

The ME Connection

UE Mechanical Engineering Newsletter

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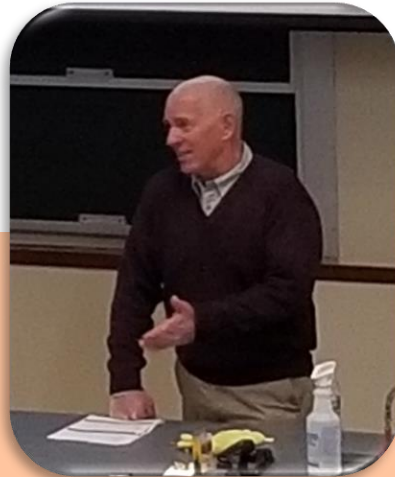
"I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it." - Thomas Jefferson

License & Registration

Spring is just around the corner, which means our seniors are either preparing for, or have recently taken, the FE Exam. For those alumni studying for the PE Exam, we're interested to know which subject areas you have selected. How does professional licensure fit into your career plans? Is it required for your position, or is it a personal goal?

Engineer's Week was interrupted by winter weather, but that didn't stop the School of Engineering & Computer Science from celebrating! UE alumnus Robert Reifenberg (Industrial Engineering) spoke with students about his career path that led to his role as GS-15, Director of Quality, for the F-35 Joint Program Office based out of Arlington, Virginia. He shared advice and helpful resources to support students in their journey of both personal and professional growth. In addition to special treats and surprises during the week, our student organizations planned some friendly competition. ASME and ASCE joined forces to host an evening of trivia and games. SWE challenged students, faculty, and staff to face-off in a game of plotting & secret agents.

Following Engineer's Week, UE's annual Road Trip weekend brought more than 200 high school seniors to campus for a preview of college life at UE. After returning from Spring Break, current students will either be signing up for future courses as part of Registration Week, or preparing for graduation with a little help from Commencement Central.



Alumni Association Events

The local Evansville Alumni Chapter will meet again on March 13th at The Slice from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Stay updated on future events with the Alumni Assoc.

Wear Purple, Win Prizes!

Mechanical Engineering students and faculty have been caught by the UE Purple Patrol on several occasions this semester. Do you still wear purple on Fridays? Send us your best purple pics!



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

mechanicalengineering@evansville.edu



Student Spotlight: Ally Schipp (Class of 2028)



Hi! My name is Ally Schipp, and I am a freshman mechanical engineering student. I chose mechanical engineering for many reasons. I think one of the main reasons is because I grew up watching my dad, who is a general contractor, change plain patches of dirt into beautiful homes. I fell in love with getting to watch a drawing come to life. When I was little, I also loved LEGOS and my family often tells stories about how many things I would take apart just so I could put them back together. Since coming to UE, I have realized more and more that engineering is something I'm wired for. My creativity has reached new heights, and I can't stop myself from brainstorming ways to innovate everything.

I feel like I jumped into this whole college thing with both feet, but I wouldn't want it any other way! I am involved with Student Christian Fellowship, ASME, SWE and I am currently working on a Rube Goldberg Machine with the ME 197 Integrated Design Team. I love to travel and plan to spend the fall semester studying at Harlaxton and exploring Europe (let me know your travel suggestions and tips for Harlaxton!).

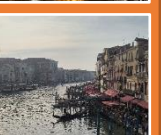


Also, I applied and was selected for the CONNECT internship at Jasper Engines this summer. I will get to work with a team of students from different places and with various career aspirations. I look forward to gaining professional insight and experience, & learning more about the automotive engineering and manufacturing fields. To say I can't wait to start is an understatement!



Harlaxton Spotlight: Elizabeth Wright (Class of 2027)

Last semester I was lucky enough to go to Harlaxton, and it really was an amazing experience. At first, I felt so out of place in the enormous manor. However, I made new friends quickly and started travelling around Europe. The manor became home. I travelled to over eight countries – some more than once! I also explored different cities in England on trips that were planned by the Harlaxton staff. Of all the countries I travelled to, my favorites were Spain because it was warm, and Italy because the food was incredible. I wouldn't change a thing about my semester abroad...except maybe some food.



Q: Why does a musician's sound bounce around an auditorium, but not the sound from a pigeon?

A: because a coo sticks!