Over the past few months, DEN has worked with the HKN Corporate Committee to connect with the farthest reaches of the HKN corporate network. To supplement the extensive academic advice offered in DEN, we sought to illuminate the transition from an academic environment to a professional setting. What does it mean to be a professional engineer? Respectfully minding the time we asked of our industry contacts, we tried to simplify as well as quantify the questions we asked as much as possible. We compiled the answers we found into the Engineering Industry Prospectus.

We sought to define prerequisites of professionalism. One component is the specialized knowledge you will gain from your coursework; another is your ability to work on technical problems in a team. We identified the coursework necessary for you to do a job with confidence, and the co-curricular activities that corporate recruiters value. Furthermore, we have begun to map out the network of career paths that lie ahead of you, and we tried to put a vision to each node with the "Day in the Life" section so that you can posit the future possibilities.

In summary, we sought out the industry expectations for aspiring young professionals. While this information may seem like a concrete rubric of targets to hit, know that it is transient. We hope that this will serve as a starting point for you to ruminate the career that lies ahead of you. As they say - you are an artist, and your career, a masterpiece.

Happy painting.