

Community Service

The Iowa State Material Advantage chapter takes pride in the quality of materials science and engineering demonstrations that we put on throughout the year. However, that is not the extent of our community service. We want to promote STEM to area schools, but we also want to work to better the community as a whole. At the beginning of the school year we participated in a United Way volunteer event, in which members painted the dining room of a local senior center. During the holiday season, our chapter bought and wrapped gifts for a family of four who would otherwise have gone without them. In March, our chapter participated in the ISU Relay for Life in order to raise money for and promote the American Cancer Society. Our relay team raised more than \$3,000 for the event, finishing as the Iowa State team raising the most funds. Participants alternated walking around an indoor track for 12 hours; our members walked in honor of an MSE department administrator who battled cancer. The civic service in which our chapter is involved strengthens not only our community, but also member relationships.

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ISU-MA members walk at Relay for Life in honor of Lynne Weldon, a former MSE administrator.