

From the EDITOR

Dear Colleagues:

It was a true pleasure to connect with so many colleagues and community members from the engineering technology field at ASEE 2025. The conference highlighted an impressive number of papers showcasing the latest trends and innovations, and I am delighted to share that our journal session was very well received. I extend my sincere thanks to all who attended and participated.

This summer, the latest journal impact factors were released, and I am proud to report that the *Journal of Engineering Technology*[®] achieved an impact factor of 1.6, remaining in the second quartile. Our journal is also listed in the Master Journal List of Web of Science and included in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE). These ratings firmly position *JET* as one of the leading journals in engineering, and we look forward to publishing and disseminating your important work. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

After an extensive search, the editorial board is pleased to announce the appointment of two outstanding colleagues:

- Dr. Farid El Breidi of Purdue University is the new Production Editor
- Dr. John Irwin of Michigan Tech University is the new Advertising Editor

Please join me in congratulating them on their new roles.

This issue of the *JET* features four diverse and timely contributions. The first paper explores the unique challenges and opportunities student veterans face when pursuing engineering or engineering technology degrees, emphasizing strategies for successful integration and retention. The second paper introduces a hands-on fluid power lab kit and modules that enhance student engagement and bridge theory with practical applications. The third paper examines alumni perspectives on a Technology Management program, highlighting its evolution, career impacts, and lessons for supporting students in engineering technology pathways. The fourth paper presents the revised Four Pillars of Manufacturing Knowledge, integrating advanced manufacturing concepts such as Industry 4.0, additive manufacturing, and digital manufacturing to better align with the future of the discipline.

As always, the editorial board deeply values your contributions and continued support in advancing engineering technology education and research.

All my best,



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