

USC Chevron Student Organization Awards

The Chevron University Partnership Program (UPP) is a partnership developed with leading universities around the globe in order to show their pledge to support STEM education and engineering diversity. Each year, the UPP sponsors many undergraduate student organizations from the USC Viterbi School of Engineering as well as some Graduate Chevron Scholars, through scholarships and fellowships, to support them in making a change in their communities.

This year's ceremony took place at the USC University Club on January 15, 2019. Among the organizations present to accept their awards were the National Society of Black Engineers, Athena Hacks, The American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Association for Computing Machinery. Additionally, the event welcomed two previous participants from the USC Chevron Frontiers of Energy Resources Summer Camp, now full time USC students, Kirsten Azarraga and David Cooper, who shared their experience as Campers and how their experience motivated them to pursue their studies in Engineering.

Chevron representatives, Mike Hauser, Al Williams, Murphy-Ortega and few leaderships from the USC engineering networked with the students and shared their insightful stories over a nice breakfast. Particularly, Al Williams, interacted with the students and described how he started and rose from difficult circumstances. Similarly, Cynthia Murphy-Ortega discussed about her journey to become the ambitious and successful woman she is today. This is where her passion came from to help students. These stories inspired more than one person and validated this quote from Napoleon Hill: "Strength and growth come only through continuous effort and struggle".

The ceremony closed with remarks from Dr. Iraj Ershaghi, the Director of the Petroleum Engineering Program at USC, who then open the floor to more networking session where the students and the different authorities well interacted and shared thoughts.



USC CISOFT and Chevron Representatives posing with the Awards



Left: USC CISOFT and Chevron Representatives with the Dean of the USC Viterbi School of Engineering, Yannis C. Yortsos

Right: Some award recipients students organization representatives with Todd Logan, Executive Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations of the USC Viterbi School of Engineering