

The SNAME Student Section at Virginia Tech has had a busy and exciting fall semester. We have had presentations from companies in the naval architecture/ocean engineering industry, taken a trip to Ft. Lauderdale, FL for the SNAME Maritime Technology Conference & Expo and Ship Production Symposium, and fronted our first SNAME intramural co-ed flag football team.

Our chapter has been honored to host representatives from ExxonMobil, Northrop Grumman - Ship Systems, CSC - Marine Division, Chevron Shipping Company, Alion Sciences, and NAVSEA – Small Craft Division. Our student section was also privileged to hear from Howard Fireman, Director of Future Concepts and Surface Ship Design Group at SEA05D. Each representative was able to expose the Virginia Tech students to a different aspect of the field and relate their personal experiences and words of wisdom. We have had many interesting and informative speakers and would be delighted to have more. 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.

A highlight of the semester was the Student Annual Conference held in sunny Ft. Lauderdale, FL where 17 of Virginia Tech's Ocean Engineering students were able to

participate in SNAME student activities and presentations. Students were also able to network with industry and SNAME representatives, and to meet other engineering students from various universities across North America.



Virginia Tech students at the SNAME Maritime Technology Conference & Expo and Ship Production Symposium.

Virginia Tech students traveled up to Arlington, Virginia this October for the ASNE Advanced Naval Propulsion Symposium. Students were able to obtain information and ideas for alternate methods of propulsion that could be used in senior design projects.

Socially, intramurals kicked off in late October with Co-ed flag football. The SNAME stingrays had a dominating first game, followed by an unfortunate loss accredited to the shock of cold weather after a warm week in Florida. However, the stingrays have bounced back with a bid to the second round of playoffs. The Stingray's intramural season will continue in the winter with inter-tube water polo and co-ed softball in the spring.