



# MSE Alumni Chapter

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Hello!! My name is **Marcela Mireles** and I am behind this MSE Alumni Chapter. This is a short newsletter to introduce myself and let you know what this is all about.

I graduated in the summer of 2016 but my story at UT Dallas goes back a decade. In 2006, as an undergraduate student in Mexico, I visited the MSE department at UT Dallas for a summer research project. That experience had a profound impact in me, not only did I join as a graduate student in 2012, I also went from biochemistry to materials science.

During my time as a graduate student at UT Dallas, I worked in the [group](#) led by Dr. Manuel Quevedo. He received a well deserved diversity award in 2013, among other reasons, for serving as the director of student exchange programs between Mexico and Texas. The program that changed my life in 2006, for which I will be forever grateful.

After graduating, I joined the [NanoBio Device Lab](#) at the Rochester Institute of Technology. The group is led by Dr. Thomas Gaborski, another incredible mentor. Here, I get to utilize everything I learned at UT Dallas for the fabrication of ultrathin nanoporous membranes for biological applications.

The MSE department at UT Dallas will always have a special place in my career and, honestly, my heart. Which is why when I went back to Dallas to visit some friends, I went from the airport straight to NSERL and into Tonya Griffin's office and asked: "is there an MSE alumni chapter?". There wasn't, but there is one now.

The number one goal of this chapter is to maintain an open channel of communication, one that can be accessed from wherever you are in the world. Expect to read about things happening at the department and get to know the success stories from alumni. Suggestions are always welcome so if you have anything to contribute send an email to [mirelesmarce@gmail.com](mailto:mirelesmarce@gmail.com) don't be shy, it's just me.

If you would like to stay in touch with the MSE community you can join our monthly newsletter [here](#).

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## If you are near UT Dallas....

Remember to join Adrian, he will be sharing his career story with current students. The event is sponsored by the MRS UT Dallas Chapter - this Friday, 11 am, NSERL, third floor, conference room.

### **Dr. Adrian Avendano**

Cofounder and CPO at Ares Materials

Dr. Avendano graduated from UT Dallas in 2015 to work at [Ares Materials](#), a company he cofounded.



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## Interesting Read

**Think you can't negotiate your job offer or postdoc position?**

**Think again**

By Katie Langin; click [here](#)

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