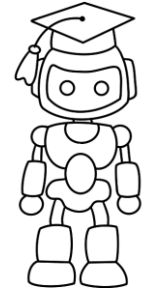




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Gokul Pandey, Section Chair Report
Lightning Round

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Section Officers:

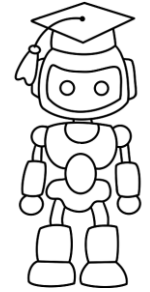
- Chair: Gokul Pandey
- Vice Chair: Vacant*
- Secretary: Jayanna Hallur
- Treasurer: Suhas Jangoan
- Affinity Groups: YP/WIE
- Year of Last Election: 2024
- Duration of Term: 2 Years
- Does Section have separate Bylaws/Operations Manual: No

* We did have a petition candidate, but they did not get enough petition signers.

2024 Major Successes:

- XRP Robot Project
 - Applied for/Received \$15k Surplus Funds Grant with \$500 supplement.
 - Distributed 155 XRP Robot kits to 16 Sections in Region 3.
- Membership Growth
 - The Richmond Section ranked #4 in the Region for Total Membership YoY Change % with an 11.28% growth.
- 2024 Elections
 - The Richmond Section piloted the new Sections elections process for 2024 and will pilot the new Chapters elections process for 2025.
- Conversion to NextGen Banking
 - All budget planning documentation for last year's (2024) budget was entered into NextGen Banking, revealing some bugs in the new system.
 - All 2024 transaction tracking was fully integrated into NextGen Banking.

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Goals:

- Improve volunteer support and retention
- Support WIE and YP
- STEM Engagement with the community
- Project in Educating in Rural Areas
- Advertising through sports events for member enroll

Obstacles:

- Small current volunteer base results in volunteer burnout.
- Difficulty identifying exciting projects.
- Difficulty keeping connections within K-12 schools.

Milestones:

- Volunteer Support and Retention
 - Advertising through Sports and other events for more volunteers and member enrollment with more student involvement
 - Presented and obtained approval for the Richmond Section's operating budget for 2025
 - Provided feedback on a Region Surplus Funds grant proposal.
- Student Branch
 - The Resume Review event went really good and also received great feedback from the VCU Students and the same will be doing it for VSU as well.
 - More than 15 IEEE Volunteers turned up and helped the students to review the resume and update the needs on what need to be projected front.
 - **Feedback**, it was very beneficial for students and the IEEE volunteers were super insightful! Having this many volunteers allowed students to get feedback from multiple IEEE professionals which I think was very helpful for students in improving their resumes.
 - Laura Lemza, Director of Career Services for the VCU College of Engineering, stated that the event was very successful and very much appreciated by the students! It's always beneficial to gain insights directly from professionals in the tech workforce, both for resumes and for general career advice. Our team in Engr Career Services very much appreciated the time and energy that so many members of IEEE dedicated to this event. We were quite amazed by the turn-out!"