

# *Biometric Consortium 2004 Conference*

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**Topic:** SSAB: Purposes, Achievements and Goals

**Abstract:** In the fall of 2003, a group of outgoing and motivated students studying biometrics at West Virginia University decided to form an organization to enhance the learning environment provided by the program and to become more involved with the biometrics industry. The unique organization, less than a year old, now encompasses virtually all biometrics students at West Virginia University and is recognized by many leaders in government and industry. In this presentation, information regarding the progress that has been made, the goals that have been set, and the direction and opportunities for the future will be discussed.

**Biography:** Kelly Smith is the founding president of the Student Society for the Advancement of Biometrics. She is currently in her senior year pursuing a dual Biometric Systems and Computer Engineering degree at West Virginia University. Ms. Smith holds an intern position with The Biometric Foundation and contributes to research under the direction of Dr. Lawrence Hornak and Dr. Arun Ross, both of West Virginia University. She is a member of the University Honors Program and maintains status on both the Dean's and President's Lists. During the summer of 2004, Kelly attended the International Conference on Biometric Authentication (ICBA) in Hong Kong, representing SSAB's and West Virginia University's commitment to both biometric research and providing professionally trained students to fill the needs of government and industry. Kelly is a member of numerous honor societies including Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honorary, Mortar Board, and Golden Key. She also serves on the Student Advisory Board of her department and college and holds a tutoring and teaching assistant positions at the university.