

SAME

COMMUNITIES of INTEREST

College Outreach

June 2020 Newsletter Update



Chair's Welcome Message

Fellow Members,

As we start a new year of the SAME College Outreach Community of Interest (CO COI), I would first like to thank Maj. Seth Lorimer for his leadership of the CO COI over the past two years. Under his leadership the CO COI accomplished several important goals: updated guidance documents, hosted the Student Chapter Mentor workshop, supported the successful Virtual Student Chapter, and established the Grand Challenges Competition plan. Maj. Lorimer has successfully prepared the CO COI for a bright start at the beginning of SAME's next 100 years.

The path towards the next 100 years starts with the 2025 Strategic Plan. The CO COI will continue align their goals with the 2025 Strategic Plan. If you have been interested in becoming more involved with the CO

COI, there are many ways to get involved from the local post to the national level. I invite you to be part of the success of the next 100 years of SAME.

At this point in the year, it sounds like a broken record to say that this is not how anyone saw the first half of 2020 would unfold. Cancelled vacations, cancelled school, cancelled conferences, etc. But we keep innovating and creating solutions: drive through graduations, birthday parades, remote learning, and breaking out that sewing machine. May the events that shape and reshape our world inspire us to continue innovating and creating solutions.

Anne MacMillan, REP
Chair, SAME CO COI

2020 - 2021 COI Leadership Team:

Community Chair: [Anne MacMillan](#)

Vice Chairs:

Andrew Bates, Strategic Planning
Tiffany Castricone, Student Chapter Operations
Christina Jettie, Communications
Ron Welch, Academia Engagement
Patrick Bass, Competitions
Vacant, Events
Andra Clapsaddle, Virtual Student Chapter
Angela Nocera, support to VC Academia Engagement
Nathanial Sheehan, support to VC Student Chapter Operations
Seth Lorimer, Former Chair

Liaisons:

Gia Hyunh-Ba, Young Professionals Liaison
Paul Phillips, Credentialing Liaison

Advisors:

Vacant, Senior Student Chapter Mentor
Ron Welch, Senior Student Faculty Advisor

Staff Liaison:

Eddie Gonzalez, Program Manager

The SAME College Outreach Community of Interest is always looking for new committee members to help make what we do even more awesome! For more information email amacmillan@bluestoneenviro.com.

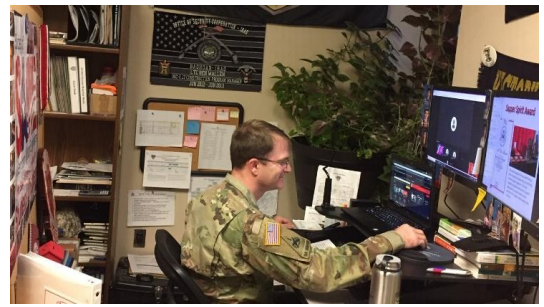
STUDENT CHAPTER SPOTLIGHTS **West Point Student Chapter**

On 29 April 2020, months of effort and weeks of adjustments based upon COVID-19 culminated in the successful execution of the West Point Celebration of the United States Military Academy soon-to-be graduates that will branch Engineers. The celebration was made possible by the Student Chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), the Engineer Branch Representative and leadership from the SAME New York City Post and the Army Engineer Association (AEA). The event was attended by over 200 individuals representing senior leadership from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York City firms, SAME New York City Post, the Executive Directors of AEA and SAME, staff and faculty, Cadets, and family members from across the country. The celebration included an Engineer Punch ceremony, toasts, presentation of numerous awards, and guest speaker comments provided by LTG Todd Semonite, the Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). CDT James Durst received the SAME David M. Fraser Award for engineering excellence and leadership. CDT Adrian Barraza received the SAME Student Leadership Medal for his exemplary leadership within the West Point SAME Student Chapter. CDT Joshua Mooney received the AEA Sapper Spirit Award for demonstrated mastery of all tasks during the course of instruction over the 47-month West Point experience. MAJ Erick Martinez received the SAME 2020 Bliss Medal for excellence in teaching and mentorship. Finally, the West Point Student Chapter was recognized as a SAME Distinguished Student Chapter for a fourth consecutive year. CDT Vivian Tsai, Co-President of the SAME Student Chapter served as the Master of Ceremonies (MC) for the celebration. The event provided a venue in which industry, military and Cadet leaders across multidisciplinary backgrounds joined together in celebration. Participation in this event demonstrates the close relationship between the NYC SAME Post and the USMA SAME Student Chapter.

The video link to view the celebration is found on Facebook for the NYC SAME Post at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?t=7&v=535854080429759>.

For more information please contact LTC Benjamin Wallen at benjamin.wallen@westpoint.edu.



Above: LTC Ben Wallen, Senior Faculty Advisor of the West Point Student Chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers, providing opening remarks and serving as the producer for the Engineer Celebration for the West Point Class of 2020 branching Engineers.

Want to share highlights from your student chapter? Email photos and information to christina.jettie@hanaengineers.com.

Update from SAME National

Accessing Virtual JETC Sessions

Thank you to every all the SAME members who pivoted with us by participating in Virtual JETC. You helped to make the Society of American Military Engineers' first-ever virtual event a huge success with 2,000+ virtual attendees! We hope you learned just as much as we did over the past week and we hope you truly enjoyed the experience. From the Engineering Service Chiefs to Mike Rowe to the SAME President Transition to the U.S. Surgeon General to letting us know "How You JETC" and more, you can get download the session recordings, slides, or PDH certificates through the [Attendee Service Center](#).

Future National Conference

Due to COVID, the [2020 Facility Management Workshop](#), originally planned to be held in San Antonio, Texas on July 29-31st, has been moved to a virtual workshop. Plans on in the works to repurpose the submitted abstracts to still provide an exemplary online program. The events team is working on updating the details on the workshop website. The annual **Post Leaders Workshop**, planned for Fort Lauderdale, Florida on August 9-11th, will likely also move to a virtual event. Please stay tuned for more information.

[SAME This Week: COVID-19 Resources](#)

Introducing *SAME This Week*—a new limited series newsletter with information to help as you pivot in your organizations. *SAME This Week* will provide content and resources to keep you engaged in the Society along with news and notes related to the nation's COVID-19 response

efforts and important updates from our government stakeholders and strategic partners, many of which are on the front lines of how the A/E/C community is responding.

[Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes](#)

This jointly developed guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is intended for all Americans, whether you own a business, run a school, or want to ensure the cleanliness and safety of your home. This plan is part of the larger [United States Government plan](#) and focuses on cleaning and disinfecting public spaces, workplaces, businesses, schools, and can also be applied to your home.



Upcoming COI Member Calls

Hear about the latest from the College Outreach Community of Interest. Open to all SAME Members! To join the meeting click [here](#) or dial in 1-866-899-4679; Access Code: 677-738-517.

Wednesday June 17th | 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ET

Wednesday July 15th | 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ET

Upcoming SAME National Events

July 29 - 31, 2020

2020 Facility Management Workshop

Will be held as a virtual workshop. Visit website for more information: <https://www.fmworkshop.org/index.cfm>.

August 9 - 11, 2020

Post Leaders Workshop

Stay tuned for more information.

November 4 - 6, 2020

Community Mission

The College Outreach Community leads collaborative efforts between SAME and academia to identify and resolve national security infrastructure-related challenges and supports Post's efforts to mentor and develop future STEM professionals at the collegiate-level. The community serves as a bridge between academia, Posts, government (military and civilian), and the private sector. The community provides guidance to the network of student chapters across the Society, promotes internship opportunities from SAME sustaining members, and will establish a new engineering competition for students designed to address the nation's grand challenges.

For information on the College Outreach COI please visit our website:
<https://www.same.org/College-Outreach>.