



## Jennifer Argüello for Region 1 Vice President

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Jennifer Argüello is running for Region 1 Vice President. She brings over **fifteen years** of leadership experience in SHPE at local, regional, and national levels. She is a Region 1 native, specifically from the Silicon Valley. At the ripe age of 6, Jennifer started programming and has a **B.S. in Computer Science** from University of California, San Diego. She is currently the project manager for the services team at Mozilla Corporation. This is a recent post after spending nearly five years at Microsoft in various technical roles. Products she has worked on include Bing, Ford Sync, and most recently the Kinect for Xbox 360. Before Microsoft she worked for various start up companies in Silicon Valley.

Three characteristics that describe Jennifer are:

- Passion for making the world a better place by enabling those around her to strive for excellence
- An insatiable fascination of people and technology, which drives her to find new ways to bring valuable innovation to the masses
- Even though she does not have engineer in her title anymore she is still a geek at heart.

Service to SHPE has been a large part of Jennifer's life. While at UCSD, she held various positions on the SHPE chapter executive board including President. Under her tenure, UCSD held a very successful Regional Leadership Conference. Her student leadership roles ended with being the Region 2 Regional Student Representative where she worked tirelessly to keep Region 2 chapters united and could boast about having a National Chapter of the Year in her region with UCLA.

As a professional, Jennifer was recruited straight out of college to lead the scholarship program and serve as University Relations Chairperson on the Silicon Valley Professional Chapter Executive board. SHPE-SV was a Professional Chapter of the Year award winner at the time. Eventually she became president of the professional chapter and simultaneously chaired the first ever Region 1 and Region 2 West Coast Career Expo (WCCE). This was the most highly attended WCCE up until that date and it was the first time a woman had chaired the event. After moving to San Francisco, she served on the SHPE San Francisco board as the education and outreach coordinator, organizing some attendance record-breaking community outreach events. The last few years she has been serving at a more national level. She has served on various National Conference Committees as a lead and as the Elections committee chairperson. Among several scholarships and awards achieved throughout her SHPE career for her various accomplishments; the most recent honor was receiving a SHPE President's Award in 2010.

In addition to her service in SHPE, she is frequently part of mentorship programs for K-12 students to learn more about STEM careers. She also serves on the alumni advisory board for the Computer Science and Engineering department at her alma mater. Jennifer regularly participates in other professional organization's events; looking for best practices she can bring back to SHPE and finding new ways for organizations to partner on a more regional and national level.

If elected Region 1 Vice President, Jennifer plans on elevating Region 1 as a whole to being a high functioning collection of professional and student chapters. This means:

1. Enabling better lines of communication from the National entities to the professional chapters and between the various professional and student chapters in the region.
2. Building and maintaining strong corporate and partner relationships within the region.
3. Providing excellent opportunities for professional and community growth through quality regional programs.

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