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The Engineering Alumni Council is responsible for executing the mission of the Engineering Alumni Association. A member of the Alumni Council is an active observer to the Pratt Board of Visitors, insuring that an alumni perspective is heard in all deliberations concerning Pratt’s future direction and priorities. How to join the council?

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Duke University Engineering Alumni Association 2013 Awards Banquet

Duke’s Engineering Alumni Association Awards Banquet on April 20, 2013, honored alumni and faculty members who have had a hand in making Pratt what it is today. Three distinguished alumni and six faculty and staff members were honored for their career accomplishments, service to Pratt and excellence in teaching, mentoring and research.

Michael R. S. Hill BSE’86 was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award. He joined Medtronic, Minneapolis, in July 1992 as a scientist in the cardiac rhythm management division. He has served in research, clinical, program, international and management roles over his 20 years there. He is a Technical Fellow (1998) and Bakken Fellow (2001). In 2012, Hill was inducted as a fellow of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering. He now leads the research and development efforts for the heart failure business unit at Medtronic. He holds over 50 patents, has authored several manuscripts and abstracts, and often is an invited lecturer at international cardiac-related conferences and university events. Hill received his undergraduate degrees in biomedical and electrical engineering and in mathematics from Duke; his master’s and PhD degrees in biomedical engineering from Case Western Reserve University; and a master’s of business administration from the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis.

Nicholas A. J. Millington BSE’98 was awarded the Distinguished Young Alumni Award. He leads product development at Sonos, Inc., in Santa Barbara, Calif., where he was a founding member of the product team in 2003. Millington and his team developed the Sonos Wireless HiFi system, including hardware and software for wireless music and home theater sound apps, for controlling the system using smartphones and tablets, and connections to streaming audio services. Millington received his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Duke, where he was an Angier B. Duke Scholar and a member of Tau Beta Pi and Phi Beta Kappa.

Edward L. Koffenberger BSME’74 was awarded the Distinguished Service Award. He retired as a DuPont executive in the textile fibers department in 1989 after a 42-year career. At Duke, he worked on several annual fund drives and served on the engineering Board of Visitors for 15 years. He also served as a volunteer coach for football and basketball in Richmond, Virginia and Newark, Delaware for many years and was a competitive tennis player, playing in two national Senior Olympics. During the time commitment to the military and the 21-hour-per-academic-term academic schedule for the first two years at Duke, he played basketball and lacrosse and was president of his social fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, and treasurer of the Pan-Hellenic Council. His honors during his undergraduate career included election to Omicron Delta Kappa and Pi Tau Sigma and service as vice president of the Student Government Association.

The following Pratt faculty and staff members were honored:

Roger Barr was awarded the Klein Family Distinguished Teaching Award. Stefano Curtarolo was awarded the Stansell Family Distinguished Research Award. Lisa Huettel was awarded the Lois and John L. Ihde Distinguished Teaching Award. Charles Gerbsbach was awarded the Cagers and Marion McDonald Award for Excellence in Teaching and Research. LaTondra Murray was awarded the Capers and Marion McDonald Award for Excellence in Teaching and Research; and Stephanie Pipitone was awarded the Dean’s Award for Leadership in Program and Operational Excellence. Those who provided scholarships, fellowships and/or professorships were also recognized at the event.

Over 170 engineering alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends attended the Awards Banquet. The banquet is sponsored by the Engineering Alumni Association with the help of your EAA dues.
Dear Fellow Alumni,

I have the honor and privilege to serve as your Engineering Alumni Council (EAC) President for the 2013-2014 academic 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 of Engineering. Our efforts are focused on three core activities: supporting extracurricular student projects, helping Pratt alumni stay engaged with our school, and recognizing outstanding alumni with annual alumni awards.

- **Extracurricular Student Projects**
  We have been expanding our contributions to student projects. We were able to help fund many diverse organizations this year, including the Duke Motorsports team, the Duke Eco-Marathon Team, the Pratt chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), and the Pratt chapter of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). 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.

- **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.

- **Annual Alumni Awards**
  Once again, we were able to recognize three outstanding individuals from the Duke Engineering community with alumni awards. Our efforts to find deserving candidates for these awards have 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. The Distinguished Alumnus, Distinguished Young Alumnus, and Service Awards recognize individuals who have achieved great success in their careers and in service to their communities. The annual banquet hosted by EAC in April is our opportunity to thank them for representing Duke and Pratt so well, and to celebrate with them.

As usual, our annual Engineering Alumni Banquet in April 2013 was a memorable occasion. 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 event features presentations by a number of current Pratt students participating in extracurricular student projects that have benefited from EAC funding. The evening also 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 Alumni Awards recipients, Pratt Faculty and staff Awards recipients, current Pratt students and your fellow alumni.

Finally, I’d like to recognize two members of the EAC. Over the past year, J. Michael Drozd E’89 G’97 has served as EAC President. Michael has worked hard to continue advancing the goals of the EAC. His commitment and leadership are very much appreciated. The previous year, Kevin R. Lyn E’87, G’89 served as EAC President. This past year, in his last year on the council, Kevin continued to help the EAC in the position of Past President. He now rolls off the EAC after nine years of service. Thank you, Kevin, for the many years you have given to Pratt and the alumni association.

Jason Piché  E’97
President, Engineering Alumni Council