



Society for
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The Value of STC Membership

“I have been a member of the STC-Orlando Chapter for several years and can’t imagine not being a part of this tremendous organization. The networking, the friends, the programs... all are invaluable to me. But most important and what I find most rewarding is the opportunity to give back to a profession that has been very good to me for nearly 18 years. I don’t look at it as what I can derive from this organization or what I can get for my dues. I look at what I can do for this organization such as volunteering for Chapter Leadership, Mentoring others new to the field, and helping to develop learning programs. This chapter is committed to its members and its members are committed to the industry of Technical Communication. I am just glad to be a part of it.

Debra DeRoo Johnson
Current STC-Orlando Chapter Vice President
Technical Communication Lead at, Wyndham Vacation Ownership

“The Society for Technical Communication - Orlando Chapter, has been one of the best opportunities for me, as a student about to graduate, to network with local professionals, learn about new practices and techniques, and find a sense of community before entering the workplace. Every month's meeting offers new and helpful information that is pertinent to professionals in the field or anyone interested in entering the field, regardless of their background or current profession. STC also offers a great mentorship program, pairing up interested college students with professionals with similar interests and work experience. I couldn't have chosen my mentor better. We have similar interests, and she's worked in many of the fields that I am interested in. Through STC, I've made amazing connections and feel that I am a part of something that is more than a job or school affiliation.”

Rachael Blankenbecklor
President of Future Technical Communicators, University of Central Florida

“Joining the Orlando Chapter of STC has been a wonderful and enriching experience. The chapter warmly welcomes new members making them immediately feel included. The dedication of all of the chapter members and their enthusiasm for learning more about the field of technical communication is infectious. Through the mentorship program with the Future Technical Communicators, students, including myself, at the University of Central Florida pair up with professionals in the Orlando Chapter to learn valuable skills. Though I joined STC simply for networking, the Orlando chapter has given me more opportunities than I could have hoped for.”

Bethany Bowles

“It was an honor to receive the Melissa Pellegrin Scholarship. Having been involved with STC for the past two years, I have met previous recipients of the scholarship and seen how they have carved out successful careers as technical communicators. Receiving the Pellegrin scholarship inspires me to follow their footsteps.

“The scholarship has helped fund my trip to the STC international conference this year, where I was able to learn greatly from technical communicators across the world. I am extremely grateful to the Orlando Chapter for making this experience possible.”

Patricia Cruz

“I was very grateful to receive the Melissa Pellegrin Scholarship. I consider my membership in STC to be one of the activities I most enjoy. I have gained so much from the amazing members and programs provided by the Orlando Chapter. The scholarship helped me finish out my last semester at UCF and I am very grateful to be blessed by the generosity of the Orlando Chapter of the STC.”

Sarah Baca