



Engineering Student Government

ESG November Newsletter

Hello Wolverines! With the Stay in Place order and the dreary weather moving in, this semester has certainly been a struggle for everyone. However, November is finally here, which means Thanksgiving Break is right around the corner!

Engineering Student Government is here and ready to represent you, as well as resolve any of your questions or concerns. Be sure to check out the Committee Updates, as well as our upcoming events, so we can help you feel more connected during this difficult time. Don't forget to check out our ESG Member Spotlight for the month, and email us at esg.executive@umich.edu if you have any questions or suggestions.

A light blue rectangular poster for ESG Elections. It features the text 'ESG Elections' in large blue font, with 'NOVEMBER 18 & 19' and 'VOTE @ VOTE.UMICH.EDU' in black font below it. The ESG logo is in the top right corner.

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Elections
NOVEMBER 18 & 19
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Engineering Student Government elections are here! Elections will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, November 18th and 19th. Head to vote.umich.edu to fill out your ballot. If you are interested in running for a senator position for Winter 2021, please fill out [this](#) form! There is a mandatory meeting for those running on Wednesday, November 11th at 7pm EST. Please reach out to our secretary, Mykel, at mdolinsk@umich.edu with any questions!

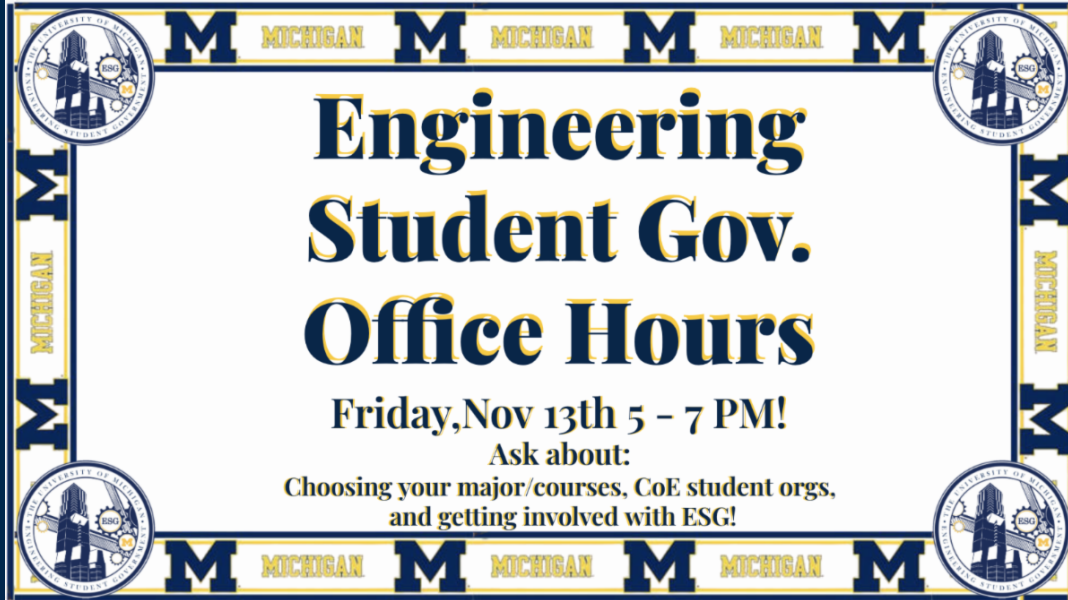


In this new normal, Engineering Student Government wants to help engineering students continue to make meaningful connections with each other. This fall, we are launching two programs to do just that: **ESG EnginBuddies** and the **ESG Mentorship Initiative**.

ESG EnginBuddies is a matching program that will connect first-year students with a potential new friend, regardless of whether you are in-person or remote this semester. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, making initial connections can be extremely difficult; through EnginBuddies, first-year CoE students will be paired through a series of basic personality questions. This pairing will hopefully help bridge the difficulty of initial introductions to new people caused by COVID-19. The draw of the EnginBuddies system is our continued matching: each month, you will receive a new, unique match. This way, if a certain person you match with doesn't want to meet or doesn't match well with you, you have another chance to make a new friend. (Note: in-person students will be matched with in-person students and remote students will be matched with remote students whenever possible).

The **ESG Mentorship Initiative** is a matching program that will connect students in CoE with experienced mentors based on major and interests. This program will encompass all CoE academic programs and degree levels, creating a diverse group of individuals who share the common goal of expanding their own horizons and strengthening the Michigan Engineering community. It is a great way to learn new things and meet new people who were once in your shoes or are where you want to be in the future, as well as a 1-on-1 connection which provides a more comfortable environment to ask questions and form friendships with more experienced students.

For more information on these programs or to sign up, please click the **bolded links!**



The road ahead is definitely intimidating: registration for next semester's classes, landing job/internship/research opportunities, and finding housing are just a handful of challenges you will need to navigate in the near future. Engineering Student Government recognizes the difficulty of these challenges, and would like to invite you to attend ESG Office Hours on Friday, November 13th from 5PM to 7 PM EST. These office hours are YOUR time to ask questions about anything Michigan Engineering to upperclassmen in CoE who have traveled the path you are on right now. ESG also serves as your voice in CoE: these office hours are a great outlet to get involved with our initiatives or voice your comments/concerns on anything that ESG or the CoE could be doing to better support its students. Additionally, all participants will be entered in a door drawing for gift cards and prizes! The registration link can be found [here](#). Pop in for a few minutes, talk engineering with us for a couple hours, or just share your thoughts on the form if you can't attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



Guest Speaker and Movie Night!

Friday, November 20, 2020 @ 4 - 6 pm

<https://umich.zoom.us/j/99970748703> Password: Cowspiracy

Contact shraven@umich.edu for more information.



Meet Professor Brian Goldsmith



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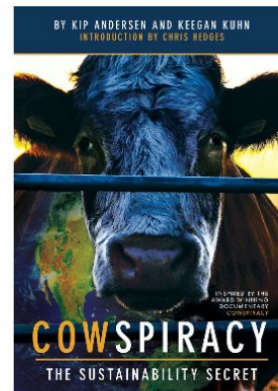
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Professor Goldsmith and his team of researchers work on catalysis for air and water pollution reduction, machine learning to accelerate catalyst and materials design, and electrocatalysis and redox chemistry for renewable energy generation, use, and storage. Hear him talk about sustainability on campus!

Watch Cowspiracy on Netflix

Follow the shocking, yet humorous, journey of an aspiring environmentalist, as he daringly seeks to find the real solution to the most pressing environmental issues and true path to sustainability.



The Engineering Student Government's Sustainability Committee is putting on a **movie night on Friday, November 20th from 4-6 PM EST**. We will be showing the Netflix documentary "Cowspiracy" by Kip Andersen, and special guest speaker professor Bryan Goldsmith of the ChemE department will be discussing his efforts toward sustainability in his profession. [RSVP here for a food voucher!](#)



Isabel Rolfe
ESG Senator



Engineering Student Government has allowed me to have a hands-on way of connecting with the engineering student body. All my life, I have sought to be a part of a group that allows me to make decisions that positively impact others, and that is what ESG is all about. I have served as a senator for one year this winter and am an active member of the Student Life Committee, where our goal is to address the non-academic needs of students in the College of Engineering. My current role is helping my fellow committee members with the various initiatives and events that SLC is putting together. ESG has members of a variety of engineering degrees, and I have loved the opportunity to connect with everyone. I am excited to see how I grow in ESG and what I can accomplish within it for the rest of my college career.





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*We award over \$20,000 in grant funding to eligible clubs,
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STEP 2: QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

ESG.TREASURER@UMICH.EDU

STEP 3: SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

DECISIONS ARRIVE WITHIN 2-3 WEEKS



The ESG Funding Committee is still reviewing grant applications for the Fall 2020 semester. Available funds remain plentiful, so do not hesitate to apply towards any event or initiative your organization is working on this season. Visit esg.engin.umich.edu/funding to get started today!

Sustainability Committee



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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This month, committee members are meeting with Students for Clean Energy representative, Aaron Boockvar-Klein, about more solar powered study tables on North/Central campus. Additionally, Committee members are currently contacting the Regional Energy Manager for College of Engineering buildings (Connor Flynn) to work on reducing energy usage/increasing energy efficiency in North Campus buildings. [Fill out this google form if you have initiatives you would like to see the Sustainability Committee focus on!](#)

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DEI

Some of the initiatives we are working on include:
(1) Working on discussing and working on adding Race and Ethnicity (R&E) Requirement for College of Engineering students.

(2) Creating an anonymous survey to send out to members of most student organizations/Wilson Center Project Teams to better understand Climate and Check-in on DEI-related problems.

[Make sure to checkout and attend the MLK Symposium on Monday, January 20!](#)

The image consists of three vertical panels. The left panel is yellow and contains the text 'Follow us on SOCIAL MEDIA' in white, followed by social media handles for Facebook (@UMICH.ESG), Twitter (@UMICHESG), and Instagram (@UMICH.ESG), and icons for each platform. The middle panel is white and contains the text 'WTF? WHAT TO FIX?' in yellow and black, followed by 'EMAIL ESG.EXECUTIVE @UMICH.EDU', 'ATTEND A MEETING VISIT OUR WEBSITE', 'FIND A WTF BOX IN PIERPONT AND THE DUDERSTADT', and a yellow 'M' logo. The right panel is yellow and contains the text 'Join ESG! JOIN A COMMITTEE' in white, followed by 'FIND THE APPLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE' and 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!', and a circular seal of the University of Michigan.

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