

Greetings, Geneva alumni and friends —

Happy New Year to you and your families! I hope this letter finds you well. I am excited about what this year will bring as we celebrate “100 Years of Engineering” at Geneva College. We have been working and reworking plans despite the pandemic to commemorate Geneva’s Engineering Department history. The activities commence this month, and I write to you to share what is to come.

Our 100-Year Engineering Celebration consists of an Engineering Alumni Speaker Series spanning both the spring and fall semesters, featuring alumni from each of our seven engineering concentrations who will share their work experience since Geneva. In addition, we will host several virtual networking opportunities this semester for students, faculty and alumni to connect with one another. To wrap up the 100-Year Engineering Celebration, we are planning in-person activities to take place as part of Homecoming Weekend (October 1-2) which will include various activities throughout the day on Saturday, October 2, an afternoon football game, and a special engineering reunion dinner that evening.

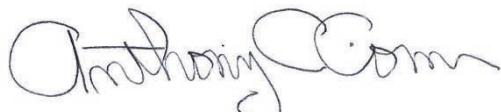
Although we are in a pandemic, the college has been able to maintain in-class instruction. This is due, in part, to the care shown by the student body and campus community to adhere to COVID-19 safety guidelines. The administration along with the Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT) has implemented a successful program in keeping COVID-19 infection rates low. We are blessed and truly grateful to God when we consider the devastation this virus has caused worldwide.

As we celebrate 100 years of engineering, we also celebrate being named in the 2021 top 100 engineering programs in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. The department has added a new full-time civil engineering faculty member, Dr. Vitaliy Saykin, who joined our team in fall 2020. We also have two new part-time faculty members this semester. First, there is Dr. David G. Loucks, PhD, Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Loucks is a manager at Applications & Advanced System Engineering, Eaton, Moon Township, PA. Second, we have Cameron L. Baker, PE, MBA from the University of Pittsburgh. Professor Baker is a structural engineer for Sippel Steel Fab in Ambridge, PA with over 20 years of industrial experience.

In the wake of COVID-19, political and racial divisions, and financial and emotional hardships for many, we are ever so mindful of a need for God’s presence and to remember that what binds us together is far greater than what separates us. Consequently, the Engineering Department has been reviewing a book by John Perkins entitled “One Blood.” The discussions have been consistent with the mission, vision and values of the college, which encompass honor, service and love to one another.

These are some of the highlights in the Engineering Department this academic year and we look forward to sharing more with you as we celebrate the departments rich history. Pray for us and look for a postcard in the mail that will provide details of the activities mentioned above. I hope you will plan to participate as able in this momentous 100-Year celebration.

God bless,



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