



AIChE Participates in Fall Service Project

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AIChE reached a service landmark this year. AIChE had the largest turnout for Swalm Cleanup ever and more than doubled last year's attendance. Over 80 students came out to help around Swalm, Palmer home, or the Salvation Army. In addition, AIChE hosted a booth at the University's Fall Festival to further community engagement, and more service events are planned for the spring. Overall, AIChE provides many ways to plug into the department and serve the community.

The volunteers who went to the Salvation Army and Palmer Home sorted donated clothes and hung up pre-washed clothes. The students who stayed at Swalm helped clean the Unit Ops Lab and constructed two display cases to hold different tools at the entrance to the Unit Ops Lab. It was a fun afternoon for both the students and the professors who came together and to improve Swalm. Co-president of AIChE, Victoria McCaffrey, states that "It is important to help around Swalm because that,

in turn, helps the professors and helps the students because of how much time we spend in this building." Swalm Cleanup Day allows students and professors to develop a relationship that most departments don't have among its people.

AIChE also hosts a Halloween toilet paper wrapping booth at the University's Fall Festival. This year, the event was moved from the Drill Field to underneath the stands at Davis Wade Stadium because of inclement weather. Even though the weather was unpleasant, the event still saw an impressive turnout. Several organizations set up booths for families to walk by, grab handfuls of candy, and hear information about the different organizations. Besides handing out candy, the AIChE booth had the kids wrap the volunteers in toilet paper. The kids had a blast doing this, and some of the kids were so excited that they wanted to get wrapped too. Everybody wrapped in toilet paper started walking around like mummies. The weather may have been nasty, but it couldn't keep their spirits down.



AIChE also hosts the Memorial Dr. R memorial fundraiser in honor of the late Dr. Rebecca Toghiani; however, this year, it has been moved to the spring semester. Another service event AIChE hosts in the spring is the annual Girl Scouts Engineering day every spring to help the Girl Scouts earn badges while having fun and learning what engineers do. AIChE presents many ways for students serve the community around us.