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Dear members of the Hajim School community:

Congratulations to Brynn Lauer '17, Danielle Neu '17, and Sayaka Abe '17, the Department of Chemical Engineering's scholar-athletes who accounted for three of the University's 10 Garnish Awards for 2016. The awards recognize male and female students who have excelled not only in the classroom but on varsity athletic teams. Brynn, Danielle, and Sayaka epitomize our engineering students who avail themselves of the "full spectrum" of opportunities here, including sports, music, theater, and other areas of interest. You can read more about their experiences here.

Congratulations as well to Mollie Hansen '18 of biomedical engineering, who has been selected by the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF) to receive up to $10,000 this academic year. Mollie, a member of Danielle Benoit's lab, is one of just 40 students selected nationwide to receive an ASF award this year. She is the fourth University of Rochester student to receive an ASF award and the first within the Department of Biomedical Engineering.

As I mentioned in a previous Hajim Highlights, a global learning experience can build your confidence, broaden your horizons, strengthen your resume, and help you better understand engineering and refine your career goals. To help ensure the broadest possible participation of our students, we offer undergraduates competitive $500 International Experience Scholarships to help defray the costs of tuition, room, and board; books; local transportation; insurance; and international airfare associated with studying abroad. The awards can be applied to University Study Abroad programs, international research opportunities, international internships, and short-term faculty-led programs. The deadline to apply for scholarships for spring 2017 is 5 p.m., Nov. 1, when applications are due at 301 Lattimore Hall. Click here to learn more about applying.

Speaking of the "full spectrum" of opportunities for engineering students at Rochester, members of our Baja SAE team apply their engineering skills by designing and building an off-road vehicle to compete against other universities. In the process they also learn a lot about working as a team, drumming up support from sponsors, and managing their educational priorities. This is nicely captured in a new video by Matt Mann of the Office of Communications.

Have a great week!

Your dean,

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