

The ME Connection

UE Mechanical Engineering Newsletter

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"The expert in anything was once a beginner."

- Helen Hayes

Big Beginnings

The 2025-26 academic year is off to a fantastic start as we welcomed 29 new Mechanical Engineering freshmen to campus! Koch Center is full of energy as both new and familiar faces fill the halls and classrooms again. We are excited for everything this year has in store!

Recruitment for the next freshman class is already underway. Alumni stories are our most powerful tool in inspiring the next generation. Whether it's a quick anecdote or a full career journey, your experience can make a lasting impact. To share your story, please email us at mechanicalengineering@evansville.edu.

If you are an alum interested in supporting outreach efforts in your local schools and communities, let us know. We may be able to provide presentation or marketing materials with more detailed ME program information.



Class of 2029 (mostly pictured)

See More on SECS Socials

Like, share, and follow UE's School of Engineering & Computer Science on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook to stay connected with more happenings from campus. You'll be seeing more activity across our accounts, including our newest SECS faculty and staff photo. The students couldn't be the only ones taking a first day of school picture!



Serving Up Leadership

A big **THANK YOU** to our ASME student leaders for organizing a back-to-school cookout for the School of Engineering and Computer Science! We appreciate your efforts create shared experiences for the SECS community and build connections across majors and cohorts. Food fresh off the grill is a great bonus, too!

If any current students missed the ASME call-out meeting, reach out to Trent, Chris, or Nate for more information about getting involved in the organization.

SECS is Hiring!

Current openings include tenure-track positions for Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering to start in Fall 2026. The Construction Management program is looking for a Visiting Assistant Professor to begin in January 2026. SECS is also looking to increase our adjunct pool for folks interested in a part-time teaching role and sharing their technical expertise.



We want to celebrate our alumni!
Please submit a photo and short blurb to:

mechanicalengineering@evansville.edu



Student Spotlight: Jeanette Foley *Class of 2026*



Jeanette Foley is returning for her senior year, and a role on the NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge senior design team, after taking time away from campus to earn one year of professional experience as a Co-op student.

"From May of 2024 to May of 2025, I was a Co-op for a company called Domtar. Domtar is a leading manufacturer of diversified forest products such as paper, pulp, and tissue. While my main role was project engineering, I was able to explore lots of areas in the company and get a grasp for what professional practice will look like in my future. Most of my time was spent organizing, managing, and overseeing projects. The projects I worked on ranged from small maintenance projects to larger scale capital projects.

Additionally, throughout my time at Domtar I was also exposed to lots of hands-on experience, including participating in an outage. Conducting atmospheric testing was my main role during this time as there were over one hundred confined spaces that were being entered during this two-week outage." Welcome back, Jeanette!



Congratulations Corner

Congratulations to Dr. David J. Unger, Professor Emeritus of Mechanical and Civil Engineering, on his recently published technical article titled, "Nonlinear Flamant Problem," in the Journal of Mechanics of Materials and Structures, vol. 20 (2025), No. 3, pp. 353-362. This is his fifth journal publication since his retirement in 2022.



Q: Why are averages of large sample sizes more reliable?

A: because the N's justify the means!