

2018 SPE YOUNG ENGINEERS OF THE YEAR

Houston Engineers Week promotes the profession of engineering as a social and economic influence vital to the community's welfare

One of its primary objectives is to recognize and honor engineering achievement in the Houston area and advance the public's knowledge and appreciation of all fields of engineering. The Society of Petroleum Engineers Gulf Coast Section is an integral part of the Houston Engineers Week

NII NUNOO



Nii Ahele Nunoo is an Asset Manager at National Oilwell Varco. He started his oilfield career in 2012 designing and qualifying electronics on projects for high-shock, high-pressure, and high-temperature downhole

tool applications. His focus and expertise is downhole drilling tools used for closed-loop automation. He coordinates with sales, product line, and operations to achieve maximum utilization of downhole tools inventory and assets.

He earned his BS in electronic engineering from Minnesota State University. In his free time, Nii Ahele organizes science fairs for middle school students in low-income areas in Houston. He served on the SPE Young Professionals Board the last four years and as the Chair of the Emerging Engineers Conference. He also served as the Career Management and Continuing Education Chair on the SPE-GCS Board of Directors, and is the current Past Chair for the SPE-GCS Young Professionals.

Committee and is strongly represented in the Houston area by 4,000 Young Professionals out of its overall membership of 13,500. This year, SPE-GCS will be honoring two of its outstanding young engineers who have made remarkable impact through technical work, leadership, mentorship, and selfless service to the community.

The 2018 SPE Young Engineers of the Year are Nii Nunoo and Yogashri Pradhan. They'll be joining a list of previous honorees that includes Aniket Kumar (2017), Chiedozie Ekweribe (2016), Simeon Eburi (2015), and Andrea Rowe (2014).

The recipients of the award will be honored during Houston Engineers Week, Feb 18-24.

YOGASHRI PRADHAN



Yogashri Pradhan is a Senior Production Engineer for The Texas Oil and Gas Institute. She oversees production optimization studies in the Permian Basin and mentors graduate students. Previously, she was a production engineer for Devon Energy.

Yogashri is active in SPE through technical conference committee memberships, study groups, and the Young Professionals board. She participates in GCS community service initiatives and co-founded SPE Cares. She is also Leadership Chair for SPE International's Women in Energy Committee. Yogashri is an editor of The Way Ahead, SPE's Young Professionals magazine and has authored/co-authored 10 technical publications.

Yogashri holds a bachelor's in petroleum engineering from the University of Texas, where she was a member of the SPE student chapter and UT's PetroBowl team. She is pursuing her master's in petroleum engineering at Texas A&M University.