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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.

We are excited to welcome a new faculty member to Materials Science and Engineering! Prof. Jennifer Schuler (she/her) recently joined our department this summer as a Teaching Assistant Professor and Associate Chair. She comes from Foundation Alloy, a start-up focused on novel powder metallurgy techniques, where she developed alloys for sintering applications. Before then, she worked at Apple, GlobalFoundries, and IBM. Dr. Schuler earned a B.S. in Physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from the University of California, Irvine.



Prof. Jennifer Schuler

When asked why DEI is important to her, she said, “DEI is both why I am **here**, and **why** I am here. I am deeply grateful for the DEI efforts and community I have experienced throughout my career that have helped me reach where I am today. Supporting the next generation of engineers here at Lehigh University is a top priority for me, and I look forward to helping build a community in which everyone can thrive.” Welcome to the department, Prof. Schuler!

Our committee has been conducting a department-wide equity audit to understand the types of service people are involved in across campus and in our community. Our undergraduate representative Casey Dolan (she/her) conducted a survey to determine what types of committees, events, and activities undergraduate students are participating in within our department, college, university, and off campus. MSE undergraduate students are heavily involved in the MSE DEI committee, the Student Materials Society (SMS), Lehigh Microscopy School, the Summer Engineering Institute (SEI), Community Service Office (CSO) Homework Club, CHOICES, and Office of First Year Experience Orientation. Outside of Lehigh, our students are also serving our local community in soup kitchens, animal shelters, and outreach programs targeting underserved communities. We are proud of how active our undergraduate students are and will continue highlighting these key contributions in future newsletters.

Sincerely,
The MSE DEI Committee

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