

## **REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

For those that don't know me, my name is Heidi C. Sanchez. I'm currently a sophomore majoring in Nuclear Engineering running for SHPE 2008-09 Regional Representative.

In my past two years here at RPI I have dedicated myself to organizations that represent what I believe in. I have also served my community through these organizations as much as possible. To start off I have been an active sister of La Sociedad de Damas Sigma Delta Sorority Inc. since the spring 2007 I have had the privilege of being the organization's Philanthropy Chair. Through this position I gained the experience necessary for planning, advertising, fundraising, working with other members as a team and carrying out events. I was also in charge of sponsoring SD's first Blood Drive in addition to taking leading roles in other events as well. Adding to those responsibilities, I was also represented Sigma Delta in RPI's Community Service Council. Additionally this semester I've continued to gain more experience in leadership through Sigma Delta's Rush Chair which similarly to the SHPE Regional Representative consist of planning and carrying out events, and serving as a liaison between my organization and other organizations while making sure we abide by Panhel rules. I'm also a member of Panhel's community service committee which is responsible for creating and carrying out events for all Greek organizations. Continuing sophomore year not only did I joined the American Nuclear Society, but I also joined its Social/community service committee and I'm also a proud member of Alianza Latina. Finally, aside from organizations and academics, since freshman year I maintained two research positions, one in Nuclear Engineering which I continue to do and until last semester the other research position with the Center of Automotive Technology and Systems.

As is shown in my involvement in RPI I have great organization skills that have allowed me to be part of so many things, I love to plan and carry out events, be active as well as represent my community and I have the necessary experience to exceed any accomplishments Regional Representatives have gained in the past.

Aside from being an active member of SHPE and supporting it as much as I can, as a member I can see that SHPE still has a lot of room for growth. While attending last semester's NTCC and this semester's ETCC it was surprising to see that one of the largest SHPE chapters there wasn't even recognized or mentioned for their achievements. In addition if I'm elected Regional Representative I plan to improve the attendance to the workshops provided in the career fairs that are not only necessary for giving our chapter a good name but also in helping us engineers learn what opportunities are out there. I also plan to encourage our organization to provide more workshops that help our member improve in skills such as public speaking among other that are often ignored but are very important.

One of the most important things I think is necessary for an organization to perform at it best is the desire and energy of its e-board. Personally I have come to appreciate all the opportunities that SHPE has giving me and I would love nothing more than to be one the tools that gets this amazing organization where it should be.

Sincerely,

Heidi C. Sanchez