



## Advice for Success in Engineering



### How to be successful in Engineering?

- **Get involved!** – Your experience is truly what you make it. The more you put in, the more you will get out. Join study groups, student organizations, mentor programs – anything that helps you build confidence and promotes success in your studies.
- **Network** – Meet your professors, advisors, staff in your department and college and very importantly the recruiters and engineering alumni. You'll need letters of recommendations for scholarships, jobs, other opportunities.
- **Work on your soft skills** – As an engineer, it is extremely important to be able to communicate effectively. Believe it or not, engineers must be effective communicators. Teamwork is essential. You'll work on team projects both academically and professionally. You need to communicate with your team and present the information to the class, prospective buyers, and/or your superiors.
- **Be fearless** – Meet and talk to as many people as you can. Engineering is a small world. You never know where your next opportunity will come from. Remember, you deserve to be here. You deserve to pursue an engineering education. Be fearless and we'll be here to support you.
- **Practice** – It's not easy. The only way to get better and feel confident is to practice. Just thinking about getting up and speaking in public can be scary, but it gets a little easier (or more tolerable) the more you do it. There is no magic trick, you just need to try. Use workshops for first-generation college students to ask questions. Join organizations such as LEAD Toastmasters (public speaking student organization specifically for engineering students), attend social events from student organizations, CPCEED, or EOC sponsored events.
- **Ask for help** – This may be one of the most important things. You don't have to feel embarrassed that you do not know everything. That's what we are here for. We want to help you, but you need to ask. If you are struggling academically, mentally, and/or emotionally we can connect you with the right resources. Remember, we want you here and we'll help you through your degree.

