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Dear Alumni,

Greetings from your Alma Mater!

It is my great pleasure to report that we graduated over 200 students last year. We are very proud of their achievements and we wish them well as they begin their professional careers. The demand for our civil, environmental and geodetic graduates is increasing significantly and we offer thanks for our alumni's continued support of our programs. We greatly appreciate you sharing news of job opportunities, internships and co-ops with our students.

Currently, we have a total of 800 students enrolled in our undergraduate program. This number reflects students in both civil and environmental majors and pre-majors. We have 130 students enrolled in civil and environmental graduate programs. Our diverse student population continues to excel both in and out of the classroom.

CEGE's student teams are currently preparing for the upcoming Ohio Valley Student Conference that will take place from April 6 - 8, 2017. This year, Ohio State will host the event, where 400 students will compete in eight competitive events to take place on campus and at surrounding venues. Find out how you can support our student teams at <http://u.osu.edu/ovsc2017/>.

We are pleased to welcome three new faculty members to the department this year. Dr. Andre Carrel joins the transportation team after he earned his PhD at the University of California, Berkeley and conducted postdoctoral research at the MIT Center for Transportation and Logistics. Dr. Daniel Pradel joins CECE as Professor of Practice, Geotechnical Engineering. He comes to Ohio State from The University of California, Los Angeles, where he served as an adjunct Associate Professor. Previously, Prof. Pradel held the position of Vice-President at Shannon & Wilson, an environmental and geotechnical consulting firm in Glendale, California. Lastly, Dr. Lei Wang joins the geodetic engineering faculty after he earned his PhD at Ohio State and conducted postdoctoral research at Columbia University and MIT.

In January, 2017 CECE welcomes Dr. Natassia Brenkus, who will join our structural engineering faculty. Prof. Brenkus recently earned her PhD at The University of Florida. Also joining the structural engineering team is Dr. Lisa Burris, who received her doctorate from the University of Texas and, most recently, served as a postdoctoral fellow at Georgia Tech.



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We currently have three tenure track faculty searches open in structural engineering, sustainable buildings and resilient infrastructure as well as a professor of practice search open in construction engineering and management. Our entire faculty continues to receive recognition for their contributions in research, pedagogy and practice. Research awards are on the rise, a trend that we expect to continue as we add new faculty and new opportunities for collaboration and investigation present themselves.

Thank you for your support of the Department of Civil, Environmental and Geodetic Engineering. I wish you all the best in the new year.

Sincerely,

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