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Dear Upal and the ExCom members,

The IEEE WIE ILC 2025 **Accelerating Leadership in an AI-Powered World**

San Jose, California

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Executive Summary

Attending this event was a collection of information on IEEE and the industry and also a good networking event.

My goal when offered the opportunity to attend IEEE WIE ILC was to learn more about IEEE and the industry it serves as well as get better at navigating the IEEE organization.

I met with the **Region 6 leader of WIE Pei- Jung Tsai**. She is so helpful in navigating the IEEE website and other organizational logistics. She provides genuine leadership as needed.

The exhibits were very supportive.

ARM provided local resources, because they now have an office in San Diego Area. ARM's HR Director, Becky Franzen kindly introduced me to **Stephen Ozoigbo** Head of Government Partnerships & Ecosystems. We discussed how they may be able to work with IEEE initiatives.

Met Karen Galuchie from **IEEE foundation**. She is a wealth of information because she knows about IEEE foundational work in getting and giving funding as well as resources outside of the organization. I have a follow-up meeting scheduled with Ms. Galuchie next week.

Before the conference, I met Debra Galuck from **IEEE TryEngineering**. She requested I meet up with Allison Moy at the IEEE Educational Activities exhibit table. I met Allison, and we discussed how their division works and how it can support IEEE section and local events. They also have an extensive network of local folks and experts.

Presentations

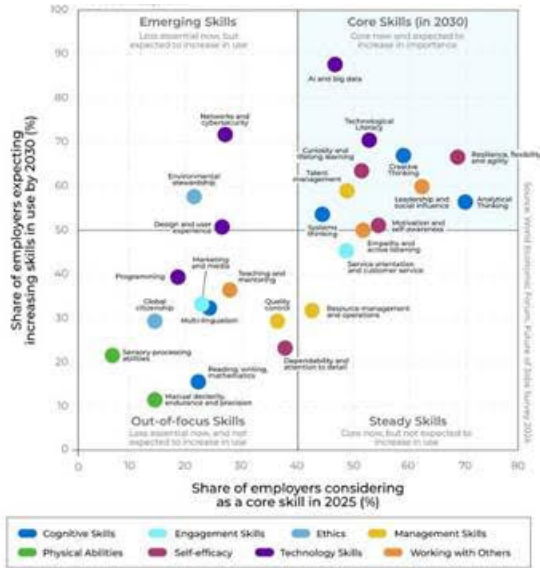
During the presentations, I heard from our IEEE leader **Professor Kathleen Kramer**. Every time she speaks, I gather more information and insight. This little nugget came while she was in a panel discussion.

When you are in a difficult situation, sometimes the best thing to say, "I don't have anything to say to that."

Another example of the value of IEEE is the picture of Kathleen Kramer and her former student, now a working Engineer, (name: I forgot? 🤔). They connected and kept talking. It is a good example of how an IEEE student transforms into a professional IEEE member and how that can be so valuable to this organization and the individuals.

Another presenter encouraged us to learn more about the CHIPS Act initiated by the US Government Chips and Science Act. It is a well funded opportunity with a goal to improve manufacturing of semiconductors, chips and other related organizations.

Tom Murad, Ph.D presented his research, “Enhancing Engineering Leadership skills” with some interesting results on Leadership through the lens IQ vs EQ vs SQ on Core Skills. In a follow-up conversation with Dr. Murad, he sent me a copy of his presentation.



Met with **IEEE Broadcast Technology Society** chair, Ralph Hogan. He loves this society and it showed when he took the time to explain how important Broadcast Technology is and how it evolved. It was fun to see younger people learn about the world when broadcasting through technology started and where it today.

There were many more presentations and people that made this an experience.

Summary

In summary, this conference met its goals and inspired young and experienced IEEE members to get involved and contribute to their future as well as the future of others in the spirit “Advancing technology for the benefit of humanity.”

Conclusion

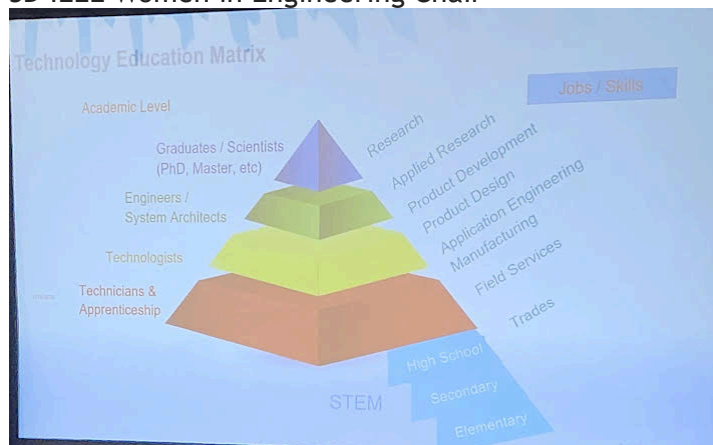
There were moments of triumph, learning and celebration for all members of IEEE and future members, too.

Thank you for allowing me to attend. I hope if you have any questions, you will let me know.

All the best

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