

# Freshman Representative

**To:** Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers – Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

**From:** Tania Feliz

**Position:** Freshman Representative

Leadership is not something you can learn from a book, but you have to gain this skill through experiences such as holding an office, organizing an event, speaking in front of people, or participating in a leadership program. This is one of the many reasons I want to be part of The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. I want to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to make a difference at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and make a positive influence, predominantly in the Latino community.

I believe that I possess the traits to be an excellent freshman representative because of my communications skills, past leadership abilities, and my determination. Throughout my high school career I have always been able to manage my time effectively. I managed to graduate in the top ten percent of my class, while maintaining a part time job all four years as a telemarketer. I was chosen to represent my school at the Angelo Del Torro Puerto Rican & Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute in Albany where I participated as the democratic leader in the whole mock trial process. Moreover, during my senior year as Volleyball Captain, I received the Debra Tekosky Memorial Award for guiding my team to the playoffs. Even though I acquired leadership positions in academic and athletic fields, my most important obligation was to be a good role model for my younger brother. I always strived to have an exemplary attitude towards approaching and overcoming any obstacle so that I can inspire my peers into realizing that sheer determination will make anything possible in life.

In order to achieve all the goals that SHPE has set for itself, it needs a Freshman Representative who will act as a liaison between the organization and the freshman class. His or her duties will include motivating other freshman students in his or her class, while performing the constitution goals that SHPE has set forth. As a Freshman Representative I will gain valuable knowledge to further advance my leadership abilities in future positions at RPI and promise to do my best in contributing towards SHPE's goals.