

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to The Ohio State University! The College of Engineering is excited that our Department of Engineering Education will serve as host for the 8th Annual First Year Engineering Experience Conference. We're excited to have you here in Columbus.

Ohio State's College of Engineering is dedicated to providing students with an innovative and cutting-edge education. We are nationally recognized for our commitment to undergraduate education, and our teaching methods — including practical, hands-on experience through project-based design course, a focus on providing opportunities for undergraduate research experiences and individualized attention to students — have proven effective in facilitating students' academic and, ultimately, career success.

The Department of Engineering Education advances the engineering profession and enables student success by developing and delivering state-of-the-art, innovative, multidisciplinary engineering courses and programs, by modeling and advocating scholarly, evidence-based teaching within the College of Engineering and by integrating pedagogical discovery and practice through world-class engineering education research.

I invite you to learn more about Ohio State, the College of Engineering, and the Department of Engineering Education during your visit to our campus.

This year, we are especially pleased to have Bernie Savarese, Director of First Year Experience (FYE) at Ohio State, as this year's Monday morning keynote speaker. Bernie provides leadership for the university's First Year Experience programs and coordinates personnel. He leads the FYE team's planning, promotion, implementation and evaluation of the program to maximize the success of first-year students at the university. Please join us at 9:00am on

Monday in the Blackwell Inn Ballroom to hear Bernie's address. We look forward to a productive and exciting conference!

Sincerely,

David B. Williams, Ph.D., Sc.D.

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Executive Dean of the Professional Colleges

Dean of the College of Engineering