

SHPE '19: Phoenix, AZ

SAG Personal Reflections

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Overall, the Conference was a new and enriching experience for our group as it was everyone's first time attending this conference and everyone was able to develop a new lesson and experience from this opportunity. For our school, this will allow us to get one step closer to having a strong and impactful SHPE chapter as well built a connection with the larger organization and will soon make preparations for regional conferences next semester. This experience was one for us all from Seniors being able to have a plan for the future, to First years getting a head start looking for internships for the coming years. Below is a reflection from each individual member on their experience from the SHPE Conference.

Everyone's reflection:

Daniel - Got my first interview experience at the convention as well as an offer. I was able to practice my elevator pitch with larger companies at the career fair.

Leo-Going to SHPE was a great time for me to meet fellow engineering students and managers and their takes on innovations that are impacting our planet. As my first convention, it was a completely immersive experience listening to so many panels and lectures.

Nabih - Got more experience for Career Fairs and practicing my elevator pitch, and different talks about coding interviews and life in different companies I am interested in. I was able to learn about great opportunities at different software companies that are tailored for freshmen and sophomores.

Jamie - Got a lot of great experience with different companies that I wouldn't have met at Olin's Career Fair. And got good experience networking.

Anika - It was a great first conference experience. I was able to attend many interesting talks, learn about companies I've never heard of, and network with a bunch of exciting people. I landed two interviews and got an offer from a company with an amazing workplace culture.

Jocelyn- Given this was our first SHPE conference, it was amazing to see how the convention is run and interact not only with companies but students from other universities. Sadly, I was not

able to get interviews/job offers, but now I know how to prepare myself for next year!

Shyheim- The conference allowed me to build a larger network with mentors and connections at various companies. I was able to walk away from this conference with much more confidence in myself and even opportunities I would not have gotten anywhere else.

Gian- Going to the SHPE conference allowed me to better my pitch and talk to various companies that I didn't know about. Although I didn't have much luck getting an internship, I was able to network with companies and other students.

Alex Butler - By going to the SHPE 2019 conference I was able to translate my growth at Olin as an engineer with recruiters and recognize the relevance of my project-based education for careers engineering. I was able to secure connections across multiple companies for future internships, effectively sell myself to recruiters from their own advice and feedback, and learn how to properly convey my ideas to a proctor in a technical programming interview setting.

Erika Serna - The SHPE 2019 conference gave me confidence by reminding me what I had already done and by detailing areas of growth. I feel more grounded in my studies as it made me consider what I want to get out of the semesters I do have left. It helped me start to consider my post-Olin career by allowing me to talk to Grad programs and companies.

Antonio Perez - It was at the SHPE 2019 conference that I learned the true value of an Olin education. It was the opportunity of a lifetime to network with students and mentors, and to exercise confidence in social engagement.

Sabrina Pereira - This conference was an incredible learning opportunity. The workshops were very valuable and applicable, on themes such as the different types of interviews and what your career fair pitch to a recruiter should be. I had the opportunity to make good use of that information and apply it right away, and the experience I gained has made me more confident in the professional networking space.

Walter Villa - The SHPE Conference opened my eyes and gave me the energy and determination to become an entrepreneur in the areas that mattered to me the most. It made me realize that the skillset was more valuable than the degree and with that, I plan on being a pioneer not only in the engineering world but also in the business world. I have a sense of motivation to take away the skill sets from the classes I am currently taking and will continue to take.