SHPE TO HOST LARGEST VIRTUAL GATHERING OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS IN STEM

Thousands of Job Opportunities During Top Career Fair

CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA | September 10, 2020 — SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers), a national organization representing Hispanic professionals and students in STEM, will host its 44th National Convention virtually for the first time next month. Participants will be offered a unique opportunity to advance their careers and network with thousands of professionals and students in STEM in a sophisticated online forum with access to cutting-edge content.

More than 10,000 students, professionals, academics, and industry leaders are expected to connect for 11 days of virtual learning, professional and leadership development through sessions and workshops, keynote speakers, signature events, networking, competitions, and award ceremonies.

The highlight of the event is the Career Fair where thousands of attendees will walk away with an internship or new job and career. The theme of this year’s convention is “Ascend to Transcend” because SHPE believes more than ever we need inspiration to achieve new levels of success. SHPE’s vision is a world where Hispanics are highly valued and influential as leading engineers, scientists, mathematicians, and innovators. In a time when our country is grappling with issues of diversity, inclusion and equity, SHPE has been making dreams come true for Hispanics in STEM and their families for decades. In fact, 58% of SHPE 2019 National Convention student attendees were first-generation college students.

Raquel Tamez, CEO of SHPE, says: “SHPE is truly the port in the proverbial storm for Hispanics in STEM. We are working with hundreds of employers across the country to fill thousands of open jobs to help change lives. Now more than ever, we are serving as the wind in the sails of hope and change, not only securing and advancing careers, but also supporting future leaders who will impact the world and make a positive difference.”

The virtual nature of the convention adds many positive dimensions to this year’s schedule. Attendees will have access to more content and more opportunities than ever before. The SHPE team has employed a sophisticated platform which offers face-to-face, one-on-one video interactions, and networking tools not available at many other conferences or
conventions. SHPE has doubled the number of interviews, offering five days to ensure all jobs are filled. There are opportunities for stipends, scholarships and assistance so everyone who is interested may attend the convention this October. All attendees must be registered by October 16, 2020.

New workshops and sessions include:
- TheDream.US partnership to offer a workshop for Dreamers and employers;
- Intellectual Property Summit in partnership with Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) to expose Hispanics in STEM to opportunities as expert witnesses and patent review examiners; and
- STAR Award Winner Meet-and-Greets – These awards honor outstanding SHPE members and partner organizations that are dedicated to advancing Hispanics in STEM.

Competitions with $50,000 awarded in cash prizes will be held October 20-24, while the main convention will take place from October 26-31. Visit shpe.org/2020 for more information.

The Visionary Sponsor of SHPE’s 2020 National Convention is Discover.

About SHPE
SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) is a nonprofit organization serving and advancing Hispanics in STEM. With more than 13,000 student and professional members, SHPE’s mission is to change lives by empowering the Hispanic community to realize its fullest potential and to impact the world through STEM awareness, access, support, and development. To accomplish this, SHPE provides a variety of programming services, resources, and events, including hosting the largest Hispanic STEM convention in the nation. For more information please visit https://www.shpe.org/