Today’s the last day for bioengineering undergraduates to sign up to have lunch with me on Wednesday. Just go to https://engrice.wufoo.com/forms/dining-with-the-dean-bioe-undergrads/ and fill out the brief form. I hope to see a good group of you at noon in Duncan Hall 1049!

Of interest this week is the Space Frontiers Lecture with Gene Kranz, a retired NASA flight director who worked through some of the agency’s most productive and exciting years. That’s Wednesday at 7pm in McMurtry Auditorium, Duncan Hall. More info is at http://engineering.rice.edu/eventslist.aspx?EventRecord=18432.

Graduate students, while you’re preparing your 90-second pitch on your research for the RCEL Screech, you might as well write a nugget on the topic and enter the Kennedy Institute’s Research Nugget Competition. First prize is $1,000 and second is $500, so there are serious rewards for the winners. There’ll be several runners-up selected, too, at $250 each. For more information, see http://k2icentennialnugget.rice.edu/. This is open to Rice faculty, research staff and students (and I’d like to see an engineering student take the big bucks!).

Here’s our photo of the week. Marcia O’Malley, Associate Professor in Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science got her research group together for a photo. Research in the Mechatronics and Haptics Interface Lab got some nice media coverage recently. Read about this group’s work at http://news.rice.edu/2012/08/17/brain-wave-reading-robot-might-help-stroke-patients/.

There are a couple of events this week of special interest to undergrad and grad students. Tuesday it’s the Career and Internship Expo at Tudor Fieldhouse. Put on your best business attire and meet with representatives from engineering, finance, business, consulting and other fields. The fair is from 11am-2pm and you can find more information at http://www.events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18742.

On Thursday, it’s the Study Abroad Fair at the Brochstein Pavilion from 11am to 2pm. The international programs office will have information about academic opportunities abroad for
undergraduates. You can find more information at http://abroad.rice.edu/content.aspx?id=2147483704.

Here are the events scheduled for this week:

TODAY
CAAM
Alexander Mamonov, University of Texas at Austin
“Point Source Identification in Non-Linear Advection-Diffusion-Reaction Systems”
3 p.m. in 1064 Duncan Hall
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18244

CEE
Carl Brinkman, ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company
“Derivation of Performance-Based Seismic Design Factors for a Deck-Isolated, Offshore GBS Platform”
3:45 p.m. in 201 Ryon Engineering Building
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18641

STAT
Lada Kyj, Barclays
“The Merits of High-Frequency Data in Portfolio Allocation”
4 p.m. in 1070 Duncan Hall
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=17787

WEDNESDAY
Dean of Engineering
Dining with the Dean for Undergraduates: BIOE
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18381

THURSDAY
CHBE
Christian Chan, Michigan State University
“Application of Integrative Analysis to Identify Novel Targets and to Understand Differentiation”
2:30 p.m. in 210 Herzstein Hall
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18675

These events are scheduled for the coming weeks:

Upcoming Dining with the Dean for Undergraduates
Oct. 3: ChBE
RSVP by Monday, Oct. 1
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18382

Oct. 24: CEE
RSVP by Monday, Oct. 22
Nov. 20: CAAM
RSVP by Friday, Nov. 16

Sept. 18
New Professors Lecture
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18392

Sept. 21
“Addressing the under-representation of women faculty in science and engineering at MIT”
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18650

Oct. 4
Research SCREECH
http://rcel.rice.edu/screech

Oct. 10-14
Rice University Centennial Celebration
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18398

October 10
Research Screech winners lunch with Dean Thomas

Oct. 12
REA Outstanding Alumni Presentations
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18325
School of Engineering Centennial Reception
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18328

Have a great week!
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