Let Sweet Briar Engineering assist via low-cost/no-cost access to equipment and expertise. We can provide services such as specialized technical equipment for testing, characterization, and fabrication of unique parts and equipment as well as faculty expertise. Your knowledge and experience will help us to better train and educate our students so we can provide you with more knowledgeable interns and entry level engineers.

**Want to get involved?**
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**Speak at a Lunch and Learn**

If you are a working engineer or are recruiting engineering students, we’d love to hear from you! Every Thursday, we arrange a Lunch and Learn with our students and an invited speaker. Presentations can be made in person or via teleconference. Current Sweet Briar COVID policies will be enforced.

**Assist as a Capstone Design Client**

Beginning in the fall and continuing through the spring, groups of seniors tackle a large-scale project as part of the culminating experience of our engineering program. Similar to the Community Design Project, students work with a customer to define the problem, develop solutions, and build prototypes. If you have a project in mind and are interested in being a client, please contact us!

Projects are evaluated over the summer and decisions are typically made in early August.

**Attend our Annual Banquet**

Join us on February 23, 2023 to celebrate National Engineers Week! Each year engineers, high school and college students, educators, and members of the public from Lynchburg and the Shenandoah Valley gather with us to celebrate engineering in our region and enjoy an evening of networking.

Previous keynote speakers have included:

- **Tara Vatcher**, senior vice president of software architecture and development for Stellantis, a leading global automaker and provider of mobility solutions.
- **Dr. Kevin Kochersberger**, programmatic lead for the first African Drone and Data Academy in Malawi and professor at Virginia Tech.
- **Kip S. Thorne**, theoretical physicist and Nobel laureate. One of the world’s leading experts on the astrophysical implications of Einstein’s Theory of General Relativity.
- **Christine Darden**, retired NASA aeronautical engineer, data analyst and mathematician featured in Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race
- **Antoine Picard**, lead software engineer at Google.
- **Kathryn Thornton**, former NASA astronaut and Associate Dean at the University of Virginia.

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