## From the Director's Desk

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

This semester has been extremely busy for all of us within our Engineering educational community, even with the fury of Mother Nature’s early snowstorm. ETS wishes you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe, short recess. My door is always open, so please come on in and tell me how we are doing.

V/R George L. Assard II

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## Tech News

### Thanks to our Help Desk

During this thanksgiving season, ETS would like to thank Abdurrahman Arikan (Arikan). When our two experienced help desk graduate students left this summer, Arikan stepped in with no experience at UConn, only one year in the United States speaking English, and assumed the workload of two experienced and highly competent people. [Read More](#)

### BECAT HPC Cluster Online

Thanks to a strategic initiative from the School of Engineering deanery and BECAT, the School of Engineering and BECAT are hosting a 64-node HPC cluster (codenamed Hornet). The goal of this cluster is advance research in the University by making, supporting faculty and student computational needs. Each node in the Hornet cluster consists of... [Read More](#)

### Outlook Address Book Changes

You may have noticed recently that there are now more names in the Outlook Address book. Through a collaborative project with UITS, the School of Business, UConn Libraries, the Foundation, and the UConn Health Center, we are now populating the address book with all faculty and staff from UConn. [Read More](#)

### Learning Center Reservations

ECS is now taking Spring 12’ reservations for the use of the Learning Center labs in EII (305, 306, 307) and ITEB (134, 138) to all faculty. We strive to meet the needs of your classroom experience as well as the students. [Read More](#)
Virtual PC
The UConn vPC project has been very successful this semester. Follow this post to view two recent blog posts by the vPC team that show the success of the project, including highlighting use by School of Engineering faculty, staff, and students.

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Milling Machine Upgrade
The SoE’s machine shop is in the process of updating its last manual milling machine. This update will add 2 axis CNC capabilities to the machine and make it equal to the other 4 machines. In the past, seniors working on their senior design projects have shied away from this machine because of its limited abilities. Read More

Email for Life
The help desk has received a number of requests from alumni recently regarding email for life. We recommend that you start taking advantage of this service today. You will find it extremely useful as you approach graduation but there are disadvantages of waiting until then to start. Read More