

REFLECTING ON THE LAST HIE-VA GENERAL BODY MEETING OF 2024!

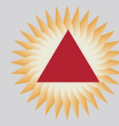
On November 14, BHE GT&S, a new sponsor of HIE-VA, hosted the General Body Meeting at their headquarters in Glen Allen, Virginia. Leaders of our various committees shared updates for the second half of 2024 and goals for 2025, which includes a continued focus on community outreach, student relations, and member recruitment. The event also included a raffle for salsa dancing lessons and HIE-VA swag items.

"I am proud of all we have achieved in the first year of Hispanics In Energy Virginia Chapter. I am looking forward to all the great work we will continue to do to propel Hispanic inclusion in the energy industry in the Commonwealth of Virginia," said Maria P. Tamburri, HIE-VA Executive Sponsor.

As we approach the one-year mark since our organization's launch, we are grateful for the incredible support we have received. With over 50 members, our HIE-VA family continues to expand.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made this event a success!

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VIRGINIA CHAPTER



We are growing!



READY, SET, WORK!



A team of eight representatives from HIE-VA, SHPE-DC, and SHPE GMU hosted a resume workshop at the GMU Fairfax campus on October 10. The event featured a presentation by Faby Helme, followed by one-on-one resume reviews with students. We were excited to welcome 14 students to the session. A big thank you to all the volunteers who made this event a success!



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Leading Hispanics in STEM

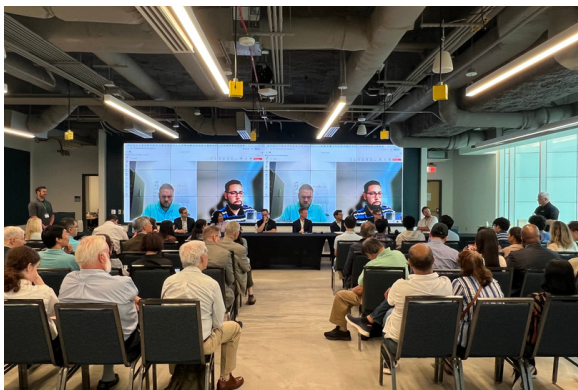


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On August 9, 2024, HIE-VA participated in the GMU High School STEM Summer Camp, where 14 students from six school districts explored renewable energy and environmental stewardship. Monica Gorena, HIE-VA's Student Relations Advisor, coordinated the event, which included interactive sessions, hands-on labs, and group projects to spark interest in renewable energy engineering.



Throughout the week, industry experts from organizations like Dominion Energy and SHINE provided students with real-world insights into the energy sector. The camp concluded with a two-part event: a renewable energy panel featuring professionals from AES Corporation, AWS, NOVEC, and others, followed by presentations showcasing the students' innovative projects. HIE-VA is proud to support initiatives like this, inspiring the next generation of energy leaders while promoting diversity and inclusion in the industry.

HIE-VA Panel Visits Brightpoint Community College

Members of HIE-VA hosted the event “A Day in the Life of an Engineer” last September. Approximately 15 students and 2 professors at Brightpoint Community College’s Midlothian campus participated in the event in which presenters shared insights into their careers, personal experiences, and the paths that led them to their current roles, offering valuable tips and advice for aspiring engineers.

The engaging discussions and mentorship were met with great enthusiasm, fostering inspiration and curiosity among the participants.

We look forward to hosting similar impactful events in 2025.
Stay tuned for updates!



CONVERGENCE 2024

HIE-VA Shines at Dominion Energy’s Convergence 2024

HIE-VA participated in Dominion Energy’s 2024 Convergence Event, a supplier diversity expo and job fair with more than 75 exhibitors participating each year. The event took place on September 10th providing a platform for suppliers to learn about future opportunities and build valuable connections with participating companies.

Over 30 attendees visited the HIE-VA booth, contributing to the event’s success, which saw over 900 registrants overall. The participation was coordinated by Estefan Abogabir, HIE-VA Corporate Relations Chair.

To learn more about this impactful event, visit the **[Dominion Energy Convergence website](#)**.



Hispanics in Energy VA present at the **NOCHE DE FIESTA** HOSTED BY THE VAHCC

On November 2, 2024, the Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (VAHCC) and the Virginia Hispanic Foundation (VAHF) hosted their annual gala, Noche de Fiesta, at the stunning Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. The evening showcased a vibrant blend of activities, performances, and culinary delights, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and honoring the Día de los Muertos holiday.

The event also highlighted the impactful programs of the VAHCC and VAHF while recognizing exceptional individuals who uplift and enrich the Hispanic/Latino community. Representing HIE-VA at this unforgettable celebration were Fabricio Montesdeoca, Aaron Crespín, Natalia Giraud, and Oscar Villatoro.



UTILITY THINK TANK



HIE-VA's First Utility Think Tank Sparks Innovation and Collaboration

This past December, HIE-VA hosted its inaugural Utility Think Tank in Northern Virginia, bringing together over 20 professionals from Dominion Energy and NOVEC. The event featured three insightful presentations from Dominion Energy, highlighting Distributed Energy Resources (DER) processes, procedures, and upcoming projects.

Following the presentations, attendees had the opportunity to connect and exchange ideas during a short networking lunch. HIE-VA extends heartfelt thanks to NOVEC for graciously hosting this impactful event and helping make it a success.



COMING UP!

HIE-VA Networking Event

Thursday, January 16, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Capital Ale House

Glen Allen, VA

HIE-VA First General Body Meeting of 2025

Thursday, February 20, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Dominion's Thomas F. Farrell (TFF)

building

600 E Canal St, Richmond, VA



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HIE-VA, SHPE DC, SHPE GMU NETWORKING EVENT



We continue to promote our organization by hosting networking events and actively engaging with students in our community. On October 10, members from HIE-VA, SHPE DC, and SHPE GMU gathered with approximately 30 students and professionals at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. During the event, two HIE-VA memberships were raffled—one for a professional and one for a student. Congratulations to Bryan Regalado, the professional winner, and John D. Sejas Cordova, the student winner!

NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Start the New Year with a resolution to invest in growth and connection!

A membership to Hispanics in Energy, Virginia Chapter, offers young professionals and students the opportunity to build their network, gain mentorship, and open doors to exciting career opportunities.

Whether you're launching a career or supporting someone else's journey, HIE-VA membership is a powerful way to prioritize professional development in 2025.

Make this year one of growth and opportunity and join today by visiting:



New Year's Resolutions

