



# Institute of Industrial Engineers Chapter 47, Greater Detroit Area, Michigan

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## IIE New Member Profile: Meaghan Reiser

In what we hope will become a regular addition to the IIE Newsletter, we would like everyone to get to know one new member of IIE with each new issue.

IIE would like to introduce a young woman with a bright future who brings well-versed automotive and manufacturing experience to IIE.

More details on page 2.....

## IIE Regional Conference Summary

I just wanted to give you a quick update on the IIE Regional Conference held this past weekend at Wayne State University. I would say the event was a complete success! There were approximately 150 students at the event. I heard that 70 people attended the Red Wings hockey game on Friday night. What a great turn out!

Details on page 2 and pictures on page 3.....

## 2009 Programs

### Upcoming Programs

- **Fri April 24**                      Lean Six Sigma Symposium
- **Sat May 16**                        Community Service Day: Cass Corridor (CCNDC) Project
- **May 30 - June 2**                IIE National Conference
- **Wed June 10**                     Forgotten Harvest Tour
- **Sat Jul 12**                         Region IV Put-In Bay BBQ Social

Check out details at Greater Detroit Chapter Website at:

[www.iiedetroit.org](http://www.iiedetroit.org)

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**Meaghan Reiser**

### IIE New Member Profile

I joined IIE because I truly enjoy what we IEs do. I am interested in meeting IE's in different industries and learning about how they apply their skills. I want to further my skills and help spread passion for the discipline with students.

I graduated from the University of Michigan with an Industrial and Operations Engineering degree in 2003. I started my career at a small stamping plant near Indianapolis called Steel Parts Corporation. I moved back to my home state to work for Ford for about 3 years. I left Ford in 2007 for a challenging corporate turnaround opportunity with my current employer, Global Automotive Systems. Being a small company, our IE department plays a critical role in multiple facets of the business. It's very rewarding developing intradepartmental relationships and spreading the lean methodologies throughout my company's processes.

Outside of being an IE, I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I like to travel, paint, and play sports. I've been married for 3 1/2 years and am getting ready to go back to school for an MBA.

### IIE Regional Conference Summary

The IIE Greater Detroit chapter participated in many events at the conference: the career fair, the career panel, and the student paper competition. I want to thank Bijay Nayak, Vito Wasniewski, John Preston, and Courtney Stevens for participating on the career panel. We had two packed sessions, reaching 71 students and several professors. All of you did a great job! I also want to thank Gary Altman, and Paul Gunnels for participating in the career fair on Friday. This is an important event for the students. And thanks to Dave Cotrill who was in attendance both days getting signatures, and counting heads as our programs VP.

More good news, both of our local technical paper competition winners placed in the regional competition. David Lanier from WSU placed first, and Jon Polom placed third! Thank you to all of you that participated and helped make the event a success!

See Page 3 for a photo from the event.

Jeff VandenBoom  
President

The IIE Detroit Chapter #047 has 197 members in the greater Detroit metropolitan area. See our website at <http://www.iiedetroit.org/>.

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## 2009 Program Updates

### Engineering Society of Detroit Banquet

The Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD) held its annual Gold Awards Banquet on Thursday, February 19th at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Several IIE members represented IIE-GDC at the event which also included the Order of the Engineer Ceremony and a cocktail reception.

IIE-GDC president Jeff VandenBoom presented the 2009 Distinguished Service award to Victor Lloyd. Victor has long contributed to the IE profession and our local IIE chapter as a member, officer, volunteer, and example in the community. Anyone who has met Victor knows his passion for helping others as evidenced by his countless hours volunteering to help others in need. Victor has remained a visible figure in the local IIE chapter for many years, always helping out when asked despite all of his other responsibilities in life. He is a great example of community leadership and action.

Also receiving an award was Vanda Ametlli from Wayne State. Vanda received the 2009 Irv Otis Scholarship. Vanda's commitment to IIE and the IE profession has been outstanding and we are proud to have her represent IIE as the current president of the Wayne State chapter. Vanda has been an integral role in maintaining her chapter's stability and growth. She has involved herself in the planning of the 2009 Regional Conference at Wayne State University and will be coordinating with other local IIE chapters to make that event a success.

Thanks to both Wayne State and Oakland University student chapters for sending a representative to the banquet! For those of you who could not attend, view pictures of the event below.

**2009 IIE Regional Conference  
Career Panel and audience**



**ESD IIE-GDC Area Attendees  
Award winners Vanda Ametlli & Victor Lloyd**





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**Get Better Here™**

# Lean Six Sigma Symposium

## Pursuing Excellence!

**When:** Friday, April 24, 2009  
**Time:** 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Crittenton Hospital  
Medical Center

Special guest speaker

**Kevin McManus of Great Systems!**  
*Senior Baldrige Examiner and IE Magazine Columnist*

Registration at [www.iiedetroit.org](http://www.iiedetroit.org)



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### MEMBERSHIP INFO

Total Members: 193  
New Members: 8  
Members Reinstated: 3

**Over 20 memberships expire  
in the next 2 months!**

**Please check your member-  
ship status and renew if  
needed.**

**We have a lot of great pro-  
grams coming in 2009 and  
you need to be a member to  
take advantage of discounted  
pricing!**

## Announcements

Paul Gunnels, VP Administration, has taken over the responsibility of webmaster for the IIE-GDC website. He has put many hours into revamping our website to give it a more updated look and feel. The new website will be rolled out with a new email format for our IIE Programs email. Keep an eye on your inbox in the upcoming weeks for more information on our new site and email format. If you have any comments or questions about the website, you can contact Paul via email at [webmaster@iiedetroit.org](mailto:webmaster@iiedetroit.org).

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