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## National Society of Black Engineers REGION 6 SUMMER CAMPING CONFERENCE



## 2009 Summer Camping Conference Recap

The 2009 Region 6 Summer Camping Conference (SCC) opens doors to NSBE for many young students.

One hundred students flocked the campus of Cal Poly Pomona for SCC during the weekend of July 24-26, 2009. Compared to the previous record breaking SCC, this year's conference did not have as many attendees. Yet, the 2009 SCC was successful as it was fun, exciting, and fresh with a variety of new engineering activities.

SCC was not only exciting for those involved, but it was also rewarding in that it allowed young students to learn about engineering and the other STEM fields. As engineering is not typically studied in middle or high schools, SCC attendees became exposed to engineering. This exposure was the highlight of the conference. Saturday, July 25, can be described as a day of engineering activities which involved learning about the engineering behind bottle rockets, suspension bridges, building an electric speaker, making ice cream, and the power of a windmill lift. The opportunity to learn from hands on projects gave students a lasting impression of the applications of engineering in the real world. Working with teams throughout the weekend allowed students to meet new people and create new friendships.

Speaking to NSBE Jr. and collegiate members, many comments were heard about SCC. Though more than half of the students attending SCC are new to NSBE, there are groups that are interested in starting their own NSBE Jr. Chapters. In addition, comments about extending the conference to one week rather than a weekend, was heard from a group of students. Some students even told collegiate members they could see themselves attending a college like Cal Poly Pomona.

In all, SCC allowed Region 6 to make an impact. Students interacted with collegiate members and chose their own mentors that would be available to for any help or answers about NSBE, academics, STEM fields, or simply anything. By using SCC as the kick off form the Just Get One program, Region 6 has shown the impact they have and will continue to have through fulfilling NSBE's mission.



## Membership Spotlight :

### Ida Bezabeh - International Chair & Southern Cal Zone Chair

In addition to her services on the Regional Board, this 3rd year, bioengineering student at UCLA is currently doing breast cancer research at the Regenerative Sciences Institute in Sunnyvale, CA for the summer. Back at school she works in a Hematology & Oncology Lab at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital. Ida is also very involved in the Habesha Student Association at UCLA (past vice pres, past pres, and now group advisor) and has conducted weekly math and science projects at a local elementary school as part of UCLA NSBE's tutoring program. For this Region 6 recognizes Ida this month for the membership spotlight.



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**13th Annual Golden Torch Award  
Nomination Deadline**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

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& Register your chapter!**

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Today.**

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## Region 6

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**Polls**

Do you like the new website?

Yes!  
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**Resources**

Regional Leadership Conference 2009  
 Summer Camping Conference 2009

Welcome to "The Six" Region VI is the West Coast Regional Division of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), representing Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The purpose of this website is to provide information and support to the region and its chapters.

*The Mission of NSBE is to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community.*



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Have you been to the Region 6 website lately?

Check out the new and improved website. We want to hear what you think about the new page!



# International Page

## Introducing The National Society of Black Engineers International Chapters

This year, as an initiative to create international awareness within the National Society of Black Engineers, the WIRE will feature highlights from some of NSBE’s international chapters. Be prepared as Region VI takes into the world of engineering beyond our seas.



**Carleton University Chapter**  
Location: ON, Canada

Carleton NSBE has existed since 2004, which was resurrected by a former Canada Zone Chair person. Carleton is a nationally award winning chapter receiving recognition through it’s membership and services to the society. The chapter’s motto is believing in fostering leaders for the black community which coincides with the national mission.



**McGill University Chapter**  
Location: Montreal, Canada

McGill University proudly holds the title of first chapter chartered outside of the United States of America. McGill strives to implement NSBE programs, and foster ties with the Montreal corporate community in addition to servicing its membership.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS

# ENGINEERING A GLOBAL IMPACT

The largest black professional convention ever held in CANADA!



*March 31st - April 4th, 2010*

In March 2010, NSBE - the National Society of Black Engineers will have their 36th Annual Convention in Toronto.

We will welcome 10,000 black engineering students & professionals to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

The convention theme "Engineering a Global Impact" will center around speakers & topics meant to empower attendees for global success.

for more info visit [convention.nsbe.org](http://convention.nsbe.org)

*Get ready & get involved! Visit our website to find out how you can register for the conference, get your school involved, become a volunteer, or sponsor an event.*

An advertisement for U.S. passports. The text is bold and clear, set against a background of a blue sky with white clouds. A dark blue passport is shown in the lower right corner, with the word 'PASSPORT' and the United States seal visible. The text reads: 'U.S. PASSPORT REQUIRED FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ACT TODAY!!!' followed by the URL 'http://travel.state.gov/passport'.

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# Black Entrepreneurs and Executives



**Oando Plc** — In an age where energy is one of the most vital entities in the world, it is no wonder why Oando Plc is successful. This company is an energy solutions provider that operates in Africa. It is a cluster of companies who work together in the Nigerian energy sector. Impressively this company was the first African company listed on the JSE (Johannesburg Stock Exchange). Oando has been stated to be one of the largest privately owned oil trading companies to play a major role as importer of Nigeria's petroleum products. For more information please visit [www.oandopl.com](http://www.oandopl.com)

**iNetworks Canada** — This Toronto based company provides technical solution services to business, organization, government institutions and much more. The company was founded by Dr. Baba Jibrin (pictured above) who is also the President and CEO. Dr. Adamu has an impressive academic background, receiving his masters' and Ph.D. in Poland. He later moved to Canada where he continued to acquire various certifications and eventually started up iNetworks Canada. His ambition and thirst for knowledge indeed proves that success can come to those who put their best efforts forward. For more information please visit [www.inetworkscanada.com](http://www.inetworkscanada.com)



**Xerox** — Xerox is a familiar name to many. This Fortune 500 Company had reported an astonishing \$18 billion in revenues within the past year. As of July 1, 2009, this multi-billion dollar company will be run by Ursula Burns, an African American female. She began at Xerox as an intern and gradually climbed up the corporate ladder obtaining titles such as President of the Xerox Business Group Operations, and Senior Vice President. For more information about Ursula and Xerox please visit [www.xerox.com](http://www.xerox.com)

# 2009 Regional Leadership conference



**REGION VI**

## Where:

UNIVERSITY OF  
CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

## When:

AUGUST 14 - 16, 2009

## Cost:

TOTAL: \$125.00

(INCLUDES REGISTRATION &  
ACCOMMODATIONS)

**Come and be prepared to gain the  
tools you need to R.I.S.E to the  
occasion and make a lasting  
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2009-2010 NATIONAL DIRECTIVES

TOGETHER WE WILL ....



RISE  
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RETENTION

Reduce the number of its members failing gateway courses

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Clearly define the benefits of international membership as well as create a standardized process for international incorporation eligibility

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Provide resources to close the gap on junior members' performance on college entrance tests

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Provide programming to foster the development of black-owned technical businesses. As well as exploring different funding avenues in an effort to become self-sufficient

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- \* *initiative*
- \* *membership*
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- \* *academic excellence*
- \* *community involvement*
- \* *technology advancement*



Region VI  
2009 Initiative



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