Welcome to the inaugural newsletter for second year students in the College of Engineering! We hope you find this bi-weekly newsletter resourceful. Best of luck this semester from COE Undergraduate Student Services!

How Do You Manage Your Time?
As you gather responsibilities from each course, in addition to work, volunteer and on-campus involvements, it can be a challenge to organize everything. Try one, or more, of these tips to help you succeed!

- Utilize a planner or print out a semester calendar to input all of your large scale responsibilities.
- Create an hourly schedule to budget ample time for each activity.
- Prioritize where to center your focus by crafting a to-do list.
- Organize your non-negotiables: the responsibilities that have no flexibility such as class times, then organize your negotiables: items that have flexibility such as study time.

Sophomore Success Strategies

- **Before Class:** Read chapters in your textbook and take notes. This gives you the opportunity for questions to arise, of which you can ask during class.
- **During Class:** Take notes in your own words, not verbatim from the instructor. This will help you comprehend information when you begin studying. Sit in the “T” of the classroom: the front or center rows. Stay alert and focused!
- **After Class:** Re-write your notes and compare with another classmate. Visit the professor’s office hours with additional questions.

Resource Reminder!
Are you interested in exploring your **learning style**, discussing how to maximize your **strengths**, creating a plan to **overcome challenges**, or learning about **on-campus resources** specific to your needs?

Email Marci Shaffer, Learning Strategies and Student Success Liaison, to schedule an appointment: m.shaffer@neu.edu

Appointments available Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 2:30-5pm in 220 Snell.

Spring Workshop
**Didn’t Do Well on an Exam or Quiz?**

Wednesday, February 18
6-7pm in 415 Shillman

Are you experiencing a mid-semester challenge? Were you hoping to receive higher grades? Is the information in your courses confusing? Learn how you can improve by bringing a graded quiz or exam. Free pizza!

Wise Words of Wisdom

“During the second year, you will have the opportunity to truly dive into your specific engineering discipline. This is an extremely exciting experience that is the time to develop a solid foundation for your further studies throughout your undergraduate career here at Northeastern. From experience, I suggest fully understanding each course for the long term rather than just for that next exam that is coming up. This knowledge will be useful in upcoming courses, as well as on co-op.”

-Catherine Lofaso, Industrial Engineering '15

Did You Know...
The word engineer comes from a Latin word meaning “cleverness”.

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Are you interested in contributing to the newsletter? Do you have questions or concerns?
Contact Erin Schneppe, Academic Advisor, at e.schneppe@neu.edu

Upcoming Spring Semester Dates!

**February 2**
Last day to drop a spring class without a W

**February 4**
Last day to file a Final Exam Conflict Form

**February 16**
President’s Day, No Classes

**February 23**
Registration for summer classes begins