Empowering Your Students: Building a Foundation of Skillset+Mindset for a successful engineer

Talk Abstract: Throughout their careers, our students will need to address complex, interdisciplinary problems that require technical skills plus an understanding of economic, regulatory, environmental, and many other considerations. We can prepare our students to address these challenges by developing their entrepreneurial mindset (EM). As a KEEN partner, you have probably heard the term “entrepreneurial mindset”, but you may not be sure how to implement this in the classroom. I will discuss our EM initiatives at UNC-Chapel Hill and describe some examples of EM in the classroom that our faculty have implemented. The goal is to help you generate new ideas for adding EM activities to your own classes.

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