Dear ISE Community,

The ISE Department happily welcomed returning students on February 1st. We look forward to making a memorable Spring 2021 Semester, as we have several exciting developments to share. Foremost, we are very pleased to announce that ISE Lehigh will host the 2022 International Conference on Continuous Optimization scheduled for July of 2022. ICCOPT is an international flagship conference of the Mathematical Optimization Society (MOPTA) that is held every three years. We will welcome Optimization experts from all over the globe to collaborate on the latest research, and enjoy Lehigh’s beautiful campus and the historical city of Bethlehem. The 21st Annual MOPTA Conference hosted by ISE each year is scheduled for August 2-4, 2021. The 13th AIMMS-MOPTA Optimization Modeling Competition problem is Home Service Assignment, Routing, and Scheduling with Stochastic Service Time, Travel time, and Cancellation.

ISE Ph.D. students and faculty enjoyed an impressive ISE Fall 2020 Seminar Series hosted through Zoom. ISE will continue to host the 2021 Spring seminars through Zoom, and we look forward to another great lineup of speakers. Our 2020 Spencer C. Schantz Distinguished Lecture Series was postponed due to COVID-19. Plans for the 2021 Spencer C. Schantz Distinguished Lecture will be determined later in the semester.

The department is preparing three exciting new programs soon to be launched. These programs will increase engagement among our students and make a positive impact in their academic journey and career preparedness.

- ISE Lehigh Outreach Program (OutreachISE)
- ISE Lehigh Industrial Liaison Program (ISEi)
- ISE Lehigh Alumni Academy (ISE Academy)

Please keep in touch with us and visit the ISE website https://ise.lehigh.edu to stay up-to-date on all of the achievements from our outstanding students, faculty, and alumni. You can always drop us a note at ise@lehigh.edu.

With my warmest regards,

Luis Nunes Vicente
ISE Department Chair
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In November 2020, the Graduate Student Senate hosted their fourth annual Mentorship Appreciation Celebration. This event invites graduate students to nominate faculty mentors who have positively impacted their academic career at Lehigh. The mentor/mentee relationship is a mutually rewarding experience and ISE is honored to have so many of our amazing faculty nominated. Congratulations to our ISE faculty mentors below:


Former ISE Coordinator, Faith Ruth Newhall, 88, of Bethlehem, PA passed away peacefully on Wednesday January 13, 2021 at Holy Family Manor. She was born in Bethlehem, the daughter of the late Carl and M. Ruth (Bailey) Boyer. Faith worked at Lehigh University in the Industrial Engineering Department for 26 years. Faith was hired as the IE Department secretary for the IE office by Art Gould in 1967. She was subsequently promoted to department coordinator as personal computers were introduced into office operations during the 1980s, and the need for pure secretarial support diminished. Faith became the visible face of the IE Department to students during her many years in the department, finally retiring at the end of 1993.