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Dear Member of the McCormick Class of 2017:

On behalf of the entire McCormick School, I extend to you a Wildcat welcome to Northwestern and to our own community of scholars.

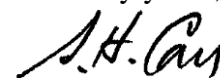
It is my sincere hope that I get to meet you, as well as each of your classmates, early in the coming academic year. My intention is for you to get comfortable in meeting the faculty, our Undergraduate Engineering staff, and myself. You will find all the Undergraduate Engineering offices located in Tech on the second floor; my office is room L268. In your early weeks here you will also begin to meet upper-class McCormick students during the many orientation and introduction activities.

Especially noteworthy for you in the coming academic year are the two required sequence courses that comprise the *Engineering First*[®] program. One course, "Engineering Analysis," is a four-quarter sequence that spans into your sophomore year. "Design Thinking and Communication" is a two-quarter sequence that is intended for you to take this year, if at all possible. *Engineering First*[®] replaces a traditional set of discipline-specific courses with these two integrated sequences. One of its main goals is to build your mastery of subjects key to engineering; the other set of goals relates to launching you down the path to thinking as a *whole-brain engineer*[™]. The McCormick School has invested heavily in creating *Engineering First*[®], and we have found that it is a profound and exciting improvement over traditional curricula.

I encourage you to take advantage of all that McCormick and Northwestern have to offer. There is an incredibly wide array of activities, such as off-campus volunteering, artistic performance, and athletics. In McCormick there is, likewise, a whole host of things in which to get involved, such as various design competitions, on-campus research, and engineering discipline-based chapters of professional societies. We also offer opportunities to gain valuable experiences through certificate programs, such as Co-op, Biotechnology, Architectural Design, Engineering Design, Entrepreneurship, Business Enterprise, and the Kellogg certificates in either Financial Engineering or Managerial Analytics.

All of us at McCormick are dedicated to your personal growth through an engineering education. It is clearer than ever that what you do in earning your McCormick degree will be exceptionally rich preparation for your career following graduation. I wish you the best as you make this life passage with us.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen H. Carr
Associate Dean