

Virginia Tech Update

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The Virginia Tech SNAME/ASNE chapter is back in full swing, with a record turnout for their first meeting of the spring semester.

Eighteen students will be traveling to Newport News, VA to visit and tour the Northrop Grumman shipyard. This opportunity will allow the Virginia Tech students to be exposed to the ship production and construction aspects of ship design. The SNAME/ASNE chapter is also working on plans to visit the NAVSEA – Small Craft Division in Norfolk, VA as well. Students are looking forward to learning about the design and testing of small planning craft and the new innovative designs that are developed at the small craft division.

The Virginia Tech chapter continues to host speakers from the ocean engineering/naval architecture industry. Representatives from Electric Boat will be share some of their current projects at the second meeting scheduled for this semester. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and expertise in the ocean engineering industry with our chapter, please email our president, Carrie Gonsoulin, at carrieg@vt.edu.

Socially, intramurals have been going strong with record high participation. The SNAME Stingrays co-ed football team progressed to the final eight (the highest finish ever for a SNAME team) before they were tragically defeated. The Stingray's men's basketball team is off to a great start after winning the first game of the season. In the co-ed inner-tube water polo arena, the Stingrays learned the ropes in their first game of the season and despite a loss, still had a great time. We want to wish both teams the best of luck!! All members are getting excited for co-ed softball in the spring s.