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On March 22, 2014 the IEEE Student Branch at Utah State University hosted the first annual Student-Professional Awareness Conference (S-PAC) at the USU campus. The conference was attended by more than 170 students from Electrical, Computer and Mechanical Engineering. Keynote speakers included Jonathan Chew, a Walt Disney Imagineer, and Mike Andrews from IEEE Region 6. The purpose of S-PAC is to “increase professional awareness among engineering students.” Workshops during the conference focused on teaching practical skills and included “Finding Internships” and “Job Offer Negotiation” by USU Career Services, “Teach Yourself MATLAB” by students in the IEEE council, and “Starting as a Consultant” by Kelly Wigington, a USU alumni. The highlight of the conference was a Q&A session with a panel of Engineers. Students were invited to ask questions from the panel about working as an Engineer, developing professional skills and learning to innovate. The IEEE USU Student Branch is currently in the planning stages for S-PAC 2015. Check back on our branch website for more information as it is available.