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Dear former student and friend of the department,

Welcome to the second issue of the newsletter of the Department of Biomedical Engineering. Last year has been an exciting year for the department with many new developments. We have more faculty now than at any point in time in the 40 year history of the department, our undergraduate class is the largest on record, and the size of our graduate program has doubled over the last four years. All of this growth has occurred while retaining and in many cases even raising the bar for our standards. Our faculty and students are engaged in exciting new educational/research endeavors that have the potential to shape the biomedical engineering workforce and industry in the years to come. A summary of some of the news items from the last six months is given below:

- Doug Schumer joins department as professor of practice [\[More\]](#)
- Leo Q. Wan named Pew Scholar, receives NSF CAREER award [\[More\]](#)
- David Corr invited to speak at Bio-Printing Summit [\[More\]](#)
- Deepak Vashishth appointed to editorial board [\[More\]](#)
- Six BME undergraduate students win SWE scholarships [\[More\]](#)
- David Corr named ASME journal associate editor [\[More\]](#)
- Department seeks to create endowment to support student travel to conferences [\[More\]](#)
- Vivian Lee wins presentation award at BMES [\[More\]](#)
- Eight BME students honored with Founders Award [\[More\]](#)
- Ge Wang appointed to Board of Associate Editors of Medical Physics [\[More\]](#)
- Nine faculty honored at the 2013 Trustee Celebration [\[More\]](#)
- Ryan Gilbert named associate editor of 'Cells Tissues Organs' [\[More\]](#)

I am excited about the recent developments and look forward to future achievements by our faculty and students in the coming year.

If you are planning to visit the campus, please do not hesitate to stop by and say hello.

Best regards,

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