Another Home Run!

Maria Oden and the OEDK staff pulled off another great event on Friday with the first Innovation Challenge. They reached the limit of 45 participants and had to turn some folks away. Everybody seemed to enjoy the challenge and a team of undergraduates walked away with first prize of $100 each: Melody Tan, Madeleine Crouch and Benhang Shi, ALL ENGINEERS (that’s a 3-D cat they had to assemble as part of the Challenge)! You can get in on the fun every Friday this semester except during breaks (see http://oedk.rice.edu for details). Read more about the Challenge here: http://engr.rice.edu/innovatechallenge/.

Speaking of Challenges . . . Try this on: LRC

If you’re into challenging yourself and building leadership skills, you should apply to participate in RCEL’s upcoming Leadership Reaction Course on February 2. This will be a half-day Saturday event at Texas A&M where they have walls to climb, obstacles to overcome and all sorts of fun stuff to help build leadership and teamwork skills. Teams of 5 students will confront a series of short missions where you will have the chance to lead others in accomplishing the goals under severe time constraints. The whole event is free—bus ride to College Station, food (MREs!) and access to a top-notch exercise done in cooperation with RICE NROTC midshipmen. Go to http://rcel.rice.edu and apply by January 18—space is limited. This is open to all Rice engineering students.

Don’t Miss These Opportunities!

Things are a hopin’ in 2013—lots of announcements of opportunities for students—undergraduate, graduate—and those who have recently graduated. Watch these pages for new items being added all the time:

undergraduates: http://engineering.rice.edu/undergradopps/;

grad students and those who have recently graduated:
http://engineering.rice.edu/gradopps/.


Here are this week’s events:

MONDAY
STAT
David Rossell, IRB Barcelona
“Estimation, Model Selection & Experimental Design in High-Dimensions: The Alternative Splicing Case”
4 p.m. in 1070 Duncan Hall
TUESDAY
ECE
Chengshan Xiao, Missouri University of Science and Technology
“Optimal Linear Precoding for Finite Alphabet Signaling in Wireless Systems and Networks”
3 p.m. in 1064 Duncan Hall
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19336

Global Engineering and Construction Forum Roundtable
Joe Barnes, Baker Institute Fellow
Register at http://www.forum.rice.edu

THURSDAY
CHBE
Thomas Russell, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
“From Ultradense Arrays of Nanodots to Nanolines: A Route to Addressable Media”
2:30 p.m. in 212 Herzstein Hall
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19157

BIOE
Jordan S. Miller, University of Pennsylvania
“Multiscale Vascularization of Engineered 3D Tissues”
4pm in BRC 280
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19531

FRIDAY
CEE
Yunsoo Choi, University of Houston
“Human and Lightning Contribution to Tropospheric O3: The View from Space”
3:45 p.m. in 201 Ryon Lab
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19460

These are some major events scheduled for the coming weeks:

Tuesday, January 22
Scientia – The Power of Ideas
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19495

Saturday, January 26
Center for Excellence and Equity in Education
2013 Undergraduate STEM Research Symposium
10am-4pm

OwlSquad Entrepreneurship Summit
11:15am-7:30pm
Duncan College Commons and Duncan Hall
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDQxZ3c1X0hDY1p4ajRNZmM4YXR4UXc6MQ#gid=0

Saturday, February 2
Rice Center for Engineering Leadership
Leadership Reaction Course
Apply by Jan. 18—space is limited
https://oedk.wufoo.com/forms/leadership-reaction-course-texas-am-university/

Wednesday, February 13
Kennedy Institute for Information Technology Distinguished Lecture Series
“Computing in the 21st Century”
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19214

Thursday, April 11, 2013
2013 Engineering Design Showcase and Poster Session
http://oedk.rice.edu/events

Have a great week!
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