



SEIGSC-WVU Appoints New Officers

Morgantown, West Virginia -

The Structural Engineering Institute Graduate Student Chapter (SEIGSC) at West Virginia University has appointed new officers to executive positions effective January 1, 2019. Dr. Udaya B. Halabe, faculty advisor for the Chapter, has reviewed the candidate applications and selected three officers to serve on the Chapter's executive committee for the year 2019. A brief bio of each officer is provided herein:

Praveen Majjigapu is a WVU Foundation Distinguished Doctoral Scholar pursuing his doctoral degree in the area of Structural Engineering with emphasis on Repair and Retrofit of Infrastructure Systems using Fiber Reinforced Polymer Composites. Majjigapu joined SEIGSC-WVU as its founding Vice-President and was elevated as Chair in 2014. Since then he has been serving as the Chapter Chair and provided outstanding leadership which brought national recognition through "2016 SEI Graduate Student Chapter of the Year" award. This award was presented to the Chapter for its exemplary activities and efforts to advance the structural engineering profession, and for encouraging the growth of SEI from the local and higher education level. In February 2017, Majjigapu was elected as the inaugural national collegiate chair of the Structural Engineering Institute Graduate Student Chapter Leadership Council EXCOM and served for two terms. Majjigapu continues to serve as the Chapter Chair for 2019.



Majjigapu's mission for the Chapter is to provide unique opportunities for SEIGSC membership and WVU students by enhancing networking opportunities with industry leaders, arranging guest lectures from experts, establishing monetary scholarship for undergraduate and graduate students to represent WVU and make technical presentations at national conferences, and other events that promote the professional and intellectual growth of WVU student community.

Shabnam Khanal is currently pursuing Master's degree in Civil Engineering at West Virginia University in the area of Structures and Nondestructive Evaluation. Shabnam joined the SEIGSC-WVU in fall 2018 as its Secretary with an aim of enhancing her leadership and networking skills within structural engineering community. Shabnam provided services to the Chapter by participating in high school visitations, leadership meetings, exhibit table demonstrations, and other outreach events. The aim of these events is to motivate students to pursue higher education in the field of Structural Engineering. Shabnam strongly believes that SEIGSC offers many opportunities for students to improve leadership and management skills while enhancing professional networking. Shabnam continues to serve as the Chapter Secretary for 2019.



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Krishna Tulasi Gadde is a Doctoral student and her research interest is in the area of structural rehabilitation using advanced engineering composite materials such as fiber reinforced polymers. She graduated with her master's degree in civil engineering (Structures) from WVU in Aug 2017.

She aims to become a better leader, manager, and team member. She chose SEI as a platform which would help her achieve all of these qualities along with professional development and also to serve the civil engineering community. She has been appointed as the Chapter Event Coordinator for 2019.



SEIGSC-WVU is advised by **Dr. Udaya B. Halabe** who is a professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at West Virginia University. Dr. Halabe started this Chapter at West Virginia University in 2013 and continues to serve as its faculty advisor for the sixth year. Dr. Halabe has been recognized as Fellow by ASCE, SEI, and ASNT.



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