

iFoundry News-Update

November 20, 2009



Happy Thanksgiving!

iExpo: Your opportunity to share the joy of learning and community

The end of the semester iExpo is only two weeks away! The event will take **place December 2 2009 at the iHotel in Champaign from 5-7pm**. All members of the iCommunity are encouraged to attend and watch final presentations from iFoundry's four freshman iTeams on their semester long projects. Members from some of our corporate partners, such as State Farm, I.B.M and Motorola will also be in attendance.

- iFoundry students are encouraged to **invite their parents** to the event as well; a formal invitation is attached to this email.
- iFoundry is looking to collect pictures from students that have been taken during iFoundry events, meetings, etc in order to incorporate into an iFoundry slideshow that will be presented at iExpo. **If you have pictures that you would like to include, please email them to Britany Patterson, iFoundry communications intern, by MONDAY NOVEMBER 30TH at britanypatterson@gmail.com.**
- Students should review the important planning and deadline information, available here.

<http://ifoundry.illinois.edu/blog/2009/11/11/iteam-meeting-11-november-2009-includes-iexpo-planning/>

iTeams: Could you use a pizza party study break?

One of iFoundry's corporate partners, IBM, has asked iFoundry students to participate in a survey entitled "Future CEOs" that will ask over 1,000 students from around the globe their thoughts on future trends, topics such as globalization, leadership and more. The survey should take about 25 minutes to complete and can be found here.

<http://www.ibm surveys.com/se.ashx?s=705E3EE25D5557F5>

The iTeam that has the largest percentage of their team members complete this survey by the **November 30th deadline will win a Papa Del's pizza party for their entire team on reading day**, Thursday, December 10th. iChairs should appoint a teammate to track the team's participation and report the names of the members who have completed the survey to iFoundry Associate Director, Karen Hyman, kkhyman@illinois.edu, on December 1st. Good luck!

Another new pilot course for iFoundry students!

Registration remains open until the beginning of the Spring semester and we will continue to update the iCommunity about new course opportunities. **To learn more about UOCD, FBE and**

other new courses that are being offered this spring, visit here
<http://ifoundry.illinois.edu/students/courses/>

This course was brought to our attention this week and might be of interest to the iCommunity.

(re)Making Matter(s), ART 199 MP, CRN: 44619,

Tuesday/Thursday 9:30-12:10

This class examines the rise of DIY culture, the proliferation of post-consumer/green design strategies and self-determined making popularized by such publications as Make and ReadyMade magazines. We'll explore radical crafting's roots as feminist and punk inspired opposition to globalized industrial production and ideas about the artist as bricoleur, making creative and resourceful (re)use of whatever materials are available, regardless of their original purpose.

Demo-day for project #2

Engineering 198 students will present their **mechatronics kit assignment** (project #2) on demo day, December 7, 2009. Students have been working in their teams to complete this assignment since 19 October and will present during their class times. Presentations will be held in the **Engineering Student Project Lab at noon, 3pm and 4pm.**

Do you have a passionate pursuit?

Passionate Pursuits is an **OPEN FORUM** for students to share their passions, learn new things, and meet people with common interests! Come enjoy lunch while listening to members of YOUR Engineering Community talk about their passions! Passionate Pursuits will be held every **Thursday at noon in Engineering Hall room 112 starting in the spring semester.** Free pizza will be provided for all in attendance. For more information or to sign up to deliver a Passionate Pursuits lecture, contact Kevin Wolz at wolz1@illinois.edu.

Prospective student outreach begins

Outreach to prospective engineering students will begin in a big way after iExpo. Visitors, parents and students will be coming to campus and **they want to meet and speak with YOU** about your experience as a freshman at Illinois. The prospective student outreach committee will meet after iExpo to discuss further ideas and plans to interact with potential students. If you are interested in joining the outreach committee, contact iFoundry Associate Director, Karen Hyman, at kkhyman@illinois.edu

Giving thanks: Don't miss the basics of business etiquette

Engineering 198 stresses the **importance of business and networking etiquette** and with the Thanksgiving holiday quickly approaching, we encourage all to reflect on the past semester and **thank those who have helped further their education and offered opportunities.** Recently, iFoundry students have been given multiple opportunities such as corporate office visits and conversations with iCOAs and we encourage all to thank those for their time and efforts.

