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Student Series

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OVERVIEW The mission of the WiE Student Series is to inform and inspire current female students in the University of Oklahoma (OU) Gallogly and Mewbourne colleges through the elucidation of the diversity of opportunity related to positively impacting society through academic pursuits. This WiE Series edition highlights Hawi Burka Kebede, a current OU Engineering student, and features her personal journey.

MOTIVATION Hawi has always liked looking into graphs and charts in articles and magazines and liked that they summarized and delivered extensive content into more succinct and useful information. She decided to pursue a master’s degree in Data Science & Analytics to learn more about technology tools to help businesses improve their decision making. She is leveraging her analytics skills in addition to her bachelor’s degree she earned in Industrial & Systems Engineering from OU.

APPLICATION Hawi interned with Power Costs, Inc at OU’s Norman South Campus in the summer of 2020. During her internship, she participated in automating a workflow for internal use for the Risk & Settlements office and did a statistical and sensitivity analysis project using market data. Within the OU Gallogly College of Engineering, Hawi has worked as a Teaching Assistant and is currently working as a Graduate Assistant for Engineering Student Life office. She is also a second-year associate in the Holmes Leadership Program.

IMPACT Throughout her time at OU, Hawi has been a mentor for Dean’s Leadership Council program, United World College program and for Women in Engineering. Hawi has also contributed to women’s programming in the college.

INSIGHT “Be strong and never give up. Try to understand and know what you want and what you don’t want. Be comfortable with who you are and try new things by getting out of your comfort zone.”

“Rarely are opportunities presented to you in a perfect way. In a nice little box with a yellow bow on top. ‘Here, open it, it’s perfect. You’ll love it.’ Opportunities – the good ones – are messy, confusing and hard to recognize. They’re risky. They challenge you.” – Susan Wojcicki (CEO, YouTube)