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Dear seniors in ABET-Accredited engineering programs,

I am writing to invite you to a special program in which you may choose to participate during Commencement Week: the induction of new engineers into the **Meliora Link of the Order of the Engineer**.

Among professions taught in universities, engineering is the only one that requires just an undergraduate degree to become licensed. Others require graduate training, such as medicine or law, and all professions have some rites of passage marking one's entrance. The Order of the Engineer is often considered the rite of passage for engineers. The ceremony gives a visible means for graduates to identify with other engineers in an honor society that doesn't charge dues and never holds meetings except the induction.

University of Rochester graduates in the audio and music engineering, biomedical engineering, chemical engineering, electrical & computer engineering, mechanical engineering, and optical engineering programs qualify to become members of the Order.

Each inductee receives a stainless-steel ring to wear on "the fifth finger of the working hand," and a certificate, which has the Obligation of an Engineer—a code of conduct by which new engineers promise to abide. After that, you may wear the ring and display the certificate as you wish, and there are no other required activities. In addition, if your parent has an engineering degree from an ABET-accredited engineering program, they may join you in this induction ceremony.

To learn more about the Order, please visit www.order-of-the-engineer.org.

This year's ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 11, at 1:30pm, in Strong Auditorium. If you would like to be inducted, please see your department's Undergraduate Program Coordinator, or the Hajim Dean's Office in Lattimore 301, to order your ring and pay the \$10 fee, by **no later than Friday, April 28**. (Cash only, please.) The fee covers the cost of the ring and the certificate. You must attend the ceremony in order to be inducted, and your ring size is needed in order to complete your response.

For convenience, below please find the Undergraduate Program Coordinators, and their contact information:

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If you have any further questions, please contact your Undergraduate Program Coordinator.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Dean