
The Brief

College of Engineering
Student, Faculty and Staff
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Each spring, the Innovation Showcase gives seniors in the College of Engineering an opportunity to present their Senior Capstone Projects in Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering Technology (SPECSET). These projects challenge students to integrate real-world designs – from concept to client presentations – into a meaningful, hands-on undergraduate learning experience. Under the direction of faculty advisors, student teams work with industry partners to solve practical engineering problems. Each year these projects are presented at the Innovation Showcase.

Innovation Showcase 2017 is Thursday, April 27th from 11-1 p.m. at the Leslie Town Centre , 1 W 1st St, Cookeville, TN 38501

Seniors displaying projects: Doors open for setup at 10 a.m. that morning.

Need a ride? Cookeville Area Transit (CATS) has transportation in place that connects from the campus to Leslie Town Centre. It is **free to students when they show their Tech ID**. Here is the main page link:

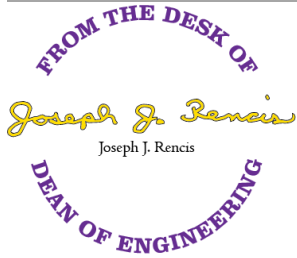
<http://www.uchra.com/cats/> and here is a link to their schedule:

<http://www.uchra.com/cats/GrnPurpSchd.htm> *Leslie Town Centre stops are on the Green Route only.*

[Read more about SPECSET.](#)

Dear Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering Technology Students,

Greetings! The spring semester is winding down quickly and you and your peers are thinking about everything from exams, final projects, final papers and commencement to move-out days and transitions. If you are graduating,



congratulations, you have every reason to feel proud. You have reached a major milestone in your life and accomplished a goal very few others will achieve – earning a degree from the Tennessee Tech College of Engineering! Now, the door is open and the future is yours — go get 'em. For those students who have not yet reached this milestone and will still be with us next semester, congratulations. You have just completed another successful semester toward your goal. You are one step closer.

Please feel free to stop by my office in Clement Hall 201 or contact me at jjrencis@tntech.edu if you have any questions. My door is always open, and we want to make sure you continue to have an enjoyable experience at Tech.

Indeed, 2016-17 has been a year to remember, and 2017-18 promises to bring even greater progress for our Tennessee Tech College of Engineering community as we continue to pursue an ambitious vision of excellence. I wish you each a healthy mix of relaxation and productivity. Enjoy the summer months, and looking forward to connecting with you all again in the fall.

Joe Rencis
Dean of Engineering



Congratulations to the 2016-2017 Tennessee Tech Faculty Award winners from the College of Engineering!

- Dale Wilson, Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering winner of the Outstanding Faculty Award in Teaching
- Pedro Arce, Ph.D., Chair of Chemical Engineering winner of the Provost's Excellence in Advising Award with Honorable Mention going to Elizabeth Hutchins, Advisor
- Steven Canfield, Ph.D. and ChaBum, Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, recipients of the Scholastic Research Award

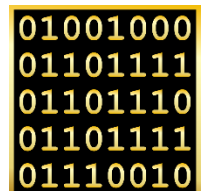


Eminence Awards Ceremony The [Eminence Awards Ceremony](#) will take place from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in CLEM 212. This ceremony will recognize undergraduate and graduate students in the departments throughout the college.



Induction Ceremony for Order of the Engineer and Badge of the Computing Professional is May 5, 2017 in Derryberry Auditorium at 3 p.m.

Graduating? Stop by **Clement Hall 201** to register and purchase your ring (\$15) or badge (\$10). You must have registered and paid before the ceremony to participate.



CASH or CHECK (Made out to 'The Order of the Engineer')
ONLY! [Visit the website for more information.](#)



Graduates Free Gift with Survey – When you sign up for the Induction to the Profession Ceremony, we have a gift for you! Simply complete the [survey linked here](#) or a survey card available in Clement Hall 201. Or, pick up your gift at the College of Engineering Social, **Thursday, May 4th in the West Gym of the FIT** immediately following commencement rehearsal at 3 p.m. **(Free dinner, on us!)**



Engineers Without Borders is hosting a luau cornhole tournament the **Friday before finals (April 28th, 2017) from 3-7 p.m. in Sherlock Park – Mem Gym, Gym C** in the event of rain. Entry fee is \$10/team. Grab a friend, take a break from studying, and show your cornhole skills! There will also be free goodies for students. We hope to see you there! Contact ttu.ewb@gmail.com to pre-register. **FREE tank tops, cups, sunglasses and other goodies for all students.**



Last but not least, I would say you should have big dreams, full dreams, not half dreams. You know, it's very simple. You can't put a large box in a small box. Well, you cannot put a full life in a small dream box.

–Elias Zerhouni



Look for the next issue of [The Brief](#) August 22, 2017.

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