

The ME Connection

UE Mechanical Engineering Newsletter

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"No one who achieves success does so without the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude."

— Alfred North Whitehead, mathematician & philosopher

Giving Thanks

This time of year often reminds us to stop and give thanks. Thanks to our Veterans who have made more sacrifices than we know. Thanks to active duty personnel who continue their service. Thanks to our poll workers who uphold the electoral process. Thanks to our families and friends who provide support and encouragement. Thanks to our mentors, leaders, teachers, coaches, advocates, and allies who help us navigate our path in life. The list goes on. The ME program thanks all of our students – past, present, and future – for the opportunity to be a part of your journey.



Campus Happenings

Save the date! On Friday, December 2nd Walnut St. will transform into a winter wonderland. There will be activities for alumni and families to join the campus community in the holiday spirit. Grab some hot chocolate and take a carriage ride around the front oval. Snag a photo with Purple Santa!

More information will be available soon on the Alumni Association website.



Lincoln Commons, a new residence hall and retail space, will be breaking ground at the corner of Weinbach and Lincoln Aves early next year. The rendering below shows the building concept, with student living on all floors and retail spaces on the ground floor, including an outdoor patio. The living spaces will be a mix of 1-, 2-, and 4-bedroom apartments, dedicated to upperclassmen. The location is on the opposite corner of the Engineering Annex, across from Koch Center and The Slice. It is set to open in Fall 2024.



SECS Participates in JobSpark



JobSpark, an event sponsored by Junior Achievement of Southwest Indiana, brought over 3,600 8th grade students to the Old National Events Plaza in late October. Attendees took part in hands-on experiential activities designed to "spark" an interest in a future career path. Current students, staff, and faculty were there representing the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

"The JobSpark event was a great way for younger students to explore different avenues in life and hopefully plant a seed that will grow into something meaningful for them later down the road." -Ray Shelton, Engineering Lab Manager



We want to share what our alumni are doing!
Please submit a photo and short blurb to:

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Student Spotlight: Caleb Peters, Class of 2023

National First-Generation College Celebration Day was celebrated on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. UE expands the day of celebration to a full week on campus, recognizing both current students and employees for taking the steps to become a First-Generation college student. "First-Generation" includes students who were the first person in their family to attend college, as well as students who will be the first in their family to earn a 4-year degree. Caleb Peters, senior leader of the SAE Baja Team, will graduate this May and join the ranks of our ME first-gen alumni. And he is not stopping there!



"While most of my family has associates degrees, I will be the first to get a four-year degree. I have several family members that are engineers, so I had a lot of influence to go into mechanical engineering. Following graduation, I will be working at Cleveland-Cliffs Rockport as a mechanical engineer, where I plan to work towards getting a master's degree." - Caleb Peters

It's a small world, after all!

David Martin (Class of 1998) did not have the opportunity to study at Harlaxton while he was a student at UE. Luckily, he was able to experience the manor last month while he and his wife were visiting their son, Isaac, a UE student in the College of Business & Engineering. David is also a member of UE's Mechanical Engineering Advisory Council (MEAC). Familiar faces are always a nice surprise!

Pictured: David Martin with Dr. Jessie Lofton



Upcoming Newsletter Highlights – Call for Entries

Are you sharing helpful information at conferences, workshops, seminars, community events, or publishing white papers, journal articles, or books? We'd like to highlight alumni activities related to sharing knowledge in an upcoming newsletter. Tell us about it!

Congratulations Corner

Class of 2015

Congratulations to Caleb Messmer, PE, on his new role as a Senior Mechanical Engineer for West Point Engineers. They are a full-service Architecture and Engineering firm based in Louisville, KY.



Classes of 2023, 2025, and 2026

The ME Program has four students on the Men's Swimming & Diving team that are starting the season strong with wins in the pool. Congratulations to Riccardo Di Domenico (Class of 2023), Daniel Santos Lopez and Jakob Grundbacher (both Class of 2025), and Mohammed Rashed (Class of 2026) on their top finishes in individual and relay events! Go Aces!

Q: Why did the engineering students leave class early?

A: They were getting a little ANSI