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 May 6 - 8, 2026

Wednesday, May 6, 2026			
Time	Event	Location	Notes
5:30pm	Arrival and Check-in Driving personal vehicle from UIUC	Union Club Hotel 201 North Grant Street West Lafayette, IN 47906 Ph. 765.494.8922	Confirmation #77074210
6:00pm	Meet your escort in hotel lobby		Escort: Sayed M. Soleimani
6:30pm	Dinner with Lecturers & PEP Geoffrey Graff, <i>Senior Lecturer</i> Brandon Fulk, <i>The Walsh Group Director of Experiential Learning & Assistant Head</i> Sayed Soleimani, <i>Professor of Engineering Practice</i>	McGraws 2707 S River Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906 (765) 743-3932	Reservation under "Lyles School of Civil and Construction Engineering"
Thursday, May 7, 2026			
			Attire: Business casual Weather forecast: 60 deg. Partly sunny
7:30-7:45am	Meet in hotel lobby; transition to breakfast		Meet in Hotel lobby Escort: Scott Hinkle
7:45-8:40am	Breakfast with Scott Hinkle	8Eleven Purdue Memorial	Reservation under: "Lyles School of Civil and

		Union	Construction Engineering”
8:40-9:00am	Travel to Hampton Hall		Escort: Scott Hinkle
9:00-9:45am	Meet with LSCCE Staff	HAMP G212/Zoom	https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/94118678443?pwd=EwOG43eySBbk6zJoDyeFcEJOuTVYQB.1
9:45-10:00am	Meeting with Jim Krogmeier, Associate Dean for Facilities and Planning and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering	HAMP G212/Zoom	https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/94118678443?pwd=EwOG43eySBbk6zJoDyeFcEJOuTVYQB.1
10:00-11:00am	Meet with Brittany Vestal, Director of Financial Affairs, College of Engineering & Brittany Duncan, Senior Business Manager, Lyles School of Civil and Construction Engineering	HAMP G212	
11:00-11:45am	Meet with Advisory Council / Advisory Board	HAMP G212/Zoom	https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/94118678443?pwd=EwOG43eySBbk6zJoDyeFcEJOuTVYQB.1
11:45a-12:00p	Break		
12:00-12:30pm	Lunch with Graduate Students	HAMP G212	Panera Bread Ordered to be delivered between 11:30-11:45am
12:30-12:45pm	Meeting with Provost Patrick J. Wolfe	Phone Call	Call 765.491.6542 Candidate will call Provost Wolfe
12:45-1:00pm	Seminar Prep <i>An Engineering Computer Network representative will be present and assisting with audio/visual needs.</i>	HAMP 1144	
1:00-2:15pm	Seminar, Q&A	HAMP 1144/ Zoom	https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/93686918961 *Seminar will be recorded. Recording will be managed by Drew Stone.
2:15-2:30pm	Break		

2:30-3:30pm	<p>Meeting with Ayman Habib, Interim Head of Civil and Construction Engineering and Thomas A. Page Professor of Civil Engineering, Co-Director of the Civil Engineering Center for Applications of UAS for a Sustainable Environment (CE-CAUSE), and Associate Director of the Joint Transportation Research Program</p> <p>& Rao "GS" Govindaraju, Vice President for Institutes and Centers at Discovery Park District</p> <p>Christopher B. and Susan S. Burke Distinguished Professor of Civil Engineering</p>	HAMP G212	
3:30-4:30pm	Meeting with the LSCCE Full Professors	HAMP G212/Zoom	https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/94118678443?pwd=EwOG43eySBbk6zJoDyeFcEJOuTVYQB.1
4:30-5:30pm	Meeting with the LSCCE Associate Professors and Assistant Professors	HAMP G212/Zoom	https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/94118678443?pwd=EwOG43eySBbk6zJoDyeFcEJOuTVYQB.1
5:30-6:00pm	Travel to hotel, freshen-up		Escort: Jie Shan
6:00-6:15pm	Meet escort in Hotel Lobby, Travel to Restaurant		Meet in Hotel Lobby Escort: Ming Qu
6:30pm	<p>Dinner with Search Committee</p> <p>Melba Crawford, Nancy Uridil and Frank Bossu Distinguished Professor in Civil Engineering</p> <p>Brandon Fulk, The Walsh Group Director of Experiential Learning & Assistant Head</p> <p>Sogand, Hasanzadeh, Associate Professor of Civil and Construction Engineering</p> <p>Panagiota Karava, Professor of Civil and Construction Engineering</p> <p>Akanshu Sharma, Jack and Kay Hockema Associate Professor in Civil Engineering</p> <p>Ming Qu, Professor of Civil and Construction Engineering</p>	<p>Bistro 501</p> <p>501 Main St, Lafayette, IN 47901 (765) 423-4501</p>	Reservation under: "Lyles School of Civil and Construction Engineering"

	Pablo Zvattieri, Jerry M. and Lynda T. <i>Engelhardt Professor in Civil Engineering</i>		
Friday, May 8, 2026			
7:30-7:45am	Meet in hotel lobby; travel to breakfast		Escort: Joung-Jun Son
7:45-8:40am	Breakfast with Engineering School Heads David Corti , <i>Interim Head of the Davidson School of Chemical Engineering</i> Ayman Habib , <i>Interim Head of Civil and Construction Engineering</i> Bryan Huey , <i>Blacutt-Underwood Head of Materials Engineering</i> Milind Kulkarni , <i>Michael and Katherine Birck Head of the Elmore Family School of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering</i> Joyce Main , <i>Kamyar Haghighi Head of the School of Engineering Education and Professor of Engineering Education</i> Nathan Mosier , <i>Department Head, Agricultural & Biological Engineering</i> Kevin Otto , <i>Dane A. Miller Head of the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering and Professor</i> John Sutherland , <i>Fehsenfeld Family Head and Distinguished Professor of Sustainability Engineering and Environmental Engineering</i> Young-Jun Son , <i>James J. Solberg Head and Ransburg Professor of Edwardson School of Industrial Engineering</i>	Another Broken Egg	Reservation under: "Lyles School of Civil and Construction Engineering"
8:40-9:00am	Travel to Armstrong Hall		Escort: Young-Jun Son Stop by Hampton G212 to drop off things
9:00-10:00am	Meeting with College of Engineering Associate Deans	ARMS 3001	

10:00-11:00am	Meeting with Dean Arvind Raman, John A. Edwardson Dean of Engineering, and Mark Lundstrom, Chief Semiconductor Officer, Don and Carol Scrifres Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering	ARMS 3000	
11:00-11:15am	Meeting with Shan Chen, Associate Director of Faculty Recruitment	Teams	
11:15-11:50am	Travel to Hampton/Tour Hampton Hall		Escort: Payton Fulk
11:50a-12:00p	Break		
12:00-12:45pm	Lunch with Undergraduate Students	HAMP G212	Jimmy Johns ordered and will be delivered to G212 between 11:45-12:00pm
12:45-1:00pm	Travel to Bowen Lab		Escort:
1:00-2:00pm	Tour of Bowen Lab		Tour Guide: Justin
2:00-3:00pm	Tour of S-Brite:		Tour Guide: Robert Connor
3:15-3:45pm	Meeting with John Fassnacht, Principal Managing Director, Engineering and PPI	HAMP G212	
	Depart Campus		

Questions?

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