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# NEWSLETTER

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## 2023 was a year of innovation and positive changes for CIE/USA-DFW

*At the strategic level, the Board commissioned an independent team led by Dr. Yannan Sun to identify opportunities to re-engineer our organization to ensure our long-term relevance in the communities we serve. The Re-engineering Taskforce’s output will undoubtedly make CIE better for years to come.*

*At the operational level, we were led by five highly capable and experienced leaders (Xinfen Chen, Jen Hoch, Lun Tsuei, Grace Tyler and Tiger Zhou) as co-presidents. This team approach enabled us to be more effective as we re-doubled our efforts to build our organization’s leadership pipeline.*

*At the programmatic level, we encouraged our event chairs to think outside of the box to deliver more impactful programs. The Math Comp/Math Fun (MCMF) and Student Engineering and Creativity Convention (SECC) teams joined forces to bring together over 1000 participants under the umbrella of the brand-new CIE Youth Convention. Two new programs – CIE Mentoring Workshop and Career Development Round Table – were launched to support the growth of young professionals. At the Annual Convention Banquet, we educated and entertained our guests with yet another new program: CIE Presents – Point/Counterpoint, which for this year was a debate on the ethics of AI. Of course, many of our existing programs such as Young Achiever Award (YAA) and Mentoring Circle continue to deliver meaningful benefits to the participants.*

*As we near the end of 2023, we want to express our heartfelt appreciation to three outgoing board directors – Ms. Mary Cooley, Ms. Jenny Gong, and Dr. Claire Jung – for their tireless support and guidance to make CIE a better and stronger organization. We also want to welcome Mr. Gaurav Shekhar, Mr. Meng Khong and Mr. Jose Alvarez as new members of the board and look forward to working with them in 2024. Lastly, we are pleased to announce that the board has approved the 2024 leadership team, with Hong Jiang and Yun Liu serving as co-presidents, and Bryan Taylor and Jasmine Yin serving as co-EVPs. We thank you for your support of CIE/USA-DFW and wish you a joyous and peaceful holiday season!*

*Chris Koh, 2023 Chairman and Grace Tyler, 2024 Chairwoman*



# 2024 Board of Directors

Designation	Name	Company
Board of Director	Sheana Chen	Diodes
Board of Director	Hedison Mui	Altair
Board of Director	Jorge Varela	AltusVista
Board of Director	Autry Warren	Oncor
Board of Director	Duojia Pan	UT Southwestern
Board of Director	David Lu	AT&T, Retired
Board of Director	Gaurav Shekhar	UT Dallas
Board of Director	Meng Khong	BeyondSoft
Board of Director	Jose Alvarez	Ericsson
Board of Director	Chris Koh	PepsiCo, Retired
Board of Director	Jen Hoch	7-Eleven, Retired
Board of Director	Hong Jiang/Yun Liu	Fidelity/UT Southwestern
Board of Director	Xinfen Chen	Texas Instruments
Board of Director	Tiger Zhou	Texas Instruments
Board of Director	Gracy Tyler	Oncor
Board of Director	Bryan Taylor/Jasmine Yin	Oncor/Steward Health Care
<b>Secretaries</b>		
Secretary	Jan Benmard	BCBS
<b>Advisors</b>		
BOD Advisor	Lun Tsuei	KPS Global
BOD Advisor	Simon Chang	Integrated Data Analytics
BOD Advisor	Mark Carpenter	Oncor
BOD Advisor	Faa-Ching Wang	Consulpath

Title	Name
Co-President	Hong Jiang , Yun Liu
Co-Executive Vice President	Bryan Taylor, Jasmine Yin
VP Secretary	Jan Benmard
VP Treasurer	Veronica Liang
Convention Chair	Rong Zhang
Banquet Chair	Tina Zhang
Executive Forum Chair	Chris Koh
VIP Reception	
Co-VP Public Relations	Christi Popovich, Joseph Delsoin
Co-VP Young Professionals	Batuk Bista, Yujun Liang
Co-VP Youth Programs	Jessica Wang, Susan Yin
Math Comp/Math Fun Chair (MCMF)	Marrisa Yang
Student Engineering & Creativity Convention Chair (SECC)	Martin Zhang
Young Achiever Award Chair (YAA)	Nadum Charles
Webmaster	Mark Yin

## 2023 CIE Volunteer Recognition and Honor Roll



Tina Zhang deserves recognition for her exceptional planning and execution of all aspects of the annual convention programs, showcasing her dedication and organizational prowess.

Bryan Taylor is commended for his outstanding planning and execution of the entire annual convention programs, demonstrating remarkable organizational skills and a commitment to excellence in every aspect.



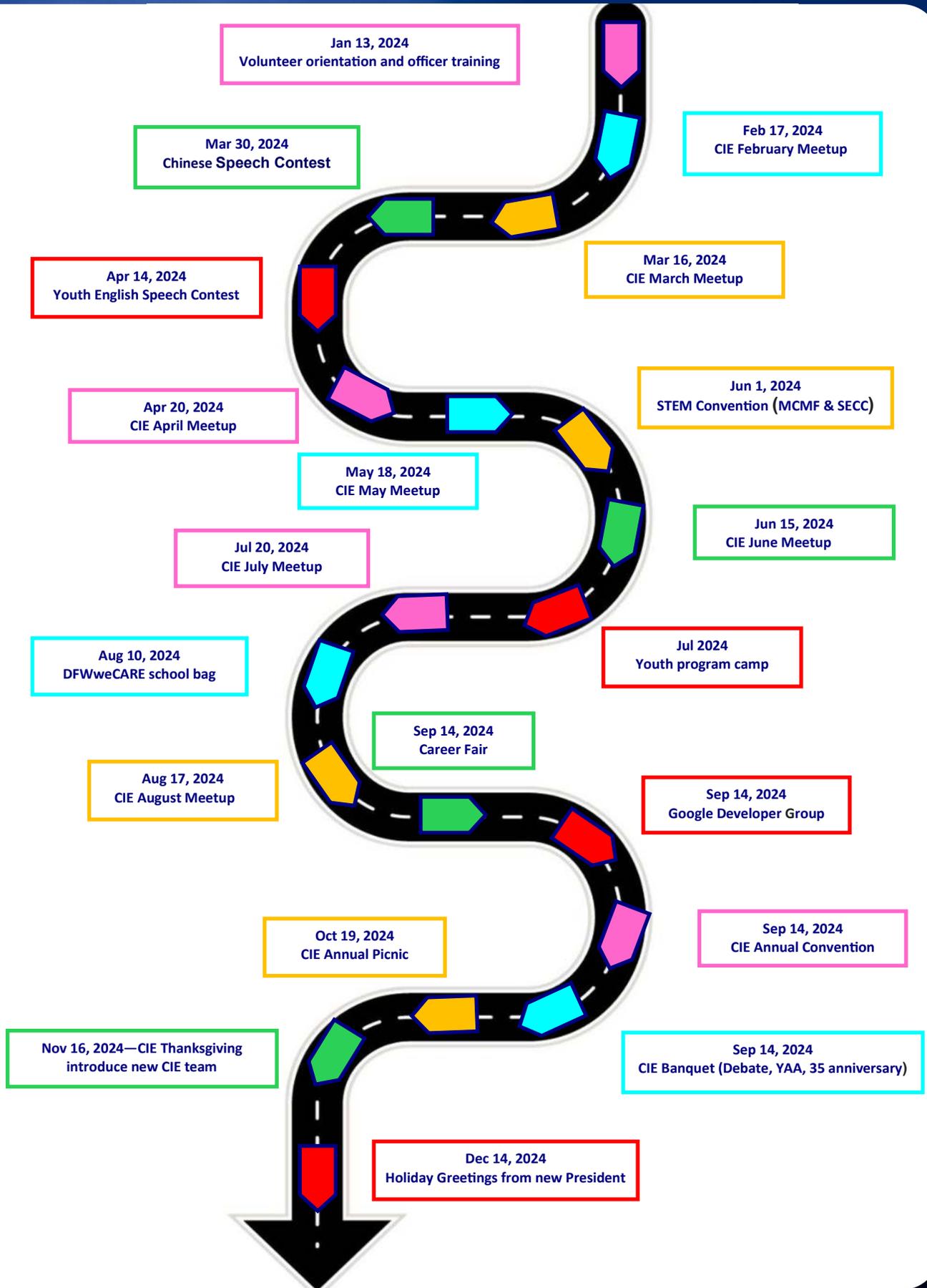
Yun Liu is recognized for ensuring the seamless and successful execution of the annual convention banquet, exhibiting exceptional organizational prowess and contributing to the overall success of the event.

Rong Zhang is commended for orchestrating a smooth and successful annual convention banquet, demonstrating outstanding organizational skills and significantly contributing to the overall success of the event.



Batuk Bista is recognized for his great contribution to the Career Development Roundtables, demonstrating detailed organization and heartfelt gratitude, which significantly elevated the overall quality of the event.

# 2024 CIE/DFW Calendar of Events





**Chris Koh—Year around support**

He dedicatedly organized a CIE volunteers' picnic, complete with homemade brisket and personalized pens. Despite being on the road, he consistently attends CIE President Committee meetings, showcasing his commitment.

**Grace Tyler—Distinguished Leadership**



An exemplary leader who demonstrated exceptional dedication in recruiting and nurturing a significant number of volunteers, contributing significantly to their development and growth, thereby enriching the organization's talent pipeline.



**Gerry Huang**

Gerry Huang is nominated for his exceptional work on the 2023 Proceedings and AV support at the banquet. He created the cover page, accommodated changes, explored printing options, and stepped up as the main AV operator.

**Jarvis Jacobs –Dedicated Photographer**



Supporting convention photography tasks, Jarvis, a dedicated CIE volunteer, skillfully captured precious moments 2023 events. Despite busy schedules, his commitment and timely photo delivery depict the story of impactful CIE volunteers.



**Christi Popovich—Newsletter and support**

For her exceptional performance as Master of Ceremonies (MC) during the convention banquet, her year-round involvement, and consistent contributions to all newsletters and social media releases this year, she has demonstrated remarkable talent in newsletter and video clip publication.

**Nadum Charles - Planning & execution of 2023 YAA selections**

Nadum excelled as a first-time Young Achiever Award Chair, quickly learning the process and working diligently to publicize the award. He personalized recipient details and gift bags, expressing genuine enthusiasm for recognizing talented students.





### Will Jordan—Outstanding Moderator for Program Point / Counterpoint

The Point/Counterpoint AI Debate at the Annual Convention Banquet was a brand-new event for CIE. Thanks to the expert moderating of Will Jordan, the event was not only educational, but also highly entertaining and helped to bring to life the debaters' perspectives.

### Hong Jiang - overall contribution – proceedings

Hong, a dedicated volunteer, turns challenges into opportunities. For Proceedings publishing, she explored new ideas, used AI for the cover page, and improved collaboration with a cloud platform. Her involvement elevates the quality of every CIE program.



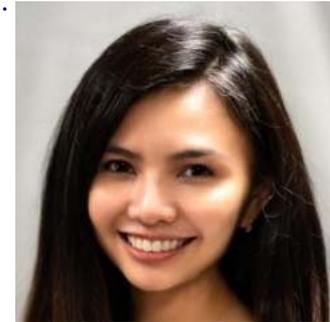
### Johnson Tu—Banquet Logistics

Johnson, as the Annual Convention Logistics Chair, showcased exceptional attention to detail. He tackled various tasks, ordered awards, and ensured the smooth setup of exhibition booths, contributing significantly to the event's success.



### Jan Benmard - VIP Reception MC and Banquet flow presentation

Jan excelled as the VIP Reception MC, demonstrating confidence and poise. She also played a key role in perfecting the AV slide show and music, contributing significantly to the Annual Convention banquet's success.



### Devendra Shah

For his contribution for the career development round table Dev, a new member of CIE, played a crucial role in planning the Career Development Round Table at the Annual Convention. He crafted promotional material, organized participant rotations, and hosted sessions, showcasing valuable contributions for future collaboration.



### Jan Xie—Immortalized priceless moments

Dedicated volunteer, Jan Xie beautifully captured precious moments at various 2023 events, showcasing her commitment despite busy schedules for several organizations. Her impactful photos tell the story of dedicated CIE volunteers



# Lasting Legacies

Susan and her late husband, James Yin, dedicated extensive time to volunteering with the CIE. James initiated his involvement with CIE before 2004, while Susan's journey began when she enrolled her daughter, Jasmine, in the Math Comp/Math Fun competition in 2005, when Jasmine was just 7 years old. During that event, James assisted with volunteer check-ins, and Susan managed the contestants check-in—a pivotal moment that sparked Susan's 18-year tenure as a CIE volunteer.

Susan holds a deep admiration for CIE as a nonprofit organization with a focused mission to support the Asian community, its youth, and members. Its non-political stance, robust leadership, and assembly of highly skilled professionals resonate with her. She values the diverse array of CIE programs and acknowledges the immense learning she has gleaned from fellow members, which fuels her dedication to volunteering over the years.

Susan's contributions to CIE volunteering encompass various crucial responsibilities:

Ensuring seamless registration for CIE events like Math Comp/Math Fun and CIE Conventions posed a challenge. The finalization of registration lists with classroom assignments often occurred mere hours before the event. Susan, dedicated to the cause, would stay awake until the early hours—2 am or 3 am—printing name tags inclusive of student grades, registration numbers, and classroom assignments. By 10 am the following day, she'd be at the registration booths, ready with everything in place. Additionally, Susan diligently trained 12-20 registration volunteers annually.

The annual CIE conventions presented a similar challenge. The seating assignments for banquet tables remained elusive until the night preceding the event. Susan took it upon herself to stay past midnight, crafting name badges for banquet guests. The next day, she'd arrive early to facilitate seminar registrations, ensuring that speakers and attendees received their new badges promptly.



**Mother & daughter: Susan & Jasmine Yin**

Since 2005, Susan has volunteered annually at Math Comp/Math Fun with registration and check-in, guided other volunteers through their duties, and assisted the Math Fun chair with several relevant tasks that led to a successful event each time.

Since 2007, Susan has volunteered annually at the CIE Annual Convention assisting the stage manager with awards, guest check in, and leading registration for VIP and Executive Forums.

When Jasmine was 7, she attended her inaugural CIE event, the Math Comp/Math Fun, as a student. Her volunteer journey commenced in 2010 when, at the age of 12, she eagerly contributed for the first time by assisting with Math Comp check-ins.

Why does Jasmine volunteer for CIE? At first, of course, she was dragged into CIE by Susan! Then as she grew older, she started to understand more about CIE and its mission, and acknowledged the positive values and impact of CIE on individuals and the community. Jasmine is growing her leadership skills by serving CIE; Currently in the role of VP of Secretary in 2023. She has expanded her personal growth by joining the Texas Dragon Toastmasters.

CIE/DFW appreciates Susan and Jasmine Yin for their lasting legacy serving CIE from generation to generation.



The CIE Annual Picnic was held in late October at the Arbor Hills Nature Preserve in Plano. Many volunteers and their families joined the picnic, and it was a fun-filled afternoon of games, food, and entertainment.

We kicked off with some icebreaking games and got to know each other better (did you know that many CIE members' secret wish was to possess the super power of flying?) The more competitive folks spent time trying to outperform each other at cornhole game. Throughout the picnic, we were also entertained by some very talented members with their Karaoke singing, who were rewarded by receiving gift certificates from one of our sponsors, Cindi's NY Deli.



To recognize our volunteers, we presented pen sets to those who went above and beyond the call of duty to support CIE in 2023. The pen sets were engraved with the volunteer's name (English, and if applicable, Chinese name) and an inscription about the volunteer's special contribution.

Of course, no picnic would be complete without food – lots of food. The chefs amongst us brought many home-made and yummy dishes to share and participate in the Second Annual CIE Iron Chef Competition. Last year's winning dish was a savory Spicy Beef by CIE Iron Chef Lun Tsuei; for 2023, Jasmine Yin got all the votes from the members with a sweet tooth with her winning dish of "Bing Fen," a Chinese dessert native to Southwest China in provinces such as Sichuan, Guizhou, and Yunnan. She received a cutting board engraved with the CIE Iron Chef logo. Bring your special dish to next year's CIE Picnic and you could be crowned CIE Iron Chef!





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## Be a part of the growing Chinese Institute of Engineers organization today!

At CIE/USA-DFW, we are passionate about enabling the growth of current and aspiring engineers and technologists by providing a platform for technical exchange, professional networking, and STEM awareness. CIE/USA-DFW has delivered many programs throughout the year and we are dedicated to making a positive impact to our community.



Scan for volunteer opportunity

As we continue to grow and expand our reach, we invite you to join us on this exciting journey by becoming a member of CIE/USA-DFW. Membership offers a variety of benefits, including technical advancement, networking & employment opportunities in seminars and social activities, and special discounts on attending events. To become a member, simply click on the link to sign up. If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [Info@cie-dfw.org](mailto:Info@cie-dfw.org)

## Thank you Sponsors!

