

The Blue Times Student Newsletter

Lawrence Technological University®

New Semester, New Stories to highlight on Campus

Welcome back, Blue Devils!
As midterms fade and the air gets colder by the day, campus energy is shifting from survival mode to growth mode.

With snow on the horizon and Thanksgiving just around the corner, we've officially reached the halfway mark of the semester, the perfect time to reflect, recharge, and refocus. Don't forget to check in on your midterm grades now available on Canvas, part of a new initiative led by our interim provost, Karl Daubmann, to help students stay informed and supported as they finish the semester strong.

And to our newest Blue Devils, **Freshmen**, we hope your first semester is going as smoothly as possible. We've all been there: exam pressure, tight deadlines, and the feeling that classes never end. Wherever you are in your journey, remember: progress is built one step (and one assignment) at a time.

Don't forget to use all the resources available on campus: Peer Tutoring, Clinical Counseling, Office of Career Services, and more!

Sophomores and **Juniors**, the internship recruiting season has started! Use every tool at your disposal to prepare, interview confidently, and gain the experience that will launch your career forward.

Finally, **seniors**, your journey is almost over, but don't fear, another one is about to begin. We hope you finish your experience here strong and never forget the roots from which you rose.

As always, we hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter.

-The Blue Times Editorial Team

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Important Reminders - Events Happening Soon:



Class Re-registration: Spring 2026

Don't forget to meet with your academic advisor to remove any holds from your account before the following registration dates:

- Thursday October 30 @ 7:30am
- Priority Registration 1
(Student Athletes)
- Monday November 3 @ 7:30am
- Priority Registration 2
(Students with Disabilities, Honors Program, Resident Assistants, Veterans, ROTC Cadets)
- Tuesday November 4 @ 7:30am
- **Doctoral and Graduate**
- Wednesday November 5 @ 7:30am - **Seniors (90+ completed credits)**
- Wednesday November 5 @ 12pm - **Juniors (60 - 89 completed credits)**
- Thursday November 6 @ 7:30am - **Sophomores (30 - 59 completed credits)**
- Friday November 7 @ 7:30am - **Freshmen (0 - 29 completed credits)**



2025 Etiquette Dinner: Nov. 13th

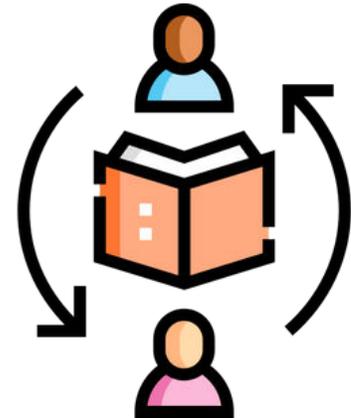
Savor a delicious (and free) meal, enhance your dinner etiquette while mastering table manners, and hear from a keynote speaker who will share strategies to network professionally and confidently at formal events.

THIS EVENT DOES REQUIRE YOU TO REGISTER. PLEASE REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON HANDSHAKE.



Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving is more than a holiday - it's a reminder to slow down and appreciate the people and opportunities around us. Whether you're traveling or staying local, take the time to rest, reflect and celebrate the community that makes this place feel like home. **Campus will be closed from November 27 to 30.**



Peer Tutoring and Proctoring

With the removal of the Student Success Center, Peer Tutoring and Proctoring Services, along with The Writing Center, have all moved to the library, where you can now access all of these services **at no additional cost.**

While drop-ins are welcome for The Writing Center and Peer Tutoring, we highly recommend you schedule an appointment to secure your time slot and ensure the best experience possible. For proctoring, appointments are required to ensure availability and a smooth experience.

If you have any questions, please reach out to:

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ssctesting@ltu.edu

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fmustico@ltu.edu

The Writing Center:
writingcenter@ltu.edu

Narrative in Design: Processes, Systems, and Meaning

By: Tanawan Vetchayanvivat

Interview with Professor Lee-Su Huang, Department of Architecture and Design



From Engineering to Expression

For **Professor Lee-Su Huang**, architecture is a balance between logic and creativity, a conversation between empathy and execution. Originally from Taiwan, Huang began in industrial engineering before realizing his passion lay in the problem-solving and storytelling of design. After earning his degree in architecture and working in several firms, he pursued graduate studies at Harvard's Graduate School of Design, drawn to its diverse studio culture.

Teaching Through Possibility

As a professor, he sees his role not as providing answers but as opening possibilities. **"Our job is to nudge students toward a direction,"** he says. He encourages students to observe how ideas are presented, discussed, and refined, learning through conversation as much as creation.

Design as Storytelling

Now teaching at **Lawrence Technological University**, Huang encourages students to see architecture as both an artistic process and a systemic process. **"In architecture, you never face the same problem twice,"** he says, emphasizing adaptability over repetition. For him, every project begins with a clear core idea, one that could be explained "to your grandma or parents." Complexity, he notes, should be built in layers, not obscure the message.

Balancing Theory, Practice and Technology

Huang believes what sets architects apart from AI is the process, the ability to contextualize, adapt, and execute within constraints of structure, budget, and culture. "You're never in a vacuum," he reminds students. **"We must stay open to critique while holding on to our values."**

Systems Thinking and Creative Feedback

Design, he adds, is an evolutionary process of feedback and response. **"Start small - too many people are in a rush to find the most optimized way,"** he explains. Systems thinking, for Huang, helps designers engage deeply with problems until intuition takes over. When ideas stall, he advises students to make a change, move forward, and react to that decision.

Architecture as Zeitgeist

Ultimately, Huang views architecture as "the physical expression of the Zeitgeist" - a mirror of its culture and time. Through storytelling, systems, and shared understanding, he invites students to design not just spaces, but the future itself.



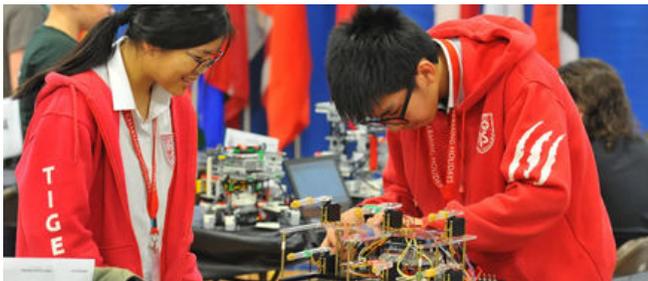
Innovation Highlight: Robots From Around The World

By: Alix Schickele

Since 1999, Lawrence Technological University has proudly hosted the **RoboFest World Championship**, an annual celebration of creativity, coding, and competition founded by LTU computer science professor **C.J. Chung**. Over the past 25 years, RoboFest has welcomed more than **38,700 students** representing **18 U.S. states** and **35+ countries** across every continent.

A Global Stage For Young Innovators

Each spring, the LTU campus transforms into a hub of innovation for this three-day, public event. Students from grades 4 through 12 team up (up to five members per group) to **design, build, and program 100 percent autonomous robots** (no remote controls allowed!) Any robotic kit or coding language can be used, and reusing old parts or kits is even encouraged. While adult mentors can guide teams in advance, competition day is entirely student-driven.



Competition With Purpose

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Looking Ahead to 2026

Planning for RoboFest 2026 is already underway, with organizational meetings scheduled from October 2025 through January 2026. The next world championship will take place May 14–16, 2026, once again turning LTU into an international stage for innovation, teamwork, and discovery. From its humble beginnings in 1999 to today's global community of student engineers, Robofest continues to embody LTU's mission: **theory and practice** — learning by doing.

On-Campus Opportunities

By: Sonya Tran



University Switchboard

Need an **on-campus job opportunity**? Look no further than working the University Switchboard!

- Answer all university calls and direct them to the appropriate department
- Develop lasting relations and contacts within the university
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- Gain a deeper understanding of the university and all it has to offer

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Pre-Health Networking

Interested in undertaking a career as a medical doctor, dentist, physical therapist, pharmacist, physician assistant, veterinarian, or genetic counselor? Attend the **Pre-Health Luncheon** on October 21 from 12:30 - 1:30pm in the Plex Atrium to learn about the next steps in your professional pursuit!



GoinGlobal Database

Explore **jobs, internships, and career resources** around the world with GoinGlobal. Perfect for international students and anyone interested in working abroad.

What you'll find:

- Career guides for 120+ countries
- U.S. H1B visa employer database
- Global job and internship listings
- Access it through the website at goinglobal.com

Questions? Contact Cythia Simpson at csimpson@ltu.edu



Paid Study Participation

Take part in fun and interesting **research studies** run by the Psychology Department, and even get paid for your participation!

Scan the QR code below, sign up using this link (<https://forms.gle/APt4nY5BSis76CJZ6>), or email Morgan Hess at mhess@ltu.edu for more information!



Before We Go!

As we close this second edition of *The Blue Times Student Newsletter*, we want to take a moment to celebrate the creativity, energy, and drive that make **Lawrence Technological University** such a unique place to learn and grow. Every story in this issue reflects what LTU stands for: innovation through collaboration, curiosity, and hands-on discovery.

From **Professor Lee-Su Huang's** reflections on design as storytelling to the **RoboFest World Championship's** celebration of global robotics, this edition shines a light on how students and faculty alike bring ideas to life. We also explored the many **on-campus opportunities** that help students connect classroom learning with real-world experience: from research participation and pre-health networking to exploring international job pathways through GoinGlobal.

Together, these stories remind us that progress isn't only measured in awards or inventions, but in the everyday pursuit of understanding: in taking the time to experiment, to share, and to build something meaningful. LTU's motto of "theory and practice" lives in every lab, classroom, and late-night brainstorming session where students push the boundaries of what's possible.

As Thanksgiving approaches and we reach the midpoint of the semester, take a moment to reflect on your own journey. Celebrate how far you've come, and remember that **The Blue Times Student Newsletter** is your space, written by students, for students. If you have a story worth sharing, an idea worth exploring, or a project worth showcasing, we want to hear from you. Until next time, keep learning, keep creating, and keep making LTU proud.

— The Blue Times Editorial Team

Thank you for reading!

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