The first signs of the Autumn 2015 school year were upon us Thursday, as the ECE Graduate Student Orientation took place throughout the day. Thanks to speakers: Joel Johnson, Andrea Serrani, Lisa Fiorentini, Wladimiro Villarroel, Betty Lise Anderson, Patricia Scharer, Richard Selfe, Amy Thaci and Siddharth Baskar for bestowing info into the day. In a new feature, we began the process of offering livestream options to students who couldn’t attend. Find pictures of the day at http://go.osu.edu/grad-pics and the livestream footage at http://go.osu.edu/ece-go

The ECE-led Engineering Outreach program welcomed students from the Ohio State Women in Engineering Learning Community Early Arrival Program (WIE LEAP) who created their own LED displays at Knowlton Hall. Find pictures here: http://go.osu.edu/wie-leap

Please join us in welcoming Kyle Bensch as the new ECE Business Manager. Bensch starts his new role on Monday Aug. 24. He has been with OSU since 2011 and with the College of Engineering since 2013, first as a Fiscal Associate in the Business Operations Center, and then as the Business Manager for Administration and Planning.

In the latter role, Bensch managed payroll and fiscal operations for Engineering Advancement. He replaces Bobby Srivastava, who began serving as Senior Associate Director for Engineering Research Operations in July. The department will host a welcome event for Kyle Tuesday August 25th 9-10 AM in the ECE faculty lounge. Join us for donuts and coffee, and to welcome Bensch to the team. This will also be an opportunity to recognize Bobby and thank him for his contributions to the department.

ECE alumna Tricia Baker hired into new career role at Vendini: http://go.osu.edu/baker

NBC4 talks to incoming CE student Matthew Wagner about moving into the new dorms: http://go.osu.edu/4-mw

COE put out an in-depth article about ECE alumnus Eric Evans and his role manning the MIT Lincoln Lab: http://go.osu.edu/e-v