helped out at the Career Fair, I went to the meetings and the study jams, I even went to do community service.

The reason why I would like to become the next Vice President is because I feel this is an opportunity for me to become part of the E-Board. As a beginning sophomore, I ran for treasurer when there was an available spot, as an ending sophomore, I ran for External Secretary, and as an ending junior I ran for treasurer again and I won, but due to academic issues, I had to resign my position. So with this, I would like to ask you, the membership, to give an extra opportunity to show you how much I really care for SHPE. Another reason I would like to be elected is because as a Vice President, one has to work closely with the E-Board, but especially with the President and that's one thing I am certain I can do. I have great relationships with the E-Board, especially with Andrea. We work together academically due to the fact that we are in a bunch of classes together and we do fine. So we would have none to few time schedule conflict. Another thing that the SHPE Vice President does is to be in charge of the outreach

program. For those who don't know what is the outreach program is where we recruit high school students from the New York City area and bring them here for about 4 days to experience college life. I work great with people, I know I would show them the best of RPI. As well, the past people who have been in charge with the outreach program are Radhamelis Gomez and Casandra Davila and I have extremely close relationships with them. I am certain that if I had any questions regarding the outreach program, they would not hesitate to help with my questions.

Second question, what is SHPE for me and why it is so important to me?

SHPE is what it is, the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, but more. We are a family as well. We work together to strive to achieve a goal; to graduate college with a job or an acceptance letter of your preferred graduate school. We help each other in study jams, outside class, and we collaborate by talking about the opportunities that are out there for us so we can be on the same page. And the reason why SHPE is so important to me is because when I was a freshman, not knowing anyone, especially any Latinos, they were the first to open their doors to me and because of that, I have not given up on giving my best to support and help them out.

Last question, what can I do for SHPE?

First, I am not a big fan of talking about how great I am because I am not, an average joe, but as an average joe, I work hard in anything I do. So as a VP, I would work hard to show the membership and the RPI community how AMAZING we are. For me, the first thing that comes to mind, is the membership. We have to make sure you feel welcome so you can keep coming back and keep supporting us. If I was elected VP, I would always welcome you with a smile and your name. As a valued member, it is important to know you on a one on one scale and I would strive to do. Also, I would try to get everyone a job; it's not guaranteed that I am going to get you a job, but I work on a one on one scale so everyone can have at least the First Aid kit for getting a job; a critiqued resume, a cover letter for some, good interview preparations and questions. I would also keep the membership informed of all the job and school opportunities out there. And lastly, I would always attend to all the meetings and programs. If I am not there, you would know why and it would have to be important for me to be absent.

In conclusion, for the fourth time, please give me an opportunity to show you what I can do and hopefully you all can see why SHPE is so important to me throughout the year. I would not let you down. Ill be looking forward in getting to know you all and especially working with the 2008-2009 E-Board if elected Vice President.