



Engineering Student Government

ESG October Newsletter

Welcome back, Wolverines! Despite the hardships of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Engineering Student Government is here to serve and represent you. Now that we are truly entering Fall, midterms and Spooky Season are here. Check out our Halloween events below, as well as committee updates and ways to connect with the UM community. Don't forget to also check out our ESG member spotlight for the month, and email us at esg.executive@umich.edu if you have any questions or suggestions.

Remember to stay safe and go blue!



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!



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This month the Lobby for Climate Change The Chamber presented to our ESG Sustainability Committee. This student run, social media based organization advocates for members of the US Chamber to adopt science-based climate legislation. The best way for students to get involved is to sign our petition and follow our social media platforms to repost our content during our storm each Wednesday 1-3 pm EST. Students and student orgs can sign up for our mailing list to receive social media packs with suggested posts to use on their own accounts with [#LobbyForClimate](#) and [#ChangeTheChamber](#). Check out their [Linktree](#) for more information.

Sumner Holtzman
ESG Treasurer

Having been part of Engineering Student Government in some capacity for almost my entire undergraduate career, I can attest to its importance in voicing the concerns and interests of engineers regarding many facets of life at Michigan. Whether we are hosting events, sponsoring campus clubs, or working with administration to drive academic policy improvements, I find that ESG is a crucial outlet for College of Engineering students who seek to be actively involved in shaping the Michigan Experience for themselves and their peers, and that our work has demonstrable impact on campus and beyond. As the Treasurer of ESG, I manage the government's budget and handle all of our accounting and financial reporting duties, both to the University and the student body. More importantly, perhaps, I chair the Funding Committee, which fields and deliberates on grant requests from student organizations both inside and outside the CoE. Essentially a spokesperson and lobbyist for the financial interests of our world-class project teams and professional organizations, I feel great gratification with my role in supporting the great work that come out of the College of Engineering. Though my time at Michigan is soon coming to a close, I will always value these experiences, as well as the many people I have come to know and befriend through ESG - I am certain that the next generation of our student leaders will continue to uphold our record of excellence!

Student Life Committee

The Student Life Committee is dedicated to continuing to bring students together and helping manage stress during this virtual school year.

We have 2 upcoming events this month! Check out the current events page [here](#) on the ESG website to learn about our Halloween candy giveaway on October 30th and our Halloween Costume Contest for a chance to win some fun prizes!



Funding Committee



ESG Funding Committee has hit the ground running for the new semester. They are now reviewing new funding requests on a regular timeframe. We strongly encourage student orgs in need of funding to apply [here](#).

Sustainability Committee

Sustainability committee's goal is to inform students of ways they can

continue to be environ-mentally conscious and live sustainably even in the midst of a Covid-19 pandemic, as well as inspire more sustainability-focused collaboration among other student organizations across the college of engineering. Sustainability committee will be holding an information/movie night on Friday November 20th from 4-6pm showing the documentary "Cowspiracy" by Kip Andersen featuring guest speaker Professor Bryan Goldsmith, find more info [here](#).

This month's Sustainable Tip: Oatmilk and Milk Alternatives! [Watch ESG Vice President, Alexander VanDeWeghe, teach us how to make zero waste oatmilk and granola.](#)



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