

# KU SELF ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

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EVENTS

### Senior Capstone, The Alpine Projekt:

August 7th - Arrive in Stuttgart  
August 12th - Travel to Munich  
August 14th - Travel to Geneva  
August 17th - Return to KCI

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### 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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## Empowering Global Youth



Photo by Jill Hummels

Ronan Farrow, the youngest Special Adviser on Global Youth Issues in the US Department of State, spoke to the SELF Fellows on April 2 as a part of 2012 Into the Street week. At the age of 9 he scored perfectly on the SAT, and after graduating from Bard College at the age of 15, he immediately started making a difference in places with significant political challenges. His concern for shaping the youths of the world has led him to a variety of locations including European and Middle-eastern countries helping frustrated youth choose to take action as community leaders instead of as political/religious radicals. As the State Department continues to work with governments they hope to provide job training, mentoring, and legal discussions to curious youths. His hope is that smart diplomacy will be linked with a push for technology and that the use of technology will result in political and economic empowerment for women worldwide. Ronan Farrow is someone whom we hope to continue to see making a positive change for youths here and abroad.



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### Flapjacks for Philanthropy: 2012

Flapjacks for Philanthropy, hosted by sophomore SELF Fellows, took place on Saturday morning, March 31, in the Eaton Hall Atrium. This spring's fundraiser exceeded \$3,500, which was used to support GaDuGi SafeCenter, a nonprofit organization that provides support and advocacy for sexual assault victims in the Lawrence area. This is the fifth Flapjacks for Philanthropy event, and the SELF Program looks forward to another successful event next spring.



Photo by Charles Neiss

### SELF Speaker: Rear Admiral Heinrich

Rear Admiral Mark Heinrich was the final speaker hosted by the SELF Program this spring. He spoke at 7:00 AM on April 27 in Spahr Classroom. The experience was unlike any other we have had as Fellows. Rear Admiral Heinrich became commander of Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) and 46th Chief of Supply Corps on July 22, 2011. Previously, he served as commander, NAVSUP Global Logistics Support headquartered in San Diego, CA. His presence was greeted with a posture of attention from all Fellows and the Navy representatives in attendance. The discussion was focused heavily on how KU was an integral part of the admiral's life. He spoke of challenges he experienced with school, basketball games, and starting his family here in Lawrence. Students were interested in knowing what his daily activities as the leader of all Naval Supplies Systems include. The breadth of the work that he described was astonishing and perhaps the most important component was the capacity of information that is processed daily. Rear Admiral Heinrich's visit was an educational, fun, and engaging conversation that gave the Fellows a new perspective of the work that our Navy is responsible for on a daily basis.

### Welcoming New Fellows:

#### Class of 2014

David Catt (Civil)  
Qi Chen (Chemical)  
Mark Krutty (Mechanical)  
Jill Langlas (Mechanical)  
Christopher Raider (Electrical)

#### Class of 2016

Accepted 27 new Fellows

The SELF Engineering Leadership Fellows Program

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