

ALUMNI DAYS 2023

Phoenix - October 20th to 22nd 2023

Be part of the 2023
Alumni Days edition !

INTER-CENTRALE & CENTRALESUPÉLEC

FRIDAY, 20TH OF OCTOBER

Exclusive visits of local companies, infrastructures or industries.

Networking with academics and professionals.

Reception hosted by the alumni associations. Place to be defined soon.



SATURDAY, 21ST OF OCTOBER

Competition final of the Start-up Challenge, a student entrepreneurship competition. \$22,000 in funding to be won.

Conferences and discussions



with experts about technical topics.

SUNDAY, 22ND OF OCTOBER

Tourism, networking, brunch, ...



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In partnership with French alumni engineering schools from écoles Centrale & CentraleSupélec



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ALUMNI DAYS PRESENTATION

Since 2014, we have been to seven cities : Miami, New York, San Francisco, San Diego, Boston, Montreal and Seattle last year.

The Alumni Days is an event that takes place once a year in North America. We want to gather all the alumni who live in the United States of America and Canada from our group of schools in France: écoles Centrale, engineering schools.

This event lasts for a week-end and is supported in partnership with all five alumni associations from the Centrale schools, and organised by the alumni association from Lyon.

It is an opportunity for the alumni to discover the local economy by visiting industries or companies and to attend conferences with high level speakers on technical and topical subjects.

Our goal is to allow our transatlantic graduates to meet up around convivial times, network with their pairs and keep in touch with their alumni association.

This week-end is financially supported by the Centrales-US Education Fund.

That fund was created few years ago by alumni from Lyon to support projects for students and alumni. The fund now supports projects from all the écoles Centrale and not only Lyon and we hope many of you would like to support our actions.

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START-UP CHALLENGE

A student entrepreneurship competition for the écoles Centrale, group of engineering schools in France.

This week-end also hosts the final competition of the *Start-up Challenge*, a student entrepreneurship competition.

During the year, groups of students from the écoles Centrale in France can apply for the competition in their own school. Between 10 to 20 teams participates each year and 3 of them are retained by a jury to pitch their project to investors and american incubators, during the Alumni Days.

Participants of the Alumni Days then ranks the 3 projects in order to grant the following prizes:

- » First place: \$15.000
- » Second place: \$5.000
- » Third place: \$2.000

This competition is fully supported by the Centrales-US Education Fund.



PREVIOUS WINNERS:

- Koncrete
- Agri.Builders
- VESTO
- Lichen
- ...



ALUMNI DAYS 2022

Seattle, October 21st - 22nd - 23rd 2022

INTER-CENTRALE AND CENTRALESUPELEC

This year, we were around 80 attendees in Seattle for the first post-covid edition !

FRIDAY, 20TH OF OCTOBER

Participants got exclusives visits of Boeing, the Benaroya Research Institute, Amazon, Microsoft and the Museum of Flight.



SATURDAY, 21ST OF OCTOBER

On Saturday morning, the 3 finalists for the Start-up Challenge pitched their project to the attendees and the team «Koncrete», intelligent platform that aims to transform the purchase of building materials in France, won the first prize.



The challenge was followed by interventions on cybersecurity, aeronautics, space and biotechnologies with high level speakers such as:



Charlie BELL

Executive Vice President on Security, Compliance, Identity and Management at Microsoft



Dr. Margaret McCormick

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