Next week is **National Engineers Week** and there are some events scheduled that you should know about.

- **Monday**, Rice Engineering Alumni are hosting their annual *Engineer Your Career* panel discussion. They have five alums lined up to talk about their professional lives and how their Rice Engineering education prepared (or didn’t) them for what they do. This isn’t just for undergrads: there’s a professional master’s and a Ph.D. in this group. Should be interesting!

- **Tuesday** the Texas Society of Professional Engineers will recognize some outstanding students and give them some cash. We’ll feature their names and pictures next week.

- **Wednesday**’s event calls for advance registration: the Global Forum’s annual *Engineering Competition*. I hear this is event is a lot of fun and you can win some cash, too. All students can participate. The deadline to register is Friday. See the calendar below for a link to registration.

- **On Friday** the OEDK is having a *special Innovate Challenge* to celebrate Engineers Week so plan to get over there and take home some cash! Links to details for all these events can be found on the calendar below.

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**That’s Life!**

![Rice Alliance logo](image)

Our friends at the Rice Alliance are holding the 2013 Texas Life Science Venture Forum next week on Thursday. It’s the largest gathering of investors, entrepreneurs, academics, service providers and other members of the life science entrepreneurship community in Texas! You can meet and hear from life science venture capital investors, big pharm/medtech companies, plus 55 life science start-up companies, including a few from Rice. But there is an entry fee, however, Rice ID holders get a huge discount at $45. You can register here: [http://www.alliance.rice.edu/2013_Texas_Lifesciences_Venture_Forum_Registration/](http://www.alliance.rice.edu/2013_Texas_Lifesciences_Venture_Forum_Registration/) or find more info at [www.txlifescienceventureforum.org/](http://www.txlifescienceventureforum.org/).

**Lunch is on Me, CEE Undergrads!**

I’m scheduled to have lunch with CEE undergrads Thursday next week (the 21st). The deadline for signing up is next Tuesday. I had a great time with the ECE undergrads last week and I’m looking forward to doing the same again. Don’t disappoint me, CEEs!

By the way, I will be continuing to invite grad students to lunch, too, but we’ll do that over the summer because of scheduling problems. We’ll let you know when the dates are set!
Read All About It!

Last week I promised a link to a story about the Leadership Reaction Course. You can find the story at [http:// engr.rice.edu/lrc/](http:// engr.rice.edu/lrc/). Ray Simar, co-director of RCEL has made a cool video of the day’s activities. See [http://youtu.be/80FCX1iT4Ok](http://youtu.be/80FCX1iT4Ok).

And the Winners Are:

On Friday the OEDK classroom was filled with students and staff (what, no faculty showed up for the Innovate Challenge?) who had to build houses of cards with their dominant hands restrained. Here's a photo of the winners, Allison Connell, social sciences(!), Kevin Lin, computer science and Nathan Zuege, staff in facilities and engineering. Allison is our first non-engineering student to win. Be sure to bring more non-engineers to the competition and show them how much fun engineers have! Rumors have it that Allison is changing majors soon… Well, maybe not, but we're hoping she’ll bring some of her social sciences friends to the Kitchen on Friday!

Here are the events scheduled for this week:

**TODAY**

**CAAM**

Boyce E. Griffith, New York University School of Medicine  
“Multiphysics and Multiscale Modeling of Cardiac Dynamics”  
3 p.m. in 1064 Duncan Hall  
[http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=9358](http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=9358)

**STAT**

Ruth Turley Lopez, Rice University  
“Causal Effects of Social Capital on Children’s Behavior”  
4 p.m. in 1070 Duncan Hall  
[http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19009](http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19009)
WEDNESDAY
Kennedy Institute for Information Technology Distinguished Lecture Series
Zvi Galil, Georgia Institute of Technology
“Computing in the 21st Century”
4 p.m. in McMurtry Auditorium, Duncan Hall
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19214

CS
Nicholas Weaver, International Computer Science Institute
“Network Measurement as a Network Security Problem”
4 p.m. in 1070 Duncan Hall
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19570

THURSDAY
CHBE
Dr. Marc Ostermeier, Johns Hopkins University
“Design Principles of Protein Switches, Genetic Circuits and the Genetic Code”
2:30 p.m. in 1064 Duncan Hall
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19162

FRIDAY
OEDK
Innovate Challenge
Signups start at 11:50am
http://oedk.rice.edu/events?eventId=608019&EventViewMode=EventDetails

These events are scheduled for the coming weeks:
Dining with the Dean
February 21, CEE Undergraduates
Register at: https://engrice.wufoo.com/forms/m7p2s1/
March 7, CS Undergraduates
Register at: https://engrice.wufoo.com/forms/m7p2a9/
March 22, MEMS Undergraduates
Register at: https://engrice.wufoo.com/forms/q7p1w7/
April 5, STAT Undergraduates
Register at: https://engrice.wufoo.com/forms/q7p1m5/
April 18, CAAM Undergraduates
Register at: https://engrice.wufoo.com/forms/q7p0x3/

National Engineers Week, Feb. 17-23
Monday, February 18
Engineer Your Career:
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19624
Tuesday, February 19
TSPE Outstanding Student Luncheon

Wednesday, February 20
Rice Global E&C Forum Engineering Competition

Friday, February 22
OEDK Innovate National Engineers Week Challenge
http://oedk.rice.edu/events?eventId=608021&EventViewMode=EventDetails

Saturday, March 16, 2013
Rice Engineering Alumni Baseball Tailgate
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19162

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

Saturday, April 13, 2013
REA/School of Engineering End-of-Year Picnic
http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19657

Have a great week! The Houston Livestock and Rodeo is approaching...

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