Building a Model University and Employer Partnership

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In 1909 Northeastern started co-op in the engineering program, the second of its kind in the US
GE/NU Partnership Team

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Cooperative Education and Experiential Learning
**College of Engineering**
- Lorraine Mountain - COE
- Sharon Britton - MIE
- Jake Walker – BioE/ChemE
- Josie Flanagan – ECE

**D’Amore-Kim School of Business**
- Heather Hauck – Finance
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**College of Computer & Information Science**
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**NU Alumni Relations and Development**
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- Claire Duggan
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GE Day @NU

• Annual fall event for targeted student majors based on hiring needs
• Multiple business divisions represented
• Alumni representation
• Entry level program engineers and FMP’s also attend
• Mini Career Fair with each business/program represented at a table
• Student registration at all events to stay in touch for future recruiting
Students Majors recruited within College of Engineering and D’Amore-McKim School of Business

**COE majors**
- Mechanical Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering

**DMBS majors**
- Finance
- Marketing
- International Business
- Management
- Accounting
- Supply Chain Management
- Entrepreneurship
NU Hiring at GE

• Nearly 1200 NU Co-op students hired from 2001 – 2017:
  • College of Engineering
  • D’Amore-McKim School of Business
  • College of Computer & Information Sciences
  • College of Social Sciences & Humanities
  • College of Science
  • College of Arts, Media & Design
• Nearly 100 NU Full time hires from 2010-2016

Leading and inspiring a “One GE” approach to enable our teams to attract and hire the best university talent to meet the future needs of GE.
GE Business Divisions

- GE Aviation
- Baker Hughes, a GE Company (formerly GE Oil & Gas)
- GE Lighting
- GE Capital
- GE Power (formerly Power & Water and Energy)
- GE Transportation
- GE Digital (formerly Intelligent Platforms)
- GE Healthcare
- GE Renewable Energy

GE CAREERS
Big Company Opportunities. Small Business Community.
Managing the Recruiting Process

• Communicate with GE Corporate
• Establish & maintain employer relationships with HR & Engineering Managers from each business division
• Communicate with hiring managers to determine recruitment deadlines, post jobs, coordinate and schedule on-campus and remote interviews and support the hiring process.
• Job postings for each division: students apply through internal database but also apply directly online to GE’s site
• But still...“One GE” for GE Day and all on campus activities
GE Campus Presence

- Market & Promote to targeted population
- GE Information Sessions
  - Overview of GE Aviation, Co-op & Leadership programs for prospective candidates
  - Tour of Lynn Facility
  - Tips on Behavioral Based interviewing
  - 1-1 Resume Reviews & Critiques
- ASME Presentations
  - Jet Engine Operation – 10 years +
  - Behavioral Based Interviewing Tips & Workshop
- Aerospace/Defense Networking Expo
  - Andrea Cox - panelist
- Employer in Residence
- GE Student Ambassadors
GE’S GOAL FOR 2020

20,000 WOMEN IN STEM ROLES
#GEBalanceTheEquation

• All day event featuring interactive installations, networking, speed mentoring, and career quizzes.
• Over 600 participants, including NU students, faculty, HS students & parents
GE/NU Diversity Efforts

- **Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)**
  - GE Info Session
  - Resume Workshop
  - Regional Conference Attendance and Support
- **Society of Women Engineers (SWE)**
  - Resume Workshop and Career Discussion
  - Networking Events
- **Black Engineering Student Society (BESS)**
  - Corporate Series
  - GE Info Session
  - Resume Workshop

- **Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE)**
  - Networking sessions
  - Regional Conference
- **Women in Business (WIB)**
  - GE Info Session
  - Harvard Women in Business Conference
- **Other**
  - Joint Recognition Banquet - NU sponsored
  - oSTEM – new club at Northeastern
  - Annual GE Aviation Female Diversity Recruitment Leadership Summit
  - GE Girls Camp
GE Dare to Lead

• In 2017, Northeastern hosted the leadership workshop on our campus.

• Students engaged in interactive activities focused on helping them to identify strengths and apply leadership & teamwork skills.

• Opportunity to explore engineering career paths (both within and outside of GE).

• Students interacted with GE Leaders and students from other Boston-area schools

• Co-op advisors identified students with leadership potential and reached out directly to encourage them to apply.

• 12 Northeastern students selected to attend the workshop.
Female Diversity Leadership Summit

• Northeastern Co-op faculty identify women with leadership potential who are interested in careers in aviation or at GE.

• Use a targeted individualized approach to encourage students to apply and attend events.
GE Girls Camp @Northeastern
in partnership with NU Center for STEM Education

• Day 1 – Intro to Engineering & GE Aviation
  • Design activity, “How things fly”, Paper Airplanes, Paper Rockets

• Day 2 - GE Healthcare
  • “What is healthcare?”, ultrasound imaging activity, NU lab tour

• Day 3 - GE Fieldtrip to Healthcare site
  • Equipment overview, lab tour, imaging

• Day 4 – GE Digital
  • Intro to coding, scratch, robotics

• Day 5 – Student final presentations
  • Student panel, presentations, Assessment, graduation
GE Girls Camp @NU
EQUIP at the Intersection of opportunity

• **U.S. Department of Education** Accelerates efforts to enable more American workers to secure postsecondary credentials that expressly meet industry needs

• **Northeastern** Creates a new model of education where real world experience earns university credit, removing the divide between work and learning

• **GE** Develops a workforce pipeline prepared and trained to accelerate the transformation to a Digital Industrial company

• **NU / GE** Partnership selected as 1 of 8 university/colleges for DoE initiative
Competency Based Bachelors Degree
Reviving Apprenticeships

• Builds on the foundational legacy of GE’s highly successful Apprenticeship programs
• Expands from Northeastern’s long proven co-op program and student experiences
• Leverages GE training resources and expertise to develop a application based, relevant job-ready workforce
• Augments the framework throughout with NU faculty expertise, learner supports, and digital learning approaches
• Students earn an accelerated Bachelor of Science in Advanced Manufacturing Systems – first of it’s kind in the nation
Partnership Vision:
The integration of work and learning

**Grand challenges**, similar to a capstone, synthesizing and assessing learning across all accelerators

**Accelerators** feature rotations through functional shop areas. Integrating digital learning instruction, shop floor practice with real time GE mentoring culminating with challenge assessments

Students complete **foundational learning** consisting of general education requirements and foundational manufacturing topics. Prior learning credits can be applied
2017 Higher Education Innovation and Workforce Development Event in Washington, DC

The intersection of work and higher education in the twenty-first century, exploring topics including experiential learning, Federal Work Study flexibility, apprenticeships, EQUIP, stackable credentialing, etc.

“Northeastern hosted a discussion on higher education innovation and the future of workforce development on Monday in Washington, D.C. The panelists—including Chris Mallet, vice president for online programs at Northeastern, Andrea Cox, of General Electric Aviation, and Debbie Hughes, of the Business-Higher Education Forum—examined how higher education and industry can better coordinate to solve workforce development challenges while closing the skills gap. Attendees—among them workforce leaders and education policy advocates—heard about the importance of experiential learning as well as Northeastern’s innovative partnership with General Electric Co.”

Four-year universities have a role in 21st century workforce development by better aligning with industry and developing innovative education delivery models.
NU/GE Aviation Hackathon Challenge

Feb 10-12, 2017

**Participants:** 50 Computer Science and Engineering Masters & PhD students

**Challenge Timeline:** ~30 hours

**GE Team:** 6 on-campus and 2 offsite GE team members

**Challenges:** 4 Projects included “Export/Import Databases”, “Collaboration Tools”, “Commercial Invoice Validation”, and “Find my Authorization”

11 solutions ... 4 awards

- Most Impactful - Export Classification Audit Tool
- Best Quick Hit – AES Filing Automation
- Best Presentation – EXIM Chat Bot
- Deepest Dive – Secure Collaboration Architecture
Northeastern Analytics Project

**What it is** → Masters Program in Data Analytics looking for corporate partnership opportunities to get Analytics & Visualization experience with real world data

**Benefit for GE**
- Masters Students analyze trends & create new viz’s
- Opportunity for future projects
- Free & Flexible to meet corporations’ needs

**Current Scope:** Cyber Security alerts data

**Goals**
- Weed out false positives
- Create a continual learning “loop”
- Added sophistication in alert process

**Course Outline**
- ALY 6000 – Introduction to Analytics *(Fall B)*
- ALY 6030 – Data Warehousing & SQL *(Fall B)*
- ALY 6015 – Intermediate Analytics *(Winter A)*
- ALY 6070 – Communication & Data Viz *(Winter B)*
- ALY 6020 – Predictive Analytics *(Winter B)*

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**Timeline**
- **Kickoff**
  - Jul 2017
- **GE Provide Sample Files**
  - Aug 2017
- **NU Integrate in Curriculum**
  - Sep 2017
- **GE Provide Complete Files**
  - Oct 2017
- **Fall B Term Begins**
  - Oct 30th
- **Winter A Term Begins**
  - Jan 2018
- **NU Students Report Out**
  - Mar 2018
- **GE Improve Process**
  - Mar 2018 +

**Build Foundation**
- Continue Learning Loop with Winter B Term & Beyond

**Produce Results**
Alumni Outreach at GE

• Employer-In-Residence
  Volunteer a few hours one day to meet students and answer questions about your business. Can be done in person or via Skype!

• GE Day
  GE-Specific career fair showcasing the variety of things we do

• Student Group Outreach
  Attend events held by ASME, WIB, SWE, SHPE, and more such as resume critiques, employer panels, mock interviews, etc

• Current Co-op Outreach
  Be a co-op Buddy for your site, represent your business in monthly Connect & Learn sessions, help us host a Co-op welcome event!

• Social Media, Alumni Newsletter
  Help us cultivate yammer/LinkedIn presence to attract talent, and keep other alums informed of the latest events!

Engaged alumni are the key to building a successful partnership team!