

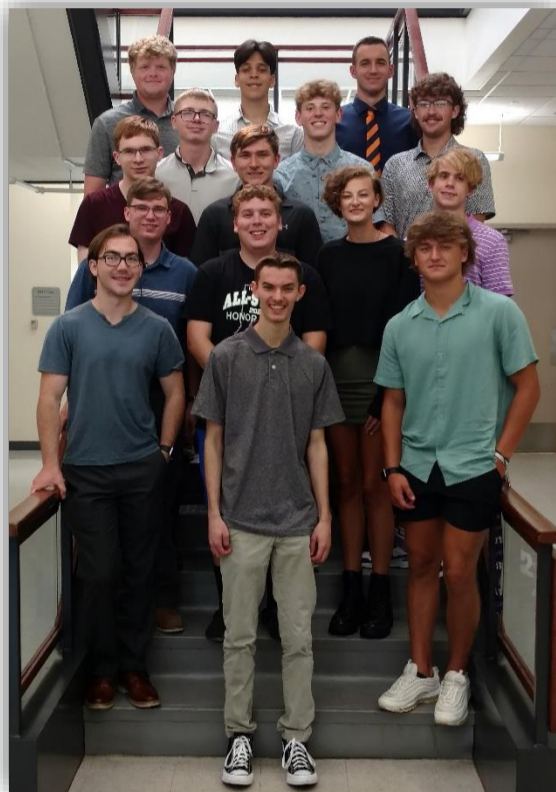
The ME Connection

September 2023

"Nothing will work unless you do." - Maya Angelou

A Fresh Start!

Welcome to the newest freshman class of mechanical engineers! We are excited to have 18 future alumni enrolled in their first UE Mechanical Engineering course. UE's campus is abuzz with new students, new construction, and new programs of study. Harlaxton also recently welcomed students to the manor for the semester, including several of our ME sophomores. We look forward to what the future has in store for our students on campus, across the pond, and beyond!



Alumnus Earns PE License

Congratulations to alumnus Logan Guffey, P.E. (Class of 2015) on obtaining his Professional Engineer (PE) license in the state of Indiana. That's quite an accomplishment!

Remembering Dean Beverly Brockman

Members of the UE community are invited to join together to celebrate the life and legacy of Dean Beverly Brockman on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 10:00am. The Celebration of Life service will be held on campus in Neu Chapel.

The campus community was deeply saddened by the unexpected loss of Dr. Brockman, Dean of the College of Business and Engineering, in late August. At that time, a memorial service was held in Chattanooga, Tennessee to honor Dr. Brockman's memory. She is survived by her husband of 32 years and their two daughters.



Before joining the University of Evansville in April 2020, Dr. Brockman served as the George Lester Nation Centennial Professor of Entrepreneurship at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC). During her time at UE, Dean Brockman was committed to academic excellence, student success, and fostering an inclusive environment. She was known for her unwavering support of the UE mission and vision, her kindness, her leadership, and her willingness to lend a helping hand. The UE family was honored to have Dean Brockman as a leader, colleague, and friend.

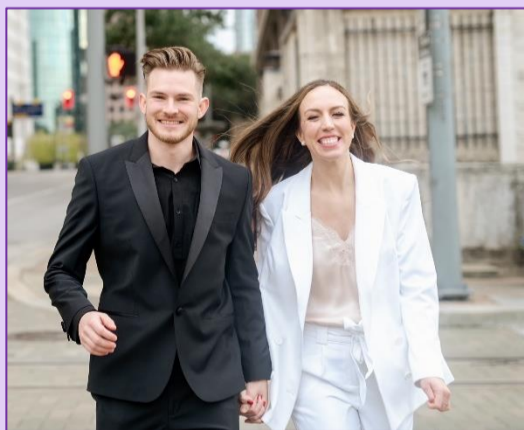


We'd love to share what our alumni are doing!
Please submit a photo and short blurb to:

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Alumni Spotlight: Gabrielle (Fifer) Eliason Class of 2015



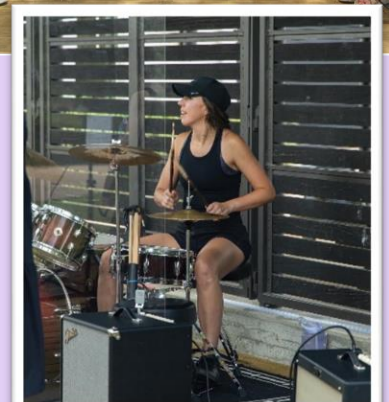
Gabrielle and her husband, Nolan Eliason, both ME alums from the Class of 2015

After graduating with her Mechanical Engineering degree from UE, Gabrielle gained several years of experience in production engineering roles for Praxair, Inc. In 2019, she joined Air Products as a pipeline Project Coordinator, which began her transition from technical roles to business roles. She is now an Account Executive for the West Gulf Coast Hydrogen Pipeline, the largest hydrogen pipeline in the world.

"This is the best job I have ever had, and I knew I wanted to be an Account Manager from the moment I learned that the job existed. Although I have a Mechanical Engineering degree, I have never felt content in highly technical roles. Getting the opportunity to be the face of the company to our customers is very exciting, and it is an opportunity for which I am very grateful. Sustainability is also a huge passion of mine, and being involved in new blue hydrogen projects allows me to have more of an impact on our environment than I ever would by doing something on my own, which is something else that I am very grateful for."

Gabrielle is an active member of the Houston community and enjoys metropolitan living with her husband of eight years, Nolan Eliason (Class of 2015). She is a drummer in a local band, Lucky Monday, a volunteer for a local animal shelter, and an advocate and mentor for female engineers. Gabrielle has experienced being a minority in a technical field, and she strives to ensure that underrepresented voices are both heard and respected. She is also involved with outreach to the homeless community and Living Water through her church.

"Living Water is a non-profit that builds wells for communities that do not have clean water. I have been involved in fundraising events for Living Water since I was a child. I am very thankful to have found an organization that is making real differences in people's lives. Being involved in these organizations keeps me humble and thankful for the opportunities that my family and career have afforded me."



Q: Did you hear about the power plant engineers debating coal vs gas?

A: It was a heated argument!