

### History of the National Chapter (from <http://www.shpe.org>)

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers was founded in Los Angeles, California, in 1974 by a group of engineers employed by the City of Los Angeles. Their objective was to form a national organization of professional engineers to serve as role models in the Hispanic community.

The concept of Networking was the key basis for the organization. SHPE quickly established two student chapters to begin the network that would grow to encompass the nation as well as reach countries outside the United States. Today, SHPE enjoys a strong but independent network of professional and student chapters throughout the nation.

### Our History

Our chapter at UT started as an idea by the President and Vice-President during the spring 2000 semester, but their idea became reality when we became an official chapter in the fall 2000 semester.

### Membership Criteria

We have an open-membership policy, through which any University of Tennessee student, can become a member.

### Past Activities and Events

Spring 2000:

- Potluck dinner in Clement Hall Basement

Fall 2000:

- Fundraisers - Car Wash and Salsa Dance 2000

### Goals and Aspirations

- To perform community service work in the Knoxville area
- To work with other organizations on campus and in Knoxville
- To begin a mentoring program
- To bring awareness of Hispanic/Latino culture to the University and Knoxville community

### Leaders:

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*Knowledge is the key to learning yourself.*



*All legs united,  
the spider stands,  
lose only 1 leg  
and the spider falls.*