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## **YP Program in Alabama**

## How do you get more young professional involvement in the organization?

#### Get them involved in college!

- Targeting universities
- Other professional organizations are big at Alabama universities
- University of Auburn and University of South Alabama had a program pre COVID but needed a restart
- Started University of Alabama's program in Jan of 2020 (woof!)
- Every university is different—what works for us
- Set clear goals and communication is key



## **Challenges and (some) Solutions**

- COVID
- Students graduating and the group dying out
- Not having a good mix of student levels (graduate and undergraduate)
- Kick off events for the entire state (lucky we are a less expansive state)
- Professor involvement
- Keeping students engaged
- Retain involvement post graduation
- Future: design project competition for all the schools



#### AWEA/AWWA YP IS EXCITED TO PRESENT A NETWORKING EVENT!!

### AFTERNOON AT CAHABA BREWERY

January 29th from 12pm to 2pm. Please join us for brews and food on us!

University chapters from across the state are invited to meet in person for the first time along with young industry professionals.

4500 5TH AVE S BUILDING C, BIRMINGHAM



















