Dear Fellow Alumni,

When I was at Duke, I always enjoyed the spring semester the most. Finally shaking off the dreary, cold of winter, the Gardens and the entire campus turned a lush green and burst with the vibrant color of millions of blooming flowers; Duke basketball would be in full swing culminating in March Madness; and, each year around Mother’s Day, a new batch of graduates would step forth into the “real” world beyond the walls of this Gothic Wonderland. It was an exciting time, full of growth, new life, and new opportunity.

This past spring semester has been no different, and has been an especially exciting time for the Engineering Alumni Association (EAA) and the Pratt School of Engineering. In January, the entire Pratt community welcomed our new dean, Ravi Bellamkonda, who will officially join Pratt on August 1st. In April, the EAA hosted its annual alumni banquet and honored three outstanding alumni who have contributed so much to Duke, Pratt, and their entire communities. And, in May, 263 newly minted Pratt Engineers officially joined the ranks of the EAA as the Class of 2016. (Including full degrees and graduate students, the Pratt Class of 2016 totals 671 students.)

As I sit here writing this, the end of spring is fast approaching, but the newness and excitement will not end. The Engineering Alumni Committee has made great strides in better serving the Pratt community and will continue to do so:

- We have improved our communication to the entire EAA over the past several years with an enhanced presence on social media, and most recently, a newsletter. And since communication is a 2-way street, we will start sending out short surveys and provide feedback tools so that you can tell us what you want and how we can better serve you. We’d love to hear from you! See web address in the orange box below.

- We are exploring options on how to better engage Pratt alumni, whether it is through social events or volunteer opportunities, so keep an eye out for these in the near future.

- We are pursuing additional opportunities for funding the extracurricular student projects as they continue to grow in number and complexity. In the meantime, you can do your part by paying your EAA dues today!

- We remain committed to what have historically been our core areas of focus: extracurricular student projects, annual alumni awards, and alumni awareness/engagement... but are growing them and making them better.

There are lots of new and exciting things happening with the EAA, but just like the spring semester, some great things must also come to an end. In school, it was moving out of your dorm room and saying goodbye to friends for the summer. For the EAC, it is the tenure of Dixie Wells as President. Dixie will stay on the Council to help see through some of the exciting, new initiatives she helped to start. Thank you Dixie for your service and commitment to making the EAA better, and we are committed to continuing the good work you started.

Mike Wesley E’97, X’98, B’12
President
Engineering Alumni Council

Have a question or suggestion for the EAC? Tell us at bit.ly/duke-eac-feedback »
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD
Patricia K. Scheller E’81

Patricia K. Scheller E’81 is the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Viveve. Patricia’s commitment to the healthcare industry spans more than 25 years. Prior to joining Viveve, she served as the CEO of Prescient Medical, Inc. (PMI), a privately held company that developed diagnostic imaging catheters and coronary stents designed to reduce deaths from heart attacks. Before PMI she was the CEO of SomaLogic, a molecular diagnostic company dedicated to developing protein signature arrays. Patricia also managed several business units at Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, a Johnson & Johnson company, and served in key executive positions at Dade Behring, a clinical diagnostics firm. In addition, she was director of cardiology systems at Cordis, a Johnson & Johnson company renowned for pioneering vascular disease treatments. There, she was responsible for launching the PALMAZ-SCHATZ® balloon-expandable stent, the first stent to achieve over a billion dollars in sales. Patricia received a BSE degree in biomedical engineering from Duke University and completed executive business education programs at Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia University and Northwestern University.

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD
Matthew Q. Christensen E’02

Matthew Q. Christensen E’02 is co-founder and Managing Partner of Rose Park Advisors, a hybrid investment firm that he founded together with his father, Professor Clayton Christensen, focused on investing in disruptive innovation. Prior to starting Rose Park, Matt worked as a strategy consultant in a wide variety of industries, first at the Boston Consulting Group, and later at Innosight. During his career, Matt has served as a director on numerous boards of directors, including Coupang, CircleUp, BioLite, innRoad, and ACT.md. Matt is also a board member for the College of American Pathologists Foundation. Prior to receiving an MBA from Harvard Business School, he graduated from Duke University with a BSE in civil engineering with an emphasis in structural engineering. While at Duke, he won a national championship in 2001, playing basketball for Coach Mike Krzyzewski. In 2002, he won the Coaches’ Award, given to the player best embodying the spirit of Duke Basketball, as well as the Dr. Deryl Hart Award (Top Scholar-Athlete). He is actively involved with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including service as a missionary in Frankfurt, Germany. Matt and his wife Elizabeth have six children, and live in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Suzanne M. Gregory E’87

Suzanne M. Gregory E’87 is an Executive Director in the Office of General Counsel at Merck & Co., Inc. Sue joined Merck in 1993 and has spent more than 20 years in a number of positions of increasing responsibility at Merck focused largely on compliance with the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetics Act. Sue currently oversees a group of lawyers who provide legal advice to the research division on issues relating to clinical studies, marketing authorizations, postmarket safety surveillance, compliance, and labeling. The group also provides legal advice to the US and global commercial divisions on issues such as advertising and promotion, training and compliance. Sue is also an active participant in Merck’s corporate pro bono practice. Prior to joining Merck, she practiced law at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Washington, DC. Sue received her JD degree from Georgetown University School of Law and BSE in civil engineering from Duke University.

FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS
Klein Family Distinguished Teaching Award
Brenton D. Hoffman, PhD

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Capers and Marion McDonald Award for Excellence in Teaching and Research
Jennifer L. West, PhD

Capers & Marion McDonald Award for Excellence in Mentoring & Advising
Claudia K. Gunsch, PhD

Dean’s Award for Leadership in Program & Operational Excellence
Deborah Fraze
The Engineering Alumni Council provides funding for extracurricular projects and activities to qualified engineering-based student groups at the Pratt School of Engineering. Below are just a few of the thank you comments the EAC has received from various student groups.

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS (ASCE)**

“We have greatly appreciated EAC’s support in the past; it has helped us tremendously in our growth as a student organization. We are excited to see what else can happen this year and once again say thank you for choosing to contribute to groups such as ASCE through the Alumni Council. This year the annual Carolina’s Conference will be hosted by North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, where we will race our Concrete Canoe and compete in other engineering challenges against other university chapters of ASCE. To build the canoe, we have designed a strong yet light-weight body that is maneuverable enough to race effectively against other teams. This year we hope to continue to improve our designs with a stronger concrete that allows for a narrower, more aerodynamic body that will make the canoe easier to race.”

**BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY**

“We truly appreciate the support offered to us by the Engineering Alumni Council. The continued support of BMES helps to benefit the entire BME community at Duke, and in the local area.”

**DUKE ENGINEERS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (DEID)**

“On behalf of Duke Engineers for International Development (DEID), we would like to thank you for your contribution to our organization. DEID’s goal is to provide practical learning experiences and promote a sense of international responsibility among its members while serving those living in developing regions. As a student group that implements multiple engineering projects abroad each year, DEID relies heavily on the generosity of donors such as yourself, and we are extremely grateful for your support. This donation will help three groups of Duke students to assess and implement projects this year in Durham (river cleaning devices), Honduras (water distribution and storage), and Madagascar (rainwater catchment system).”

**DUKE MOTORSPORTS**

“It is with sincere appreciation that we would like to recognize and thank you all for your continued support of Duke Motorsports; without it we would not be able to represent the Pratt School of Engineering at the largest inter-collegiate engineering competition on a yearly basis. Our participation has continually pushed us to design, manufacture, and race the best vehicle we are capable of creating, and the continued support we receive from the Engineering Alumni Council makes it possible for us to rise to the challenge posed by the many other programs we compete against.”

**DUKE ROBOTICS**

“On behalf of all of the members of Duke Robotics, I would like to thank you for your contribution to the Duke Robotics Club. As we continue forward to get our RoboSub entry competition ready, these funds will provide much needed resources to help us bring home a 1st place finish for our club and for Duke. We are a student-run organization under Pratt and we are very grateful for the support that Duke’s faculty and alumni give to us.”

**INSTITUTE OF ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (IEEE)**

“Thank you for allocating funds to support our engineering projects. We will make good use of the money to support the Chess Playing Robot, the Pipetting Robot, and the various other student driven projects. These projects will help to further the Duke Engineering experience by helping engineering students obtain practical experience through the construction of interdisciplinary projects that benefit the Duke community as a whole. Duke IEEE strives to give its members the opportunity to gain valuable experience in designing, building, programming, and testing practical electronic systems and devices. We seek to use these projects not only to solve the technological problems faced at Duke but also to share our passion for engineering with the rest of the community.”

To support these and other student groups at Pratt, please visit gifts.duke.edu/pratt »
ABOUT THE COUNCIL

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

Our Goals

We are committed to celebrating the rich heritage of Duke University. This is accomplished by:

• Cultivating leadership, participation and loyalty from alumni and parents
• Helping alumni reconnect with each other and the university while protecting their privacy
• Facilitating networking between alumni, parents and current students while protecting their privacy
• Providing quality programs to meet the needs of alumni and parents
• Supporting the mission of Pratt by promoting giving in support of student life, scholarship or academic programming
• Communicating information in timely and effective ways
• Respectfully responding to inquiries with prompt information

Join the Council

If you are interested in joining the council or recommending someone, please contact Pam Hanson at 919-660-5130 or pamela.hanson@duke.edu.

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