Amber Hall is a founding member of ELI. She graduated from the University of Toledo in 2013 with a degree in Bioengineering. Amber, a Detroit native, was exposed to STEM at a young age and received unwavering support from her parents. Her father, an engineer, initiated her interests in genetics, science, and math.

Today, she is a Senior Engineer on the Global Innovations Team at Whirlpool. Her work defines the future of home appliances. Her favorite aspects of her job include field research in consumers’ homes which contributes to Whirlpool’s innovation pipeline. In addition, she focuses on global challenges, such as water scarcity. Her team actively pursues the question “What is the next big thing to make our consumers’ lives easier?”

As an inaugural member in ELI, she sought the opportunity to establish herself in the College of Engineering. In her career, she spends time in business meetings with directors and travels internationally to meet business partners and teams. She attributes her comfort, collaborative attitude, and professional interaction skills to her experiences in ELI.

Her advice to young engineers? Show passion in your work. Understand that your engineering role is beyond the scope of what is learned in a classroom. The University of Toledo provides you the fundamental roots of engineering, but you graduate as a professional problem solver. She urges young engineers to practice good judgement, to be vocal, and to build relationships with your colleagues. The skills that extend beyond the scope of the classroom embody
who you are. She firmly believes that “a fundamental life skill is problem solving. If you can apply that to every aspect of your life – you will be successful.”

**Farewell to Dean Nagi Naganathan**

On February 10th, more than 200 guests were in attendance to say thank you to the Dean of the College of Engineering, Dr. Nagi Naganathan. Dr. Naganathan has served the University of Toledo for three decades holding roles as faculty member, Dean of the College of Engineering and interim University President during 2015. Dr. Naganathan made the difficult decision to leave Toledo to assume the role of the seventh president of the Oregon Institute of Technology.

During the impressive reception, faculty and students spoke on his behalf, noting his dynamic personality. He received a handful of gifts and tributes, including the presentation of the *Dean Nagi Naganathan Engineering Student Career Success Fund*. This fund was created by members of ELI and the University of Toledo Engineering Council (UTEC) to provide students in the college the opportunity to purchase items such as professional attire for co-op, conferences, and full-time job placement. Dr. Thomas and Elizabeth Brady created *The Dean Naganathan Student Opportunity Fund*, and named the Engineering Dean’s Conference Room in his honor. Both endeavors will continue his legacy of inspiring students to achieve their full potential.

The standing-room-only reception attracted many students, alumni, and faculty, including UT President Dr. Sharon Gaber, Dr. Thomas Brady, Elizabeth Brady, Provost Andrew Hsu, and Dr. Naganathan’s wife, Kasturi. This reception reflected the number of lives Dr. Naganathan has touched, and displayed the lasting impact he will be leaving on the University of Toledo.
Standing room only during the reception held in the Thomas & Elizabeth Brady Engineering Innovation Center.

Current ELI members wishing Dr. Naganthan all the best! You will be truly missed. Pictured (from left): Megan Etgen, Zach Lopez, Kelley Davis, Dean Naganathan, Emily Holmes, Clare Byrne, Kasturi Naganathan, Meredith Pollock, and Sarah Gerren.
Congratulations, Mr. Armes!

ELI would like to congratulate Mr. Armes on a successful career and his recent retirement from Cooper Tire and Rubber. He served as Chairman, CEO, and President from 2007 through 2016. Prior to Cooper Tire & Rubber, he was employed at Whirlpool Corporation for 31 years. Cooper Tire established the Roy V. Armes scholarship in his name. This first scholarship will be awarded in 2017.

ELI hosted a retirement celebration for Mr. Armes at the Oliver House in November. We wish him continued success and relaxation in the next stage of his life!

Wishing you good health, good luck, and great success in your retirement, Mr. Armes!

"As a member of the Roy and Marcia Armes Engineering Leadership Institute, I commit to practicing leadership through character, conduct, integrity and engagement."

We welcome your feedback on our first Roy and Marcia Armes Engineering Leadership Institute newsletter! Please send comments, questions, and suggestions to Clare.Byrne@rockets.utoledo.edu