

The ME Connection

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"Prepare yourself in every way you can by increasing your knowledge and adding to your experience, so that you can make the most of opportunity when it occurs."

— Mario Andretti

New Roles, New Opportunities!

We know many of you have things to celebrate, including transitioning into new roles and new organizations. In this newsletter, we highlight a few recent advancements and new career opportunities amongst our alumni. We also send heartfelt congratulations to those of you that are extending your families with weddings, births, pet adoptions, and more. See you again in August!

Congratulations to Brandon Hilby (Class of 2018) on his new role as Production Controller for J.M. Grimstad, a fluid power distributor and control systems solutions provider.

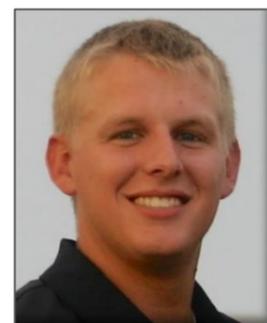


"As an industrial engineer, one of my favorite things is collaborating with a team to analyze processes and develop effective solutions. There's nothing quite as satisfying as seeing those solutions come to fruition and make a positive impact."

Congratulations to Sam Mires (Class of 2013) on his new role as Senior Product Development Engineer for Ambu (King Systems) in Noblesville, Indiana. Ambu and King Systems joined forces in 2013 to improve healthcare by designing innovative products and solutions within anesthesia and airway management.



"Working within the medical device industry means getting to work cross-functionally with colleagues perhaps not in the engineering disciplines. My experience at UE greatly helped me grow a passion for collaboration not only in product design but in other areas of the business as well."



Caleb Martin (Class of 2019), was recently promoted to Project Mechanical Engineer at AES Corporation in Petersburg, Indiana. Way to go, Caleb!



Best wishes to Matthew Hartmann (Class of 2005), in his new role as Senior Design Engineer, Ice & Beverage, at GE Appliances, a Haier Company.



Cheers to Samantha Stewart (Class of 2001) in her new role as Project Manager at Fluor Corporation, a global engineering, procurement and construction company.



Kudos to Dr. Eugene Hoffman (Class of 2016), who recently defended his PhD dissertation and accepted a role at Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio.



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

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Academic Spotlight: Faculty Awards

Every year, the University of Evansville recognizes faculty with awards for various achievements. The School of Engineering and Computer Science presents three Dean's Awards that represent the primary responsibilities of a faculty member: teaching, service, and scholarship. Mechanical Engineering faculty received two of this year's awards. Dr. Jared Fulcher received the SECS Dean's Teaching Award, and Dr. Jessie Lofton received the SECS Dean's Service Award. The SECS Dean's Research Award was presented to Dr. Hyunsoung Park.

Teaching Award



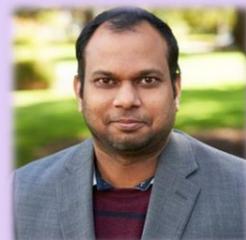
Service Award



Research Award



Dr. Megan Voss-Warner received the Outstanding New Faculty of the Year Award from the Eykamp Center for Teaching Excellence.



Dr. Pallav Bera received the Class of 1961 Faculty Fellowship Award, which provides research support for pre-tenured faculty.

CAREER Award



Alumnus Wins NSF CAREER Award

Congratulations to Dr. Chris Combs (Class of 2010), Associate Professor at UTSA, on being selected for the NSF CAREER Award! CAREER is the National Science Foundation's most prestigious award designed to support early-career faculty who demonstrate potential to serve as academic role models in research and education. Excellent news!

Congratulations Corner

The recipient for the 2023 Eykamp Prize was Dr. Suresh Immanuel, Associate Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science, and Professor of Civil Engineering. Richard and Rita Eykamp established the Eykamp Prize in 2015 to honor one faculty member in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to the University of Evansville as University Citizens. The award was presented by Mr. Eykamp at the 2023 Commencement Ceremony.



Q: What do you call a company that manufactures products that are just OK?

A: a satisfactory!