"It has forced me to break out of my comfort boundaries and pitch ideas without intimidation. The learning experience outside of the classroom is incomparable to that of a typical classroom because you are learning for the sake of learning and not just for a grade!"

- Rob Schmicker, Computer Science

"KEEN has enhanced my experience as a student and has added another dimension to my education. In my opinion, KEEN acts as the window between the classroom and the engineering world. The Imagination Quest was no exception, and I reflect on that weekend as a defining moment on my path towards becoming a Civil Engineer."

- Dan Delgado, KEEN Student Coordinator & Civil Engineering Student

"As for the Villanova trip I truly enjoyed it. I learned a lot about how to present myself in a business manner and how to promote a business idea which is essential for engineering."

- Evan Deluty, Mechanical Engineering

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Living Learning Communities at the University of New Haven are offered through the Office of Residential Life and promote an atmosphere that aids in enhancing the first year residential experience, while supporting academic success. The LLC program combines the academic and social component of the collegiate experience. The faculty and staff provide students with out-of-class opportunities to participate in academic, social, cultural, and recreational programs. LLC residents develop a greater sense of connection to the campus, faculty, staff and the University as a whole.

Students in the Tagliatela College of Engineering (TCoE) can take advantage of a special engineering Living Learning Community (LLC), mentored by a full-time faculty member, during their freshman year. The Engineering LLC, located in new residence hall, allows freshman engineering and applied science students to live together on one floor of a residence hall, take similar courses, meet with faculty mentors throughout the year, and participate in special group activities both in the residence hall and off campus. Living Learning Community students are also provided with tutoring services in their residence hall.

With funding from the Kern Entrepreneurial Engineering Network (KEEN), a new engineering LLC was initiated fall 2014. The Entrepreneurial Engineering LLC (E² LLC) is a subset of the Engineering LLC. The E² LLC cohort live together during their freshman year and participate in a series of KEEN-minded activities, targeted at the early development of their entrepreneurial mindset.

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

- **Innovation quest-like competitions like the 24-Hr Imagination Quest at Villanova University.** The 24-Hr Imagination Quest is a fast-paced team competition that's a combination of *The Amazing Race, Shark Tank, The Apprentice and Fear Factor.*

- Discussion Dinners with entrepreneurial engineers from local companies held once a month to discuss with the E² LLC how entrepreneurial thinking plays a role at their companies. The discussion dinners are interactive presentations centered around a particular entrepreneurial theme such as cultivating curiosity, creating value or learning from failure.

- **Movie nights with an entrepreneurial theme.**

- **Engineering challenges.** These are hour long competitions testing students’ ability to think out of the box.