Alumni News

Mark Your Calendars: Fourth Annual Alumni Conference to be Held on April 25

The Fourth Annual Alumni Business, Technology & Careers Conference will be held at the University’s Clayton Hall Conference Center on Friday, April 25, 2008. The conference will feature a keynote address by new University of Delaware president Patrick Harker, who will talk about the University’s vision and the important role to be played by the College of Engineering. The dual-track program will include seminars by faculty, alumni, and students on engineering technology, engineering business topics, and career planning and experiences.

The popular seminars will continue the trend of the past three years to offer state-of-the-art material on technical topics current to the department’s research program, business-related topics of current national interest, and career-related topics popular with both the students and alumni in attendance. Topics for this year include technical summaries of current research on exoskeletons and robotics as well as osteoarthritis. Additional seminars are planned to discuss global small business ventures and to highlight two ME senior design projects, among others.

“This event is a unique opportunity for students, faculty, and alumni to come together and share information about careers and breakthroughs in research and technology,” says ME Alumni Relations Coordinator Nate Cloud (BME1964). “It’s a great chance for networking and information exchange. We’ve made some changes to the program and schedule this year to enhance the networking opportunities.”

The event was initiated in 2005 to honor distinguished ME alumni and has since been expanded to include talks on current research by ME faculty as well as business-oriented presentations.

“We’re working very hard to make this program exciting and fresh for attendees,” says planning committee member Jim Hutchison (BME1978). “Now that we’re in our fourth year, we’ve gotten lots of feedback about worked and what didn’t in the past three years, and we’re doing our best to respond to the comments and craft a program that offers value for everyone. We’re particularly excited to offer Dr. Harker as our keynote speaker and believe he will energize all of us with his plans for a great new future for the University and the Mechanical Engineering Department.”

For more information, contact Nate Cloud (cloudn@udel.edu) or visit the ME web site http://www.me.udel.edu for details on the program.

Last year’s event included opportunities for networking, technical and career-oriented talks, and a display of the SAE formula style racecar.