



November is upon us again and with that, the semester is nearing an end! As the end of the semester is approaching, remember to be starting to think about ITEEA Conference in Kansas City this Spring!

In this month's College Comment, we have some important news to share with all the chapters along with a special announcement from the University of Northern Iowa. We start this month by announcing that this January, the National TEECA Officers will be offering a web seminar where we will release the competitions! In order to have access to this webinar, you will need to be an ITEEA student member, which you also have to be to attend the conferences. The officer team is currently working on gathering all of the competitions and working on the special release!

Now, on a less exciting note, we have a TEECA Advisor Form for every school to fill out and we ask that as an Advisor or Chapter President, you take five minutes and fill this out so we can better reach all of the schools.

The National Officer Team would also like to congratulate all the schools on their success at reginals if you have competed already and the best of luck to all competing and attending TEECA East in the coming weeks.

### **In the Spotlight:**

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Dominick Manusos

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This week's 'In the Spotlight' is Dominick Manusos. Dominick is the newest professor to joining the University of Northern Iowa's Industrial Technology and Engineering Education Program. Dominick comes to UNI from North Carolina where he had spent many years in the education field. Most recently, Dominick was a high school teacher in Wake County, North Carolina. At the same time as teaching, he was also working on his doctoral degree.

Dominick began his educational career in 2009 when he started his undergraduate studies at North Carolina State in Technology, Engineering, and Design Education with a minor in Graphics Communication. Then in 2013, he started his Master's Degree at Appalachian State University in Appropriate Technology (Sustainable Technology). Finally, in 2015, Dominick started his doctoral degree at North Carolina State University. His doctoral research currently includes developing curricula around tiny house construction. In the future, he plans to do research in developing curricula and better support systems for our new teachers to limit burnout and increase effectiveness in the classroom.

When Dominick was asked about why he chose to come to UNI, he responded by saying that he has a passion for Industrial Technology and that he wanted to be a part of a program that helps produce quality teachers for our classrooms. He also liked that Cedar Falls, which is where UNI is located, is only a few hours from where he grew up in Elgin, Illinois. In his free time, Dominick likes to create. He enjoys hobbies in which he gets to create things or just simply build. He remembers in high school, his first real engineering design challenge was creating a potato cannon with a friend. He remember how it took multiple attempts, a few miscues, and a blown up cannon before they finally made a successful potato cannon.

Finally, Dominick is excited to joining the University of Northern Iowa TEECA Chapter as an advisor this year. This will be his ninth year either involved with TEECA or being an advisor for TEECA. UNI marks his first time being the main advisor for a chapter as he served as a co-advisor at NC State and Appalacian State. This year at the ITEEA conference will be his ninth conference in ten years. When we asked him why he chose to participate in TEECA as a student and now an advisor, he said, "I have seen how TEECA has impacted my life professionally and personally, and I want to be able to provide that same impact for my students!"



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