

## SPEED's role in Community Service and its initiative towards SPEED Indiana Forum

The Student Platform for Engineering Education Development (SPEED) is a global, non-profit student organization that functions as an interdisciplinary network of engineering students who aspire to stimulate change and impact the development of engineering education (EE) and its effect on society, industry, the environment and local communities<sup>1</sup>. SPEED facilitates student sessions by bringing together like-minded community of engineering students and develops a strong network among themselves. The network of students in the session work towards a common goal of addressing locally relevant engineering or engineering education problems. In addressing the problems, students built concrete action plans to be transferable in their local community. Through local and global initiatives SPEED empowers students and encourages the development of professional, ethical and social responsibility. Furthermore, through insight into policy, academia/industry relations and organizational structure SPEED serves to continue the professional education of its members and participants of its forums. SPEED strives to empower students to become factors of change by providing them with the skills necessary to become global engineers and show them how thinking globally better prepares them to act locally, effectively enhancing awareness of ethical and social responsibility. Through SPEED globally-minded, policy-driven engineers with aspirations to serve society interact with peers with similar ambitions, illustrating their value and place within engineering and effectively attracting them to this field. In this poster, we present SPEED's contributions in serving for the community of engineering and society from the date of its inception and provide an overview of our goal and objectives for the grant project received.

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