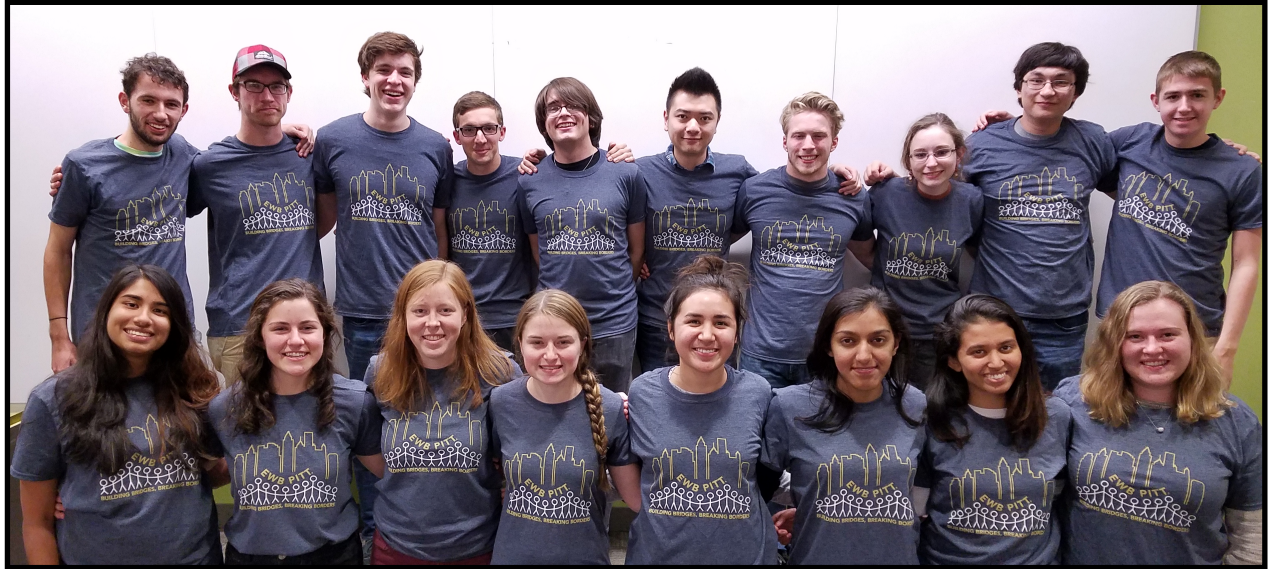




EWB PITT MONTHLY



A Message from the Officers:

Greetings and welcome to a new year with the University of Pittsburgh Student Chapter of Engineers Without Borders. EWB Pitt has been incredibly busy and are excited to share what we have been up to. In the past year, our club has officially closed the international project we were working on in Brazil, got more involved in our local Pittsburgh community, and are growing as a chapter.





Upcoming Events

Wigle Whiskey

Date: Monday Feb. 12th

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Where: Wigle Whiskey 2401 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh

Fundraising

The fundraising team is kicking off the semester with an event at Wigle Whiskey in the Strip District on February 12th from 6-9 PM. There will be a \$5 entry fee, which will give you the chance to receive delicious, complementary food, one raffle ticket, and a live performance from local musicians. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase, but you do not have to be 21 to attend.

Over the month of December the fundraising team partnered with Habitat for Humanity to put on a gingerbread-house making session. The night was a blast with some creative designs and Christmas cheer.

We are hoping to have several more local fundraisers this semester, including one at Chipotle, which was one of our most successful in the last year, and we will additionally be selling 1.75oz glasses in the near future.



International Project

Our international project in Tapagem, Brazil was closed this past year due to a change in leadership within the community. As a collective, the community decided that they were no longer interested in our project. Although EWB Pitt will not be able to implement our final designs in Tapagem, we plan to reflect on our project and share the lessons we learned by writing a case study.

The public health team is working on the case study, in hopes that we can publish our findings and share our experiences with other EWB chapters. We understand that while we always strive to see projects through to the end, we can use projects that have not been as successful to improve our process and increase our success in the future. As we begin to start the new international project there will be many new projects we start to work on in preparation for working with the community. We are really excited to get started on this new opportunity!

We are excited to announce that we have a new community partner in Ocotona, Nicaragua! It is located in Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua which is in the north west of Nicaragua, bordering Honduras. This project will be focused on providing clean water to the community, but we do not know yet if that will be in the form of a pump, well, or filtration system. Although we have a lot of work ahead of us, we have a great set of mentors and members who are eager to begin this new partnership!



Local Projects

Last semester, the Local Projects team partnered with GTECH to successfully design and build a stormwater cistern system that collects rainwater off of the Riverview United Presbyterian Church roof. The students who worked on this project were excited to have the opportunity to get involved and see the positive impact they can make right in their own Pittsburgh Community!



Smaller volunteer events included running a booth at the Carnegie Science Center's Chemfest, where club members presented an experiment with acids and bases, and helping out at Free Rides Pittsburgh, where club members tinkered on old bicycles.



Our chapter will continue working with the Oakland Planning and Development Corporation (OPDC) on community improvement projects in South Oakland, as well as the Pittsburgh Professional Chapter of EWB and the Pitt Hydroponics Club. New members are currently joining existing projects, and potential new projects.



Joseph John

Major: Industrial Engineering

Involvement: International project; Public Health Team

Interests: Watching football, playing basketball

Student Spotlight



Q: Why did you choose EWB?

A: "I chose EWB, and specifically public health, because I wanted to apply what I learn in my courses and gain experience in the non-technical areas associated with engineering."

Q: What have you learned from being part of EWB?

A: "Being a part of EWB has taught me the importance of retaining the focus on the community we intend to help. When designing, prototyping, and implementing a project, we may get lost in the technical details, but remembering why we started the project is crucial if we intend to effect real change."

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Join Engineers Without Borders at Wigle Whiskey

\$5 cover gets unlimited food, live music, and fun! Must be 21 to drink, but all other ages are welcome to the event.

Bring your friends and come support EWB!

6:00-9:00 PM

Monday, February 12

Wigle Whiskey

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