

Enginuity Hall

Resident Faculty Member Javier Garay



There is strength in numbers when studying Engineering. “It wasn’t a piece of cake for me just like it’s not for anyone,” said Javier Garay, the faculty member who lives in Enginuity Hall. “It doesn’t take a super genius; you just persevere and learn the skills.”

Living together, students often form study groups and help each other to learn the material. Special interest housing also gives a focus for mentoring by engineering upperclassmen and faculty.

“We had a faculty panel where we gave a brief overview of the majors and professional preparation for careers,” Garay said. “Lot of students turned out and they asked a lot of questions.” They want to know about the different departments, whether they should get an

internship, why they are spending so much time studying.

“The Enginuity faculty resident is a good person to contact first, like when they are trying to connect their learning in class with the real world,” Professor Garay explained. “I go to their quarterly dorm meetings to answer their questions.”

Several first-year students started working in labs last year because of faculty contacts that started with Enginuity Hall, Garay said. Those contacts can come from lab tours, visits to area companies and other field trips.

“I found it a great experience,” Garay concluded. “You get to know students as you see them in the hall. But it can get a bit loud at times.”