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Hello from your [Lehigh Materials Science and Engineering \(MSE\) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(DEI\) Committee](#)! We share newsletters throughout the academic year to highlight DEI-related events, resources, and activities in our department, Lehigh community, and beyond.

Welcome back to the Fall 2024 semester! We are excited to welcome new members to our department, including new faculty, postdocs, and undergraduate and graduate students!

Our committee is kicking off the semester by seeking nominations for our next MSE DEI Committee representatives for all positions: u

- undergraduate student (2 positions)
- graduate student (2 positions)
- faculty (1 position)
- staff (1 position)

The representative will serve on the committee for at least three consecutive semesters. All representatives are expected to participate in monthly committee meetings (including a lunch at the end of each semester) and actively contribute to advancing our goals to make our department a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment. The nomination/self-nomination should include a brief paragraph (½ page maximum) indicating why the nominee/you would like to participate and will contribute positively to our mission. Please submit to mse-dei-committee-list@lehigh.edu by September 30, 2024! If you are submitting a nomination on behalf of someone else, please confirm the nominee is interested in the position. No previous experience is required! Prior committee members are also welcome as long as they have not served within the last year.

This semester, we have launched a new initiative to build stronger connections between faculty and students in our department. Faculty will now be introducing themselves and their research in MAT 10 and sharing potential research opportunities. These introductions will connect faculty and undergraduate students during their first year in the department. This is a reminder to students that we strongly encourage them to get involved in research activities. Please contact your academic advisor or any faculty member whose research interests you for more information.

Check out some of our youngest honorary department members getting involved in this [video](#)...



Sincerely,
The MSE DEI Committee

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