

## **Engineering Alumni Association (EAA) Board Meeting – 23 Aug 2023**

Attendees: Jessica Smith, David Merrill, Craig Pessetto, Kristian Blomquist, Cameron Kergaye, Matt Kitterer, Brett Matsumura, Larry Milner, Russell Merrill, Lance Hobbs, Jacob Abrahams, Mario Costanzo, Holly Tang, Tony Niven, Taylor Thorpe, David Bean, Chad Hogan, and Scott Pessetto

### **Discussion/Action Items**

- Welcomed newly confirmed board members:
  - Brett Matsumura, Lance Hobbs, and Mario Costanzo
- Welcomed potential board members:
  - Tony Niven, David Bean, Chad Hogan, and Taylor Thorpe
- New Committee assignments:
  - Jacob Abraham is the new Scholarship Committee chair.
  - Brett Matsumura will join the Education Committee.
  - Mario Costanzo will join the Scholarship Committee.
  - Lance Hobbs will join the Networking Committee.
- Alumni donations – ways to donate:
  - All board members are asked to give – any amount is appreciated.
  - EAA scholarship fund
  - University of Utah spring donation campaign.
  - \$ 1,000 matching donation
  - Endowed Scholarship: \$25K total - \$5K/year over five years

### **Education Committee – Discover Engineering Dates**

**Date** (typically: 7:30am to 2:30pm)

**High School**

#### **September 2023**

Thursday & Friday; Sep. 7-8

Woods Cross; 600 W 2200 S, Woods Cross

Tuesday & Wednesday; Sep. 12-13

Jordan Applied Technical Center; 9301 S 3400 W, West Jordan

#### **October 2023**

Tuesday & Wednesday; Oct. 3-4

Olympus; 4055 S 2300 E, Holiday

Tuesday & Wednesday; Oct. 10-11

Mountain Ridge; 14100 S Sentinel Ridge Blvd, Herriman

Wednesday & Thursday; Oct. 18-19

Bingham; 2160 S Jordan Parkway, South Jordan

Tuesday & Wednesday; Oct. 24-25

Crimson Cliffs; 4430 S Crimson Cliffs Way, Washington

#### **November 2023**

Wednesday & Thursday; Nov. 1-2

Cottonwood; 5715 S 1300 E, Murray

Tuesday & Wednesday; Nov. 14-15

Cedar Valley; 1389 E Aviator Ave, Eagle Mountain

Tuesday & Wednesday; Nov. 28-29

Hunter; 4200 S 5600 W, West Valley

You are welcome to stay for whatever time fits your schedule (1-2 hrs or more). Please contact Morgan Boyack for further details at [morgan.boyack@utah.edu](mailto:morgan.boyack@utah.edu).

### **Scholarship Committee**

- Please use the link below for donations to the EAA Engineering Board Scholarship.  
<https://ugive.app.utah.edu/designation/21?specialInstructions=EAA%20Scholarship%20Fund:%20EN14931-40165>

- Advertise the EAA scholarship at Boot camps events. **Action – Jacob by 17 Sep 2023**
- Show statistics on EAA Scholarship growth and results. **Action – Jacob by 15 Nov 2023**

## Networking Committee

- Thanks to the Networking group for organizing the Food Bank and Pizza night. It was a fun and meaningful activity (~ 15 board members and partners attended).
- EAA board is invited to join the U Alumni Scholarship 5k Fun Run on Sep 30 at 8:30 am at the University of Utah Block U.
- Seek funding for a quality tee shirt to give at EAA events. **Action: Matt by 15 Sep 2023**
- Exploring potential board meeting venues: Utah Stadium, Eccles Theater, etc. **Action: Jessica by 15 May 2024**

## Academic Committee: Fall Boot Camp Details

- Students can send their resumes for review and comment. **Action: Jeff Brown 30 Sep 2023**

**Sep 18: 5:30 – 5:35 PM** Kickoff/Introduction of EEA

- **5:35 – 6:25 PM Interviewing Skills with Taylor Thorpe and Brooke Yardley from Marathon Petroleum:** *How do you make a great impression? Dos and Don'ts*
- **6:30 – 7:30 PM Job Offers and Negotiations with Harold Blomquist** *"How do I know if this is a good offer?" and "How do I negotiate a better offer?"*

**7:30 – 8:30 PM** Pizza/Networking with Alumni

**Sep 19: 5:30 – 5:35 PM** Kickoff/Introduction of EEA

- **5:35 – 6:25 PM LinkedIn & Networking with David Bean:** *Learn how to maximize its resources, and effectively brand yourself with a profile that impresses.*
- **6:30 – 7:30 PM Elevator Pitch Presenter TBD:** *You have 30 seconds to summarize your strengths and appeal. Learn how to turn an impromptu moment into the opportunity.*

**7:30 – 8:30 PM** Pizza/Networking with Alumni

- Prepare flyer for distribution to departments. **Action: Matt by 5 Sep 2023**
- Prepare name tags/tents for next board meeting. **Action: Matt by 15 Nov 2023**

Next Executive Board Meetings: 8 Nov 2023, 21 Feb 2024, and 8 May 2024

Next General Board Meetings: 15 Nov 2023, 28 Feb 2024, and 15 May 2024

Thanks for your participation! Please let me know if you have corrections or additions to these minutes.

Regards,

Scott