NEW PRESIDENT, NEW ERA

by Vineet Shenoy

Hello! My name is Vineet Shenoy, and I am the President of the Rutgers Engineering Honors Council (REHC). This council, now with 15 members, was formed in 2011 to unite the various entities of the engineering honors community, and our commitment to that ideal is stronger than ever. To highlight - - we run a student mentoring programs involving first-year students, continuing students, and alumni; we host distinguished speakers who talk about impactful research; and are starting a tutoring program for students in upper-level classes. This council is ambitious and dedicated to success.

As an example, over just the past two months we have involved over 200 people -- students, alumni, and administrators -- in our events. We are once again collaborating with the seven major-specific honor societies to plan impactful events and leverage our collect effort to attain higher levels of success. We are integrating ourselves within the existing engineering student body so we can benefit the engineering student body.

We see this opportunity to serve the engineering population as a true honor. We are committed to maintaining our standards of excellence and serving Rutgers.
LETTER FROM THE VPS

What a productive semester it has been! As external vice president, my main focus this fall has been improving honor society relations within the School of Engineering. To do this, REHC has been hosting Honor Society meetings to allow presidents from these groups to brainstorm, network, and discuss collaboration opportunities. We have been working closely with all societies including Tau Beta Pi (National Engineering), Alpha Pi Mu (Industrial), Omega Chi Epsilon (Chemical), Pi Tau Sigma (Mechanical), Eta Kappa Nu (Electrical), Chi Epsilon (Civil), and Alpha Eta Mu Beta (Biomedical). Thus far, collaboration events have been very successful and REHC was able to partner with Tau Beta Pi for our recent keynote event and Tau Beta Pi and Omega Chi Epsilon for our October alumni panel. In the future I look forward to continuing to work with these organizations and their fantastic members!

Warm wishes this holiday season,
Jonah Williams

KEYNOTE SPEAKER PROGRAM

DR. BIJU PAREKKADAN

Tuesday, September 26 @ 6:30PM CAIT Auditorium

This year's Keynote Speaker Program will be a part of the Distinguished Speaker Series hosted with Tau Beta Pi. The first speaker of the year was Dr. Biju Parekkadan, who spoke about his industry experiences and his research in cell and gene therapy. 44 students responded "going" to the original survey. 90% of them were Honors Academy students. 43% were freshmen, and 36% were sophomores. 70 students were actually in attendance and $92.75 was spent on pizzas for the event. The cost to student ratio is 1.325.
FIRST YEAR MENTORSHIP PROGRAM
KAUSHAL PARikh AND SHANTANU LAGHATE

MEET & GREET
Tuesday, September 12 @ 8:30PM Best West MPR
This event provided an opportunity for mentors and mentees to meet each other before pairings were given. Mentors led discussions, gave tips on classes, and played board games with the mentees. The goal was for mentors and mentees to find someone that they connect with! 47 students were in attendance, 25 mentees and 22 mentors. 73% of the mentors are sophomores. Expenses included food and drinks, and totaled $124.50. The cost to student ratio is 2.65.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRS
FMP’s main motivation is to never have a freshman feel lost. We understand that the transition to college is difficult, since we’ve gone through the same thing: a change in lifestyle, paired with a change in academic structure and schedule, makes it all the more complex, and it’s easy to never reach the potential you intended yourself to fulfill at Rutgers. We hope to cultivate mentee-mentor relationships between freshman and upperclassmen so strong that a mentee would be able to unflinchingly approach their mentor about anything and receive advice. We also see this as a character development program for the mentors, since it is quite a mature responsibility to act as a personal advisor. Our goal is to have all freshman be wise enough to mentor the next incoming class.

GAMESHOW NIGHT
Thursday, October 5 @ 8:30PM Best West MPR
Mentors and mentees have been paired - and now it is time to test their knowledge on how much they know about each other! The pairs had ten minutes to learn more about each other and then took turns answering questions about each other. 21 students were in attendance, with 11 mentees and 10 mentors. 9 of the mentors were sophomores and 1 was a senior. Expenses included food, drinks, and prizes, and totaled $106.29. The cost to student ratio is 5.06.
INDUSTRY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

ADITYA VERMA

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

The IMP serves to help REHC stay true to our three ideals, especially Opportunity. The ultimate goal of the IMP is to open the doors to opportunities for engineers in the program. An important step towards achieving this goal is to ensure sound guidance for students. We hope to give the student an insight into life as an engineer after and outside college.

As the new chair of IMP, I’ve seen the benefits of this program firsthand. I think the fact that the driven honors community here has a unique mentorship program just for them, is a huge boon. However, not enough students have been taking advantage of this resource. My goal is to, by the end of this year, have an all round increased participation of students as well as alumni. I want to try and make this a beneficial experience for not the students, but also alumni, and encourage an increased and continued participation in the years to come.

BBQ KICKOFF

Friday, September 15 @ 5PM Engineering Lawn

To kickoff the IMP for this year, we had a BBQ where alumni and industry mentors and current students had a chance to mingle and chat in a casual environment. 32 students responded "going" in the initial survey with 80% of them seniors. 41 students actually attended the event and 5 alumni were present. In total, $165.77 was spent on the event for food and equipment rentals. The cost to student ratio is 4.04.

ENGINEERING THE FUTURE

Thursday, October 26 @ 6:30PM Easton Hub

The second event was a collaboration to the Keynote Speaker Program, Tau Beta Pi, and Omega Chi Epsilon. Four speakers, three of which were alumni, served on a panel to discuss their college and industry experiences. They were Ken Johnson, Anne St. Mauro, Michael Kuehne, and Jeff Naumik. 38 students responded "going" and representation was split evenly among all four classes. Almost 40% of the students are ECE majors. 43 students actually attended the event. $39.75 was spent for pizzas and drinks. The cost to student ratio is 0.924. We saved money on this event by partnering with TBP.
OUTREACH PROGRAM
JESSICA TUAZON

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR
The Outreach Chair Position is new to REHC this year. I aim to enrich the honors engineering community's involvement with philanthropy work. The University offers such opportunities, but none specifically for our community. One of my other goals is to provide a line of contact from students to faculty and staff in order to address issues within the honors engineering community. The overarching goal is to bring involvement to students in the community in initiatives that benefit those around them in an effort to cultivate a culture of caring within honors engineering.

PI EVENT
Tuesday, October 17 @ 11AM Engineering Lawn
By donating $1 or an item, students had the opportunity to pie REHC council members or Dean Antoine. Each pie was sold at $1 a piece of $2 for 3 pies ahead of time. Around 30 students and 12 deans were in attendance, with 35 pies purchased. $20.12 was spent on pie supplies and $70 was raised in donations. The cost to attendance ratio is 0.479 and the donation to attendance ratio is 1.67.

HONORS ENGINEERING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ALLAN WANG & TIFFANY YUEN

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRS
With the development of the Honors College, there now exists two honors engineering programs at Rutgers. REHC serves the entire honors engineering community: Honors Academy, Honors Societies, and Honors College. The Honors Engineering Community Development is an initiative that aims to connect the engineering students from both honors programs by introducing the students to each other, providing opportunities to all honors engineers, and promoting collaboration between the two communities. The goal is to ultimately build a more cohesive and connected honors engineering community and help students recognize that regardless of which program they are part of, in the end they are all honors engineers.
COUNCIL BONDING

BED RACES
Thursday, October 19 @ 9PM Sicard Street

The council bonded by participating in the annual bed races hosted by RUPA. This year, we decorated our bed to be the Mystery Machine and council members dressed up as Scooby Doo and friends. Great run Jessica, Keana, Aditya, and Shantanu! Thank you to Vineet, Jonah, and Tiffany for helping to decorate and support the council at the races!

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER EVENTS

IMP CASE COMPETITION
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17
@ 5PM CORE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER #3
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20
@ 6:30PM EASTON HUB

FMP FINALS PREP ADVICE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
@ 8PM BEST WEST MPR

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Public Relations Chair