



Dean's Message

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Tagliatela College of Engineering (TCoE). Since becoming Dean of the College in August 2011, I have been impressed by many of the

innovative developments led by our faculty and feel that it is important to tell our stories. This newsletter is one vehicle for communicating our achievements and successes with alumni, students and peer institutions.

I came to UNH after a 26-year career in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Michigan State University, having served as chair of the department for the last 16 years. I am enjoying the transition from a large, research-oriented public university to a small, teaching-oriented private institution, where the focus of activities is student learning and engagement.

In order to attract high-caliber students to the TCoE, we need to offer exciting and relevant curricula that make our programs unique. The Spiral Curriculum and the KEEN initiative highlighted in this newsletter are two of our hallmarks. We also have just received a grant from the Davis Educational Foundation to integrate technical communication activities into first-year through senior-year courses in each of the engineering disciplines. We will describe this effort in more detail in our next newsletter. Our new faculty hires will include experts in renewable energy, sustainability, wireless communication, power systems and cyber forensics. We are developing curricular foci in these areas so that our students will have the opportunity to specialize in themes that will be important over the next few decades.

As we grow and launch new initiatives, we hope we can count on our alumni, friends and industry partners to support us in our quest for excellence.

Ron Harichandran
Dean

KEEN on Engineering: TCoE Among the Chosen

In addition, the college hosted an Engineering Challenge during

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Campaign Raises \$2 Million for New Engineering Equipment

In 2011, the University of New Haven's Board of Governors established a \$500,000 challenge initiative to support the Tagliatela College of Engineering Equipment Fund. Gifts to the Fund would be matched dollar-for-dollar until \$1 million was raised for new engineering equipment.

In less than a year, the challenge was met — and then some. Thanks to an unexpected \$1 million gift from an anonymous alumni donor, the College was able to double the original goal. The funds raised will benefit all engineering departments and will allow for greater levels of hands-on learning and more sophisticated undergraduate research opportunities and career preparation.

"We want to ensure that our students receive an outstanding educational experience and are positioned to compete for challenging jobs in today's marketplace when they graduate," said Dean Ron Harichandran. "We are very appreciative of all of our donors for making the purchase of the new equipment possible. They have contributed to our ultimate goal of making the Tagliatela College one of the region's finest and most innovative engineering schools."





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