SEFW 2023 Annual Report



Melissa Verwest (Chair):

Thank you for your support of the Structural Engineers Foundation of Washington! In 2023, SEFW significantly expanded its scholarship funding to support a record number of individuals on their learning path to structural engineering. We continue to seek out ways to advance our mission through scholarships, education, research, and outreach. Enjoy this report of the past year, and let's accomplish great things in 2024!

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SCHOLARSHIPS

University scholarships awarded

June 2023

SEFW partnered with both the SEAW Scholarship Committee and the SEAW Diversity & Inclusion Committee to fund six scholarship awards for a total of $25,000 for Washington structural engineering university students. The three DEI awards included an internship experience.

- Kristen Stilin, $5,000, Worcester Technical Institute and UC Davis
- Cesar Bedolla-Hurtado, $5,000, WSU
- Alan Champagne, $5,000, Gonzaga
- Uzochukwu Uwaoma, $5,000, University of Lagos, University of Pittsburgh, and UW
- Miguel Angel Gonzalez Montijo, $2,500, University of Puerto Rico and UW
- Mohammad Asakreh, $2,500, UW

The SEAW Scholarship Program has awarded $240,500 to 88 students since 1985.



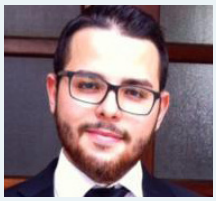
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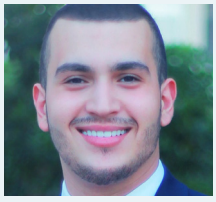
Cesar Bedolla Hurtado



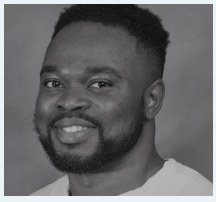
Kristin Stilin



Miguel Angel Gonzalez Montijo

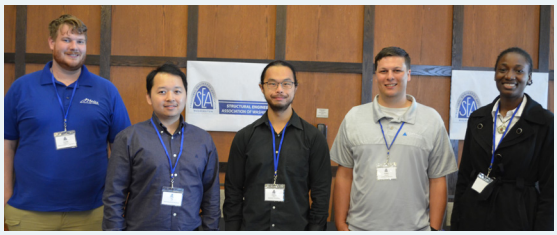


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Stipends send SEAW YMG to NWC



September 2023

Stipends from SEFW allowed 10 individuals to attend the SEA Northwest Conference in Bellevue: two from the Seattle Chapter, three from the other state chapters, and five Seattle-area university students. These grants are considered "scholarships," as they support young structural engineers to advance their career with knowledge at professional events.

SEFW supports ACE student

June 2023

SEFW donated $5,000 to the ACE Mentor Program of Washington to sponsor an Inglemoor High School graduate headed to Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo to study structural engineering.



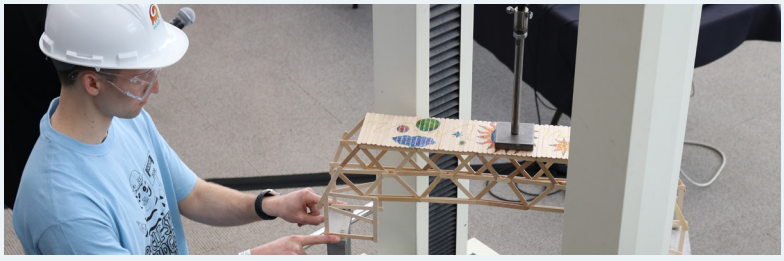
OUTREACH

SEFW funds bridge breaking competitions, students learn structural principles



April 2023

SEFW once again funded prizes for the the Mead High School popsicle stick bridge competition in Spokane. About 40 bridges were broken, with the best being a 232-gram bridge that held an impressive 719 pounds! WOW!



March 2023

ASCE Seattle hosted its annual Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition at the Museum of Flight. Fifteen bridges designed by Puget Sound students were tested, with the winning bridge from Ingraham High School holding a weight of 114 pounds! SEFW was pleased to once again fund the prizes for the student winners.

EDUCATION



Fall Forum showcases convention centers

November 2023

The successful 13th Annual Fall Forum discussed convention centers and gathering spaces around Washington and spotlighted the new Seattle Convention Center "Summit" building. About 150 people attended in person and another 125 (from 4 countries!) viewed the livestream, including an SEAW Southwest Chapter viewing party.

LEADERSHIP & FINANCE

Legacy donation supports scholarships

February 2023

SEFW was honored to receive a generous donation from the estate of Charles "Cap" Pearson, a Tacoma-area structural engineer and SEAW member who passed away in February 2023. Cap's sizable donation is earmarked for the SEFW scholarship fund and will support students and younger member structural engineers for years to come.



Board adds director from academia, transitions administration

December 2023

Joining the SEFW Board in 2024 is J. Paul Smith, civil engineering professor at Seattle University. Additionally, SEFW welcomed a new Executive Director, Katie Bohocky, who has close to 20 years' experience managing organizations, including four years managing SEAW.



Paul Smith



Katie Bohocky



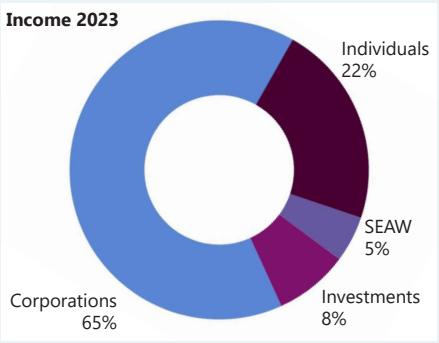
SEFW thanks donors, seeks feedback

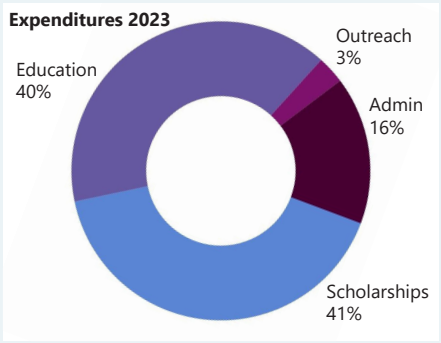
May 2023

SEFW hosted a lunch to recognize recent individual and corporate donors and solicit feedback on SEFW's mission and goals. About 30 people attended the event, which featured words from past SEAW scholarship winners and included a call to action.

SEFW unveiled a new website in September! Check out the new & improved www.sefw.org!

Financial stewardship numbers released





December 2023

The above graphs outline SEFW's breakdown of contributions/income and expenditures in 2023. The Board utilizes a separate account, funded 100% by Board donations, for any expenditures not directly related to programs, such as retreats or social functions. Individual and corporate donations are used exclusively to support the SEFW mission.

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