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Pratt Student Groups

Your Engineering Dues helped several student group projects.

Last year, the EAC was asked for close to $39,000 in funding from a variety of engineering student groups.

The EAC was able to allocate $35,000 toward these initiatives.

The EAC believes its efforts help enhance Pratt’s engineering education through outside of the classroom experiences. Thank you for your dues payment last year! The following groups benefited.

- **Duke Engineers for International Development** – an organization that supports high-impact engineering projects around the world by combining community-driven ideas with student design.
- **Engineers Without Borders** – a student chapter of Engineers Without Borders, part of an international nonprofit organization that pairs disadvantaged communities with engineering students and professionals to improve quality of life through environmentally and economically sustainable engineering projects.
- **Engineering World Health** – is a one-month technical training program in the operation and repair of medical equipment, followed by placement in developing world hospitals.
- **InnoWorks** – is an innovative science and engineering initiative “By Students, For Students,” designed and implemented by college volunteers for middle-school students from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- **American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Duke Chapter** – formed in the Spring of 2004 to provide Duke University Students with a forum for exploring interest in Aerospace.
- **Duke Smart Home** – is a multidisciplinary endeavor in engineering education designed to give students practical, hands-on interaction with developing technology for a sustainable future.
- **Formula SAE Duke Motorsports** – is a student group that designs and builds open wheel, single seat race cars to compete in the Formula SAE competition sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers.
- **American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)** – is dedicated to setting a course for both the Society and the profession that will ready civil engineers for the challenges of the 21st century.
- **Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES)** – is dedicated to promoting the increase of biomedical engineering knowledge and its utilization.
- **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)** – is dedicated to pursuing scientific and educational activities to advance the theory and practice of electrical engineering, electronics, radio and the allied branches of engineering and the related arts and sciences.
- **National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)** – mission is to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community.
- **Society of Women Engineers (SWE)** – is an educational and service organization promoting engineering as a highly desirable career aspiration for women.
- **Eco-Marathon** – The team’s main purpose is to compete in the annual Shell Eco-Marathon and provide the Duke community with insight into the future of transportation and energy.
- **Student Mentoring Association for Recruiting Tomorrow’s Scientist (SMARTS)** – This program allows local students to participate in hands-on learning experiences in science and engineering with the ultimate goal of participating in a regional competition.
Letter from EAC President - J. Michael Drozd, E’89, G’97

My Fellow Alumni,

I have the honor and privilege of serving as your Engineering Alumni Council (EAC) President this year. As you may know, the primary responsibility of the EAC is to coordinate the activities of the Engineering Alumni Association in support of the Pratt School. Our efforts are focused on three core activities: supporting extracurricular student projects; recognizing outstanding alumni with annual alumni awards; and helping Pratt alumni stay engaged and connected with our school.

Extracurricular Student Projects

We have been expanding our contributions to student projects. This will be a focus for the upcoming year. We were able to help fund many diverse organizations this year, including the Motorsports team, Engineers Without Borders, and The Smart Home. You should know that the number of groups we support and the funding we provide each group is directly correlated to the number of alumni who pay their annual Engineering Alumni Association dues. Please keep this in mind when you receive your next dues notice or other communications from the EAC. Even a small increase in funding can make a significant impact on the ability of our students to accomplish their project goals.

Annual Alumni Awards

Once again, we were able to recognize three outstanding individuals with alumni awards. Our efforts to find deserving candidates for these awards has become more sophisticated over the years as online resources have expanded and information on alumni is easier to find. As always, your nominations for these awards are appreciated as we want to make sure we do not overlook any good candidates. These awards are given at our annual Engineering Alumni Banquet in April. For those of you who have not been able to attend an Alumni Banquet in the past, I would recommend trying to attend one in the near future. The evening provides a great opportunity to look back on your years at Duke and the impact your experience has had on the rest of your life. You can also share a very special day with the three award recipients. The Distinguished Alumnus, Distinguished Young Alumnus, and Service Awards recognize individuals who have achieved great success in their careers. The banquet is our opportunity to thank them for representing Duke so well, and to celebrate with them. In addition, the banquet provides an opportunity for the student groups who have been funded by EAC to display their projects, and to share their accomplishments and future aspirations.

Alumni Awareness and Engagement

We have also been expanding our use of online resources to give alumni more convenient tools to stay engaged with the school. The EAC has been expanding its online presence through Facebook and LinkedIn, to help you stay connected with the school and your fellow alumni. Please take advantage of these tools, even if you only use them to keep your contact information updated, or pay your dues with a few clicks.

Finally, I’d like to recognize two members of the EAC. Over the past year, Kevin R. Lyn E’87, G’89 has served as EAC President. Kevin has worked hard to continue advancing the goals of the EAC. His commitment and leadership is very much appreciated. The previous year, John Glushik E’90 served as EAC President. This past year, in his last year on the council, John continued to help the EAC in the position of Past-President. He now rolls off the EAC after nine years of service. Thank you John for the many years you have given to the school and the alumni association.

J. Michael Drozd E’89, G’97
President, Engineering Alumni Council