

Hello Alumni/ae:

Homecoming is just around the corner and we look forward to seeing you.

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This is a good year to come back “home” to Elizabethtown, but of course every year is a good year. If you are going to be visiting the campus for homecoming this year we would love to spend some time with you. Just a couple of highlights with regard to the department:

- We have a record 36 students among the first year students with an interest in pursuing a physics or engineering degree and about 80 students (including first-year) majoring in Physics or Engineering
- Professor Jean Fullerton has joined our faculty as a lecturer in engineering and brings with her several years of experience as an industrial engineer in the local area. Current faculty also include Mark Stuckey, David Ferruzza, Kurt DeGoede, Ilan Gravé, Troy McBride, and Michael Scanlin. Nat Hager is still very active in the department as a research scientist and adjunct faculty member.
- Student teams have been working on two extracurricular projects
  - The new Elizabethtown College Robotics and Machine Intelligence Club competed last summer in an international Intelligent Ground Vehicle Competition in Michigan and placed 12th among 26 teams in design excellence.
  - The Physics and Engineering club is working to compete in the National Solar Splash solar powered boat competition.
- We will soon be adding a state-of-the-art CNC milling machine (unfortunately it is unlikely it will be installed for Homecoming).
- We are beginning the process of seeking ABET accreditation for at least one of our majors.

The “official” time for our department’s get-together is **3:00 – 4:30 p.m. on Saturday October 16 in Esbshade Room 166**. Refreshments will be available on the second floor; please help yourself to these before heading down to room 166. Some faculty and students will be in the department area, and you will have a chance to see some of the projects our current students are working on. We will (informally) tell you what’s happening in the department and will enjoy hearing of your activities.

Physics & Engineering Club will again have a booth on the Midway where they will be running their innovative dunk tank to raise funds for the club. One of the solar powered land vehicles from last year’s Introduction to Engineering spring project will also be on display.

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