ABOUT US:

The IDEA Engineering Student Center (IDEA = Inclusion, Diversity, Excellence, & Achievement) is the nexus of the student experience at the Jacobs School of Engineering

We serve all engineering students: 4,500 student-engagements yearly through 20+ programs

We offer targeted programs for underrepresented, low-income, & disadvantaged students

Retention and success of our students rests on four pillars:

- **Academic support**: Helping students before they are in trouble academically and supporting students achieving at high levels
- **Building community**: Helping students to know that they are more than a number, and that the Jacobs School cares about their success as individuals
- **Encouraging interest**: Exposing students to various disciplines and opportunities and helping them see the connection between engineering courses and engineering in real-world applications
- **Providing opportunities for mentoring, teaching, & leadership**: Helping students see what it takes to be an engineering student and feel as if they have control over their studies by providing opportunities that allow them to shape their experience

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership on the Board is voluntary, but we ask that members serve a three-year term, which may be extended for an additional term by mutual agreement.

EXPECTATIONS:

- The Board meets quarterly, in fall, winter and spring. It is envisioned that these meetings will be held remotely, and 90 minutes in duration.
- There may be a small number of optional on-campus events to which you may be invited to engage with students in person.

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ENGAGEMENT WITH THE IDEA CENTER:

- Participate in events held by diversity organizations
- Career coaching, mentoring, advising
- Nominate individuals for panel discussions, recruiting events, GRAD & WISE talks, & podcast interviews
- Bring us your passion & ideas; how can we engage with you?
- Internships
- Direct sponsorship of students & student projects
  - Matching Funds
  - Sponsorship of IDEA Scholars
  - Scholarships for Summer Engineering Institute
  - Scholarships for upper class students, transfer students
  - Support of enhanced GEAR program: encourage internships between 3rd-4th years, connection with faculty mentors, & preferential hiring upon graduation