



Message from the Chair

Friends of the Vanderbilt University Civil and Environmental Engineering Department,
Greetings!

The Fall 2022 semester is fully underway, and our students, staff and faculty continue to achieve excellence in research, discovery, education and service to the profession. Below are just a few samples of the many accomplishments and recognitions of CEE students and faculty in the past few months. We are also hard at work in preparing a new strategic plan that will set the directions for new and exciting initiatives in the department for the next few years. The world of engineering is progressing at an unprecedented pace — CEE at Vanderbilt will continue to innovate and remain at the forefront of research and education nationally and internationally. On a sad note, Frank Parker, one of the most distinguished and beloved CEE professors [passed away in August 2022](#). He had retired and named Distinguished Professor of Environmental and Water Resources Engineering, Emeritus in 2011 after a 43-year career at Vanderbilt University. We will remember him fondly and cherish our memories with Frank, who left an indelible mark on the lives and careers of many of the CEE alumni, staff, and faculty.

Thank you for your continued support of the CEE family and I wish you a safe, healthy, and productive Fall.

Best,
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Professor and Department Chair,
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[Professor and student
receive prestigious
Fulbright awards to study](#)



abroad

Ravindra Duddu and Kristi Maisha both received 2022-2023 Fulbright awards that allow scholars to teach and conduct research abroad. Duddu will use his Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship to travel to the Indian Institute of Technology Madras in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.

Maisha will work at the National University of Singapore where over 10 months she will continue research she has been doing at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory on sustainable building technology and implementation.

Professor Sankaran Mahadevan wins international research award

Sankaran Mahadevan, John R. Murray Sr. Professor of Engineering and civil and environmental engineering professor, is the winner of the 2022 IASSAR Distinguished Research Award. The award is

presented every four years to two eminent senior researchers by the International Association on Structural Safety and Reliability at its quadrennial meeting.



Researcher receives \$2.5 million NSF grant to establish Climate Leaders Academy

Leah Dundon, research assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, has been awarded a \$2.5 million NSF



grant to establish a Climate Leaders Academy at Vanderbilt that will support students learning about climate change from a range of perspectives and include participation at the annual United Nations climate change conferences, known as COPs.

Sanjiv Gokhale named Engineering Endowed Director of Construction Management

Sanjiv Gokhale, professor of the practice of civil engineering and longtime director of the Construction Management graduate program, has been named the Engineering Endowed Director of Construction

Management, effective July 1, 2022. Graduates of the Construction Management program are highly sought after and find a wide range of employment opportunities in design, consulting, and construction in the both the private and public sectors. The program currently boasts 100% internships and professional placement, Gokhale said.



Janey Camp to lead Vanderbilt Engineering center focused on transportation research

Janey Camp has been named the director of the Vanderbilt Engineering Center for Transportation and Operational Resiliency (VECTOR) where



interdisciplinary groups work on a variety of transportation and infrastructure resilience projects using groundbreaking applications and risk management practices.

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