



Penn Engineering

Fall 2016 Engineering Alumni Society Report

The core tenants of the EAS include:

- Fostering networking between the undergraduate, graduate, and PhD students and alumni
- Encouraging networking to connect Penn Engineering Alumni to one another
- Reinforcing the bond between Penn Engineering Alumni and the School of Engineering and Applied Science

To execute on these important goals, the EAS is organized into a dedicated 6 person executive leadership board, upwards of 9 Past Presidents, 12 Directors, and 4 Associate Directors who attend 9 monthly meetings on campus. Through the powerful support from the Engineering Development office and an extended group of engaged, globally diverse engineering alumni, the 18 board committees are able to produce and promote programming in support of these goals.

While it is still early in the academic year, the Engineering Alumni Society has been quite busy with annual planning and less formal events on campus. A brief summary of our activities plan is below:

Programming for Students

- Several members of the EAS supported the annual Engineering Career Awareness Days (ECAD) and fall recruiting efforts through their firms and as volunteers for the engineering mock interviews.
- The EAS is working with student organizations to support events tied to the student majors throughout the academic year. The EAS also works closely with the Engineering School's Advancing Women in Engineering program to support events.
- The EAS will continue to mentor undergraduate students. This relationship, formed early in the academic cycle, encourages students to leverage alumni as a resource and exposes them to the wide variety of career options available to Penn Engineers. This program also includes an Externship program for students in their second academic year.
- Graduate Masters students are on campus for a significantly more concentrated period of time. The brevity of their time on campus allows for fewer opportunities to interact. Therefore, the board is planning to partner with Alumni Relations to hold the 7th Annual Masters/Alumni mixer in the spring.
- The EAS will again be hosting a panel event for students to learn about the current laws and practices around patents.
- Annually, the Senior Design presentation allows the EAS to recognize and award teams of the brightest SEAS students. Alumni are also invited to visit campus to serve as judges and witness the current research that is being championed at Penn.
- Membership in the EAS is free and automatically extended to all Penn Engineering graduates post-graduation. Once again, the EAS will issue a congratulatory note to the graduating students and encourage them to get involved.
- The graduate engineering student BBQ was held in September 2016 for upwards of 400+ graduate and PhD level students. While in previous years it was held in the summer, the event was moved to the fall to target more Masters students, as Masters students are often away for internships during the summer.

Programming for Engineering Alumni

- The reach of EAS is most clearly quantified through a quick check on our extended membership base. The group includes nearly 4000 verified alumni who participate in either the LinkedIn or Facebook alumni groups.
- A dedicated team continues to update & maintain the EAS website with photographs, video, and other content relevant to the alumni community.

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- In order to stay connected with the latest happenings in the engineering space, the EAS invites university faculty and administrators to hold short lectures for the board following several of our meetings each year and the board joins the students for one engineering lecture each year. In May, a tour was arranged of the Pennovation Center and the PERCH lab facility. The Philadelphia Society of Women Engineers Chapter was invited and a few of their members attended as well.

Programming for Alumni & PENN

- On the 29th of October, the EAS will host a Homecoming Post Game reception. Based on existing registrations, an anticipated 100 - 125 alumni and guests will gather in the Levine Lobby to celebrate our anticipated victory.
- During Alumni weekend, the EAS gathers in the Engineering tent on Hill field to present the annual giving proceeds to President Amy Gutmann.
- Lastly, the D. Robert Yarnall Award presents an opportunity for the board to recognize alumni who have excelled in their chosen field and as an alumnus through their relationship with the university. The submissions for the prestigious D. Robert Yarnall Award have been accepted and are currently under evaluation. We look forward to awarding a distinguished alumnus with the award in the spring.

The 2016-2017 Executive EAS Board includes representation from SEAS classes from 1969 to 2008:

- President – Seville Mannickarottu, EE
- Vice President – Dawn Becket, CSE
- Vice President – Jim Brennan, CE
- Vice President – Paul McLaughlin, GEN
- Secretary – Jay Olman, ME
- Treasurer – Russ Miller, EE

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