

The 2010 IAC Student Meeting, hosted by Michaela Martin, IAC Student Activities Advisor and Thomas Wenning, IAC Student Activities Coordinator, brought together 37 engineering students representing 26 universities as well as 7 IAC alumni and various invited speakers to Washington DC. The meeting provided the students with the opportunity to learn more about the DOE-IAC Program, network with other IAC students and alumni and meet DOE –IAC leadership. The two day meeting included IAC field management and IAC database updates from Don Kasten and Mike B. Muller as well as IAC program updates from Thomas Wenning and Bill Prymak. Presentations from students and invited guests representing DOE, The City of Alexandria, Virginia, ACEEE, ASE and The Pew Center were also on the agenda. Due to the unique qualifications and experience of IAC graduates, recruiters from several top companies, energy consulting businesses and placement firms including Siemens, Schneider Electric, ORNL, Energy and Resource Solutions, Inc., AMERESCO and NORESKO were also on hand to introduce employment opportunities and collect resumes from the IAC students. A memorable, albeit uninvited guest of the 2010 IAC Lead Student Meeting was the snow. During the 2nd day of the meeting, snow began to fall in the Washington DC area. By the time the snow stopped, there was 20 inches of snow and ice on the ground. The “snowpocalypse” of 2010 caused all flights to be cancelled and forced most of the students and IAC administration to stay in Washington DC through the weekend. Luckily, everyone was able to make it home by Tuesday, before another foot of snow arrived in the area.