

KU SELF ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

The University of Kansas

Volume III Issue II UPCOMING EVENTS

Engineering EXPO:
Friday and Saturday,
February 24th & 25th

SELF Interview Day:
Friday, February 24th

Flapjacks for Philanthropy:
Saturday, March 31st

Ovation Banquet:
Friday, April 27th

INSIDE THE PROGRAM



About the Benefactors

The SELF Program was made possible through a generous donation to the KU Endowment by Madison A. and Lila Self. The Selfs established the program with the intent that it makes a difference in the lives of students who will then rise to make a notable difference in the world. Madison "Al" Self is a 1943 KU chemical engineering graduate, successful businessman and recipient of the School of Engineering's Distinguished Engineering Service Award in 2000. The Selfs, native Kansans who met at KU, are among the university's largest individual donors.



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Foundations Workshop 2012

The SELF Foundations Workshop occurred on January 12th and 13th. All SELF classes shared a meal, Thursday, January 12th, before the sophomores were excused to participate in the 2012 Leadership Challenge. Freshmen began the afternoon with a presentation from Dr. Perry Alexander of EECS. The juniors' and seniors' first activity of the workshop included a scavenger hunt, where teams incorporated important locations into clues for freshmen members to find. Fellows were then led to M2SEC, the new engineering research facility, and taken on a guided tour by employees of JE Dunn and Treanor Architects. The afternoon was completed with a presentation and discussion with Dr. Cory Berklund, a Chemical Engineering researcher and professor. The presentation discussed how to market your ideas and touched on Dr. Berklund's journey into the engineering profession.

On Friday students gathered at the School of Engineering for an early breakfast and then split into their respective classes for a variety of activities. The freshmen class heard from Dr. Ron Barrett about Aerospace Engineering and then about bridge fatigue from Dr. Caroline Bennett and her CEAE graduate students. Then they visited the EcoHawks shop and heard from Dr. Chris Depcik of Mechanical Engineering. Juniors discussed their upcoming Capstone Project and its impact for the School of Engineering. Finally, seniors participated in a financial discussion from Melissa Cole, a Benefits Specialist at KU, and Leticia Gradington from Student Money Management Services at KU. After traveling to Shawnee for lunch at Eggtc., Fellows had the opportunity to visit Perceptive Software, a Kansas City-based software company. Students received advice for job-seekers from Perceptive human resources representatives. The workshop was concluded with several games of dodgeball: Perceptive vs SELF. Perceptive won every game.



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SELF Speaker: Allyn Risley

Allyn Risley, KU School of Engineering alumnus and a School of Engineering Advisory Board member, came and spoke about his experiences at KU and later in the petroleum industry on Tuesday, November 15th, as part of the annual SELF Speaker Series. He began his career at ConocoPhillips and worked there for 32 years where he became an expert in Liquefied Natural Gas. His knowledge of the oil industry was fascinating, and his stories were fun and entertaining. He currently works as president of LNGas. Risley has done great things for the School of Engineering and has clearly kept KU close to his heart.



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Fellow Spotlight: Matt Fowler

Matt Fowler is a junior majoring in Civil Engineering from Fredonia, KS. He is involved with the KU Energy Club as the 2012 conference coordinator and is a member of the Wakeboarding Club. Here are a few things that the 2013 SELF class said about Matt:

"Matt has great leadership and communication skills. He facilitates a positive and effective working environment."

"He is a great leader and has an ability to take charge and make meetings run better/smooth."

"Fowler is always ready to go when we meet. He stays motivated and helps us all get things done!"

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