As we celebrate our first century as a society the College Outreach Community of Interest (CO COI) should be very proud of its contribution to the mentorship and development of future STEM professionals. In our run to 2020 we hosted a Student Chapter Mentor workshop at Post Leaders Workshop to share knowledge and ideas to support volunteer leaders at the heart of what makes Student Chapters thrive. This year we saw exciting growth in Student Chapters, specifically among institutions that support national security and produce critical masses of military engineers. We continue to pursue ways to grow academic professional membership and better support academic pursuits aligned with the society’s mission and vision. Looking toward our second century, we will align our efforts and recognition programs with the newly adopted 2025 Strategic Plan. I encourage leaders at every level to read the plan and think about where you see us heading for leadership development and technical collaboration in the A/E/C profession. The CO COI will lead in two of the society’s five 2025 goals. Goal 3 is to Develop Leaders for the Profession. Goal 4 is to Enrich the STEM Pipeline for the Nation. Along with our sister COIs along the STEM pipeline, we are called to find new and exciting ways to increase partnership with academic institutions, motivate students, and enhance mentorship effects to cultivate the talent necessary for the nation to remain globally competitive and rise to the grand challenges of tomorrow. In the words of our first SAME National President, Maj Gen Black, in 1920, “I look confidently forward to greater progress during the coming year.” I look forward to seeing you at our in-person COI meeting and the centennial celebration in May at JETC in Washington, D.C.

Seth Lorimer,
Chair, SAME CO COI

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**2019-20 College Outreach Community of Interest Members:**

- **Chair:** Maj. Seth Lorimer
- **Vice Chairs:** Angela Nocera, Chapter Operations
  Anne MacMillan, Communications
  Vacant, Strategic Planning
- **YMC Liaison:** Gia Huynh-ba
- **Advisors:** Ron Welch, Senior Faculty Adviser
  Bob Keyser, Senior Post Mentor
  Corey Weaver
- **Staff Liaison:** Eddie Gonzalez

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**Joint Engineer Training Conference 2020**

2020 - May 27-29 in Washington, DC

Held each May, the SAME Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo is the premier education and training conference for engineers and related professionals working in the A/E/C industry and focused on developing solutions that benefit national security, including uniformed service members, federal, state and municipal civilians, and private sector industry firms. JETC is held at each year at different locations throughout the country and co-hosted by the local SAME Post. JETC also includes several events connected to SAME’s national operations, including the Board of Direction meeting, Society Ball & Awards Gala, and the annual Post Awards Breakfast.

Visit the conference website for more information at samejetc.org. Student members can register for no cost!
Ways to Stay Involved and Active in SAME

Graduating Seniors

Watch for a letter from the College Outreach Community of Interest and Young Member Council soon.

Moving to a new location? Find your nearest SAME Post and stay involved! Go to same.org/Get-Connected/Find-a-Post

Young Member Council

Check out the SAME Young Member Council to stay involved in SAME! Go to same.org/Young-Member

Young Member Council Monthly Call – All YMs are Welcome! Date: Second Thursday of Every Month Time: 12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m. EST Connect to GoToMeeting Dial: (312) 757-3117 Access Code: 753-741-181

Internships

Does your firm offer internship opportunities for undergraduate students? Would you like to recruit amazing talent from the SAME student membership?

Sustaining members of SAME can now post internship opportunities for FREE in the Job Center on SAME.org. SAME will promote the internships to SAME student members.

Internships provide authentic STEM learning experiences for students. They are a great way to contribute to a student’s professional development and provide you with fresh, innovative thinking.

To submit a position, visit the SAME Job Center. Internship positions will be reviewed before posting to ensure a quality experience.

Descriptions must include:

★ Name of mentor
★ Key Skills or Learning Objectives
★ Description of Role and Responsibilities
★ Duration and Stipend Amount

If you have a question about the process, contact Eddie Gonzalez, egonzalez@same.org

College Outreach Community of Interest

Want to get more involved in SAME? Join a committee! The SAME College Outreach Community of Interest is always looking for new committee members to help make what we do even more awesome! To join the meeting click here or email amacmillan@bluestoneenviro.com

Stay Engaged College Outreach Monthly Call Third Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ET United States (Toll Free): 1 866 899 4679 Access Code: 677-738-517

Important Dates for Submissions

Student Chapter Annual Report
Submissions are ongoing. Submit your SC Annual report by May 1 and December 1 on line here

Distinguished Student Chapter Streamer Application
Submissions are due by April 15, 2020. Submit online here
Student Chapter Spotlights

Academic Club – Society of American Military Engineers  US Army Corps of Engineers – New York Harbor Inspection:

On 8 September 2019, faculty from the Dept. of Geography and Environmental Engineering and the Dept. of Chemistry took 16 Cadets from six departments with an international Cadet from Rwanda to spend time with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on their daily Harbor Inspection.

COL Tom Asbery, Commander of the USACE New York District, discussed the capabilities of USACE with a focus on maintaining our nation’s waterways with the USMA Student Chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). COL Asbery mentioned the strategic importance of the New York City harbor, current and future operations by USACE in support of New York City, and assignments in the Engineer Branch. He also enabled a tour of their newly renovated facility at Caven Point, NJ and how the facility has been engineered to withstand a storm equivalent to Super Storm Sandy. Participation in this event enabled enrichment of Cadet’s understanding about opportunities within the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Engineer Branch. This trip section was deliberately placed one weekend prior to the start of Branch week to facilitate better appreciation of the variety of opportunities available in the Engineer Branch. POC is MAJ Erick Martinez at erick.martinez@westpoint.edu

University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Student Chapter Luncheon

On May 2, the San Antonio Post hosted a joint luncheon for Young Members and their University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Student Chapter at
the UTSA Engineering building. This provided Post members the opportunity to learn more about the Student Chapter and for Student Chapter members and other UTSA students to learn more about SAME and the Post. Fourteen UTSA Student Chapter members and other UTSA students participated in the luncheon.

Some of the ideas discussed to assist the Student Chapter included:

- Supporting a senior design project if they can get their members interested
- Having a senior and starting engineer from a company to speak to the chapter getting the perspective from both sides
- Sponsoring some of them for the actual BBQ competition at the UTSA Engineering BBQ
- Government engineer speakers to give them the perspective on government opportunities
- Post members to serve as mentors to students within the Chapter
- Sponsoring Chapter members to be mentors at the SAME E&C Camp(s)

Terry Watkins, the Post’s UTSA Student Chapter Post Mentor, is looking at these initiatives for the fall school semester.

San Antonio Post Opens Career Fair at St Mary’s University

San Antonio Post Vice President Eric Wilbur opened the St. Mary’s School of Science, Engineering and Technology Career Fair on September 26. Dean Winston F. Erevelles, other faculty and approximately 100 students attended the career fair opening. Eric,
representing the San Antonio Post, gave a talk on “The Road to Success.” In summary, his speech talked about achieving success by seeking excellence personally, professionally, and relationally; having integrity in every area of your life; and developing your leadership through work, professional associations, and volunteer organizations. – Dick Kochanek, F.SAME

Academic Club – Society of American Military Engineers New York City Post – Evening Meeting:

On 27 February, three faculty members from the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering took seven Cadets from different departments to the quarterly Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) – New York City Post evening meeting. The event was held in the Harvard Club in New York City. The USMA SAME student chapter is a multidisciplinary academic club which exposes Cadets to public/private engineering partnerships which are instrumental to the infrastructure of our nation in times of peace and war. SAME is dedicated to STEM initiatives and attendees of the meeting enjoyed a presentation and discussion by COL Thomas Asbery, Commander of the New York District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and COL Patrick Kinsman, Commander of the Norfolk District of the USACE, regarding Coastal Resiliency Programs. Participation in this event enabled networking with key leaders in business, construction and administration within New York City and enriched West Point’s interaction with New York City as well demonstrates the close relationship between the NYC SAME Post and the USMA SAME Student Chapter. POC is LTC Ben Wallen at benjamin.wallen@westpoint.edu.
Join our Virtual Student Chapter today!

Why are we doing this? Our mission: As a part of the College Outreach Community of Interest, we provide virtual engagement with students throughout the STEM pipeline to foster engineering leadership for our nation.

What students? Our core audience is college students who are SAME members, but we recognize the value to bring in high school students after they have attended camps or have earned SAME Post scholarships. A third demographic is military members who are using their GI Bill benefits.

How? Utilize traditional webinar topics held together by Slack for additional discussion. Many of you have probably used Slack and it is being leveraged by many Silicon Valley companies to create free flowing dialogue and collaboration that eliminates emails. Keeping with the virtual theme we also have webinars on key topics that might be of interest like leadership skills and what to expect after you graduate. The Slack website is https://same-virtual.slack.com and invitation link is http://bit.ly/same-vsc.

Can students still be members at physical chapters? Yes; we have students who are leaders at their respective university chapters but also participate in the Slack discussion and upcoming VSC webinars such as those listed below.

**Engineering Leadership Strategies for the 21st Century**

Speaker: Linda Ratsep, P.E., Senior Faculty, Norwich University and Founder, The Ratsep Group, Inc.

March 19, 2020 at 3:00pm EST, Click here for details.

**Student Leadership Micro-Bootcamp**

Speaker: Colonel Lucas Rice, EVP & Chief Operating Officer at LDX Solutions, and Colonel, GA National Guard.

April 16, 2020 at 3:00pm EST, Click here for details.