

[Subscribe](#)

[Past Issues](#)

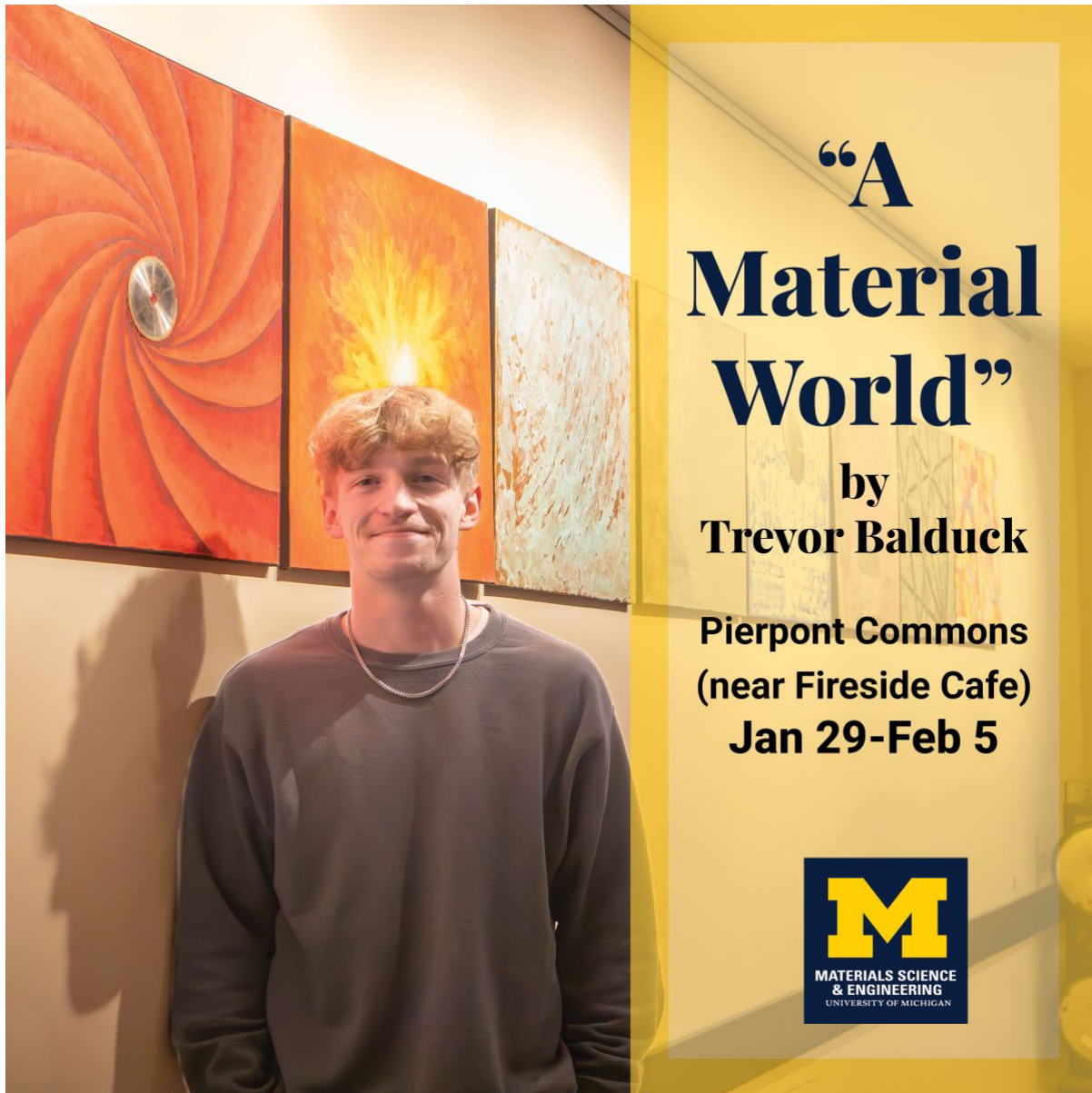
[Translate](#) ▼



COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
MATERIALS SCIENCE & ENGINEERING
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



WINTER 2025 - January 30 (Issue #2)



Amazing art alert!

The next time you're in Pierpont, check out senior **Trevor Balduck's** "*A Material World*" exhibit, a collection of eight gorgeous paintings inspired by his work with the Marquis Research Group. The collection can be found on the second floor of Pierpont, just to the left of the Fireside Cafe. The exhibit opened yesterday and runs through next Wednesday, Feb. 5. Don't miss it! [Click here for a Q&A](#) with Trevor about his paintings and [here for a video](#) of the exhibit.

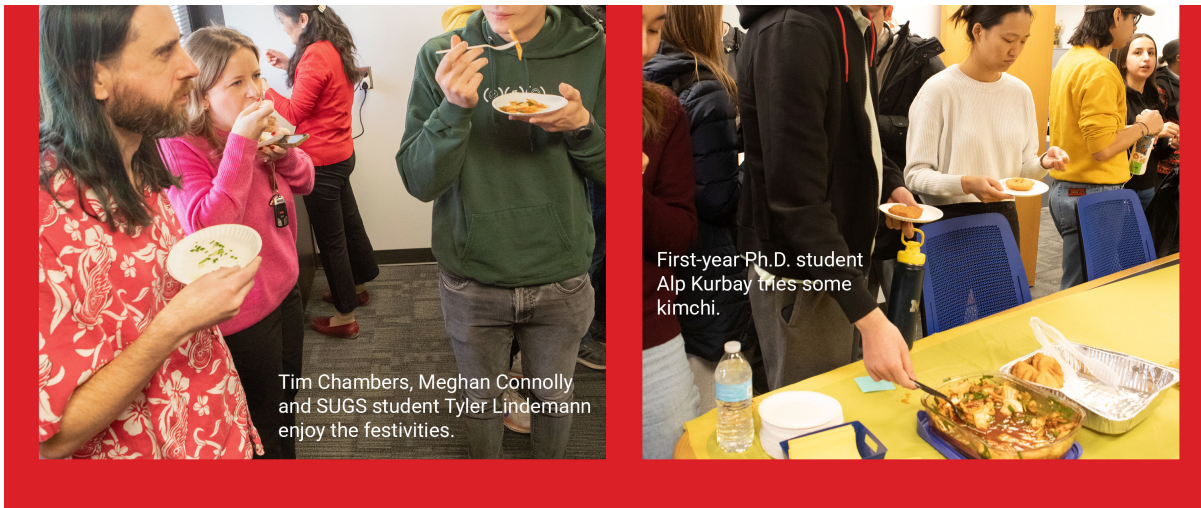
Events look-back

Our celebration of the Year of the Snake yesterday was a big succeSSSSSS! A special

thank you to **Tina Longenbarger** for organizing the event, **Huimin Ponchart** for making 200 dumplings (plus a big batch of kimchi), **Xiang Gao** for contributing homemade fried pancakes, and **Kai Sun** for bringing traditional red envelopes (with money inside!). Plans are already in the works for next year's Year of the Horse celebration.:-)

2025 MSE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION





Upcoming Events

MSE COMMUNITY ICE CREAM SOCIAL FEBRUARY 6

MSE community ice cream social

What Ice cream bar from Washtenaw Dairy	When Thursday, February 6 12-1:00 p.m.	Where MSE Conference Room (#3062A Dow)
---	---	---

See you there!

MSE CAREER CHATS FEBRUARY 17



MATERIALS SCIENCE ENGINEERING CAREER CHATS

**MON 2/17
9AM - 5PM**

Join us for a **quick 15-minute virtual chat** with an Engineering Career Advisor.

Ask us anything - from where your peers are landing jobs, to job search strategies, to personalized resume feedback.

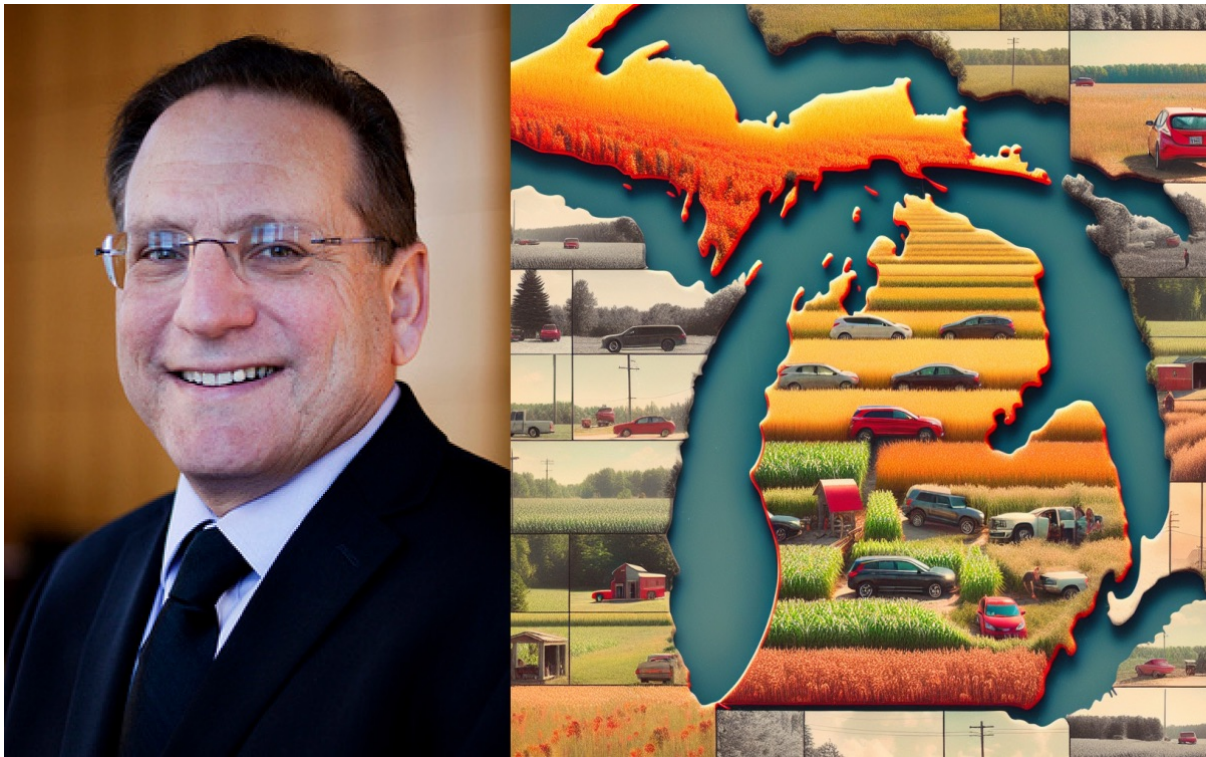
It's a chance to get the advice you need, fast.
Let's get you one step closer to your career goals!

Register for a chat in Career Fair Plus
app.careerfairplus.com/ume_mi/fair/5589

M | ENGINEERING CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

Faculty News

MI GOV GRETCHEN WHITMER APPOINTS ALAN TAUB TO FUTURE MOBILITY & ELECTRIFICATION COUNCIL



On January 23, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the appointment of MSE Professor **Alan Taub**, director of the Electric Vehicle Center, to the Michigan Council on Future Mobility & Electrification (CFME). The CFME advises the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity and the Governor on ensuring Michigan continues to be an epicenter of future transportation solutions. *Congratulations, Alan!*

[Read more.](#)

Student News

DONGJAE SHIN WINS SCHOLARSHIP FROM SVCF



Congratulations to **Dongjae Shin** on earning the Helen & Rolf Illsey Scholarship from the Society of Vacuum Coaters Foundation (SVCF)! As a member of the Li+ Lab, Dongjae is conducting research focused on vacuum deposition technologies, the findings from which could revolutionize applications in batteries, memories and synaptic transistors. [Read more.](#)

Congratulations, Dongjae!

Alumni News

MSE ALUMS RECEIVE PECASE AWARDS FROM WHITE HOUSE



Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers

In addition to Associate Professor Ashwin Shahani (which we announced in our last issue), two MSE alums were also recently awarded an Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers: **Aerial Leonard (PHD '19)**, pictured above left, and **Andrea Jokisaari (PHD '16)**, pictured above right. A former member of the Allison group and now an assistant professor at Ohio State, Leonard was honored for her research in advanced characterization techniques and their application to understanding the mechanical behavior of complex alloy systems. A former member of the Thornton group, Jokisaari works as a computational scientist at Idaho National Laboratory, where she develops materials solutions for nuclear energy systems.

**KYLE SINKUS (BSE '10, MSE '11) SHARES CAREER
JOURNEY AS MMS LUNCHEON SPEAKER**



"Thank you Michigan MSE for welcoming me to present at your MMS luncheon last Friday. It was great to discuss and showcase how a Materials Engineering foundation can provide so many great career options over time."

MSE alum Kyle Sinkus (BSE '10, MSE '11)

MSE alum **Kyle Sinkus (BSE '10, MSE '11)** returned to campus on Friday to speak at the MMS Luncheon. [Sinkus is president/owner of Solitude-Bridger](#), a company he launched last year that focuses on cultivating relationships between internal and external stakeholders in the auto, defense and medical industries.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Follow us on social media to stay up to date on all the MSE news you can use:

Instagram: [instagram.com/ummse/](https://www.instagram.com/ummse/)

Facebook: [facebook.com/profile.php?id=61567999670902](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61567999670902)



LinkedIn (note this is a new site, in addition to our alumni page):
[linkedin.com/company/michigan-materials-science-and-engineering](https://www.linkedin.com/company/michigan-materials-science-and-engineering)

X (formerly twitter): x.com/ummse



IN CASE YOU NEED A "LIFT" TODAY...

After nearly *three years* of being out of commission, the elevator in the northeast corner of Dow (which shuttles between the 2nd & 3rd floors) is finally up and running! Woot! Woot!





**MATERIALS SCIENCE
& ENGINEERING**
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



[View this email online](#)

Copyright © 2024 MSE. All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is:

2300 Hayward St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).