

The ME Connection

UE Mechanical Engineering Newsletter

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"However high we climb in the pursuit of knowledge we shall still see heights above us, and the more we extend our view, the more conscious we shall be of the immensity which lies beyond." — Sir William George Armstrong, engineer

Special Edition – ME's in England

In this special edition of The ME Connection, we will highlight student and alumni experiences in the United Kingdom, both at Harlaxton College and beyond. We'd love to hear where your degree has taken you. Cheers!



Notes from Harlaxton

Dr. Lofton attended Harlaxton in 2006 as a student and is excited to call the manor home again as a visiting faculty member this Fall.

While the magic at Harlaxton has not changed, the Refectory food has undergone a major overhaul and the chefs are up for awards in the UK. There are also big plans for the Walled Garden, which are available on the college website.

My travels this semester included a visit to castles in Northumberland where I learned about a strong connection to engineering. Prominent engineer and inventor, the 1st Baron Armstrong, owned Bamburgh Castle. I think you'll find the histories of both Armstrong and the castle rather interesting.



UE Engineering, Business, and Technology Fair

Thank you to our alumni who attended the career fair on campus last month as representatives for employers. It is great to see the connection continue!

Student Spotlight: Bradan Bruce, Class of 2024



Engineering majors are encouraged to attend Harlaxton College in their sophomore year to stay on track with coursework. After some setbacks due to the pandemic, we are excited to have students experiencing Harlaxton for a full semester again. With some careful planning, Bradan was able to attend Harlaxton College in Fall 2022 as a junior. Read on for a message from Bradan:

I have greatly enjoyed my Harlaxton experience so far. I am taking two engineering courses, two Gen Ed courses, and choir. I recommend to all the freshman to consider spending the first semester of your sophomore year at Harlaxton. If you like the small class sizes at, UE they will probably be smaller at Harlaxton!

It has been exciting travelling around the UK. I haven't been to mainland Europe yet, but I have plans to get there. I've been somewhere every weekend so far, including day trips to nearby cities and weekends to the far reaches of England (and Wales too!). With respect to engineering, an interesting place to go is the Royal Observatory in Greenwich. In addition to the amazing view of London, you can see the history of timekeeping devices and astronomical tools. Once again, Harlaxton is fantastic and everyone should try to go.



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

mechanicalengineering@evansville.edu



Alumni Spotlight: Sindi Dlamini

I really enjoyed studying Mechanical Engineering at UE because of how wide the scope of material was. It gave me a lot of options for what industry I would like to work in. I then decided that I wanted to focus on the automotive sector and from my research I felt the UK was the best place for me to study my masters. Many Formula 1 teams are based in the UK as well many car manufacturing companies such as McLaren, Jaguar Land Rover, and Mini. A lot of universities that I looked at tailored their programmes to prepare their graduates for what is currently happening in the industry. The UK was even more appealing to me as it would be another opportunity to live in another country and experience a different culture. I decided to pursue an MSc in Automotive Engineering at the University of Leeds and just completed it in August.



Sindi Dlamini, Class of 2020



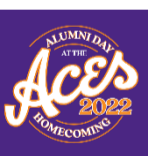
I've absolutely loved living in Leeds. It is a fun, vibrant city big enough to always have something new to try or do and small enough to easily walk everywhere you want to go. It's also a big student town, so the demographic is young which made it easy to make friends. Although I was quite busy during term time, I was able to spend Christmas and New Years in London, which is a short train ride down from Leeds. I also visited York, which is a small town with cobbled streets, lots of medieval shops, and is known for its beautiful cathedral. I am currently applying for jobs in the UK, and I'll be exploring more of the UK in the future.

Upcoming Events on Campus

October 20-29th UE Homecoming Week events

College of Business and Engineering Events

October 18th Women's Entrepreneurship Week, Lunch & Learn
November 10th CBE Lecture Series with Kent Parker (ME Alumnus) on the Fusion of Business and Engineering in Entrepreneurship



Congratulations Corner

UE was named 5th Best Regional University (Midwest) in the recent U.S. News & World Report rankings



Q: How did the engineer select the best cup of tea?

A: uncertain-tea analysis!