



March 1, 2023

Dear family members of seniors in the ABET-accredited engineering programs:

I am writing to invite you to a special program that your student may choose to participate this coming Commencement Weekend: the induction of new engineers into the Meliora Link of the Order of the Engineer.

Among the professions taught in universities, engineering is the only one that requires just an undergraduate degree to become licensed. Others require graduate training, such as medical or law school, and all professions have some rites of passage marking one's entrance. The Order of the Engineer is often considered the rite for engineers. Formed to provide a sense of closure at the end of undergraduate study, the ceremony gives a visible means for engineering graduates to identify with other engineers in an honor society that doesn't charge dues and never holds meetings except the induction. The inductee receives a stainless steel ring to wear on "*the fifth finger of the working hand,*" and a certificate, which has the text of the "*Obligation of the Engineer*"—a code of conduct by which the new engineers promise to abide. After that, they may wear the ring and display the certificate as they wish, and there are no other required activities.

In addition, if you are a parent who has an engineering degree from an ABET-accredited engineering program, you may join your student in this induction to the Order of the Engineer. You can find out more about the group at www.order-of-the-engineer.org.

This year's ceremony will be held on **Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 1:30pm, in Strong Auditorium**. If your student is being inducted and you would like to attend the ceremony, please email Nick Valentino at hajimdeansoffice@gmail.com with the name of your graduating student and the number of guests attending the ceremony.

If you have an ABET-accredited degree and would like to be inducted alongside your student, simply complete and return the enclosed card with your name, the ring size of the fifth finger of your working hand (pinkie finger of your dominant hand), and number of additional guests, along with a \$10.00 check or money order payable to the Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences, to the address on the response card **no later than Monday, April 24, 2023**. You must attend the ceremony in order to be inducted. If you have any further questions, contact (585) 275-3954 or hajimdeansoffice@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Alvin Lomibao
Assistant Dean

Order of the Engineer 2023

Please return by mail to:
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Or by email to:
hajimdeansoffice@gmail.com

Please fill out the form below if you graduated from an ABET-accredited degree program, and would like to be inducted alongside your child. You must be present at the ceremony on May 11, 2023 to participate.

Graduating student's name: _____

Additional inductee's name: _____

Ring size of fifth finger on dominant hand: _____

Number of additional guests attending: _____