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Engineering Alumni Present at National Society of Black Engineers

TAMPA, Fla. (April 3, 2014) **Joseph Bonivel, Jr., Justin Boone, and Angelique Waller**, three recent graduates of the College of Engineering, led panel discussions during the 40th Annual National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Conference held March 26-30, in Nashville, TN.

Bonivel (PhD '10) and Boone (MSEE '11) presented on "Getting Ready for Advanced Degrees" during the NSBE GRAD Lab. Sponsored by the GEM Fellowship Program, the objective of the workshop was to encourage underrepresented students to pursue advanced science and engineering degrees. Bonivel is a Senior Research Engineer at United Technologies Corporation Research Center in East Hartford, CT. He earned his Ph.D. in Engineering Science under the supervision of Ashok Kumar, professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Boone is a RF/Microwave Engineer at Northrop Grumman Corporation in Baltimore. He completed his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering at Florida International University in 2013.

Waller (BSME '12), led the workshop "The Perks of Not Being a Wallflower: Collegiate Edition." The purpose was to educate students on how exploring personal interests while completing their engineering degrees can enable them to become well-rounded engineers. Waller is a Structural and Payload Engineer for the F-15 project with Boeing in St. Louis.

The NSBE conference is one of the largest technical meetings for students and early career professionals with nearly 8,000 attendees. Annually, it features a two-day Career Fair with Fortune 500 corporations, a College/Graduate School Fair, professional development workshops, and K-12 activities.

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The College of Engineering at the University of South Florida is ranked at #72 among public institutions by U.S. News & World Report's 2015 engineering graduate school rankings. The college serves 4,600 students offering ABET-accredited undergraduate degrees in seven programs, as well as eleven master's and nine doctoral degrees. The College is actively engaged in local and global research activities with foci on sustainability, biomedical engineering, computing technology and transportation and for the fiscal year 2013-14 had \$30.5 million in research expenditures. There are 124 tenured / tenure track faculty and 80 instructors and research faculty.

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