



11.26 | Thanksgiving Recess

Thanksgiving recess begins Wednesday, November 26 and University offices will close at 12 p.m.



12.5 | Senior Design

Senior Design presentations will be held Friday, December 5. If you are a Senior Design student and have not picked up your tickets, please do so in the main office.



12.10 | Final Exams

Final exams begin December 10. Please review the schedule and coordinate your end of semester travel plans accordingly.

CEIE Announcements

NOVEMBER 2014



Environmental Engineering Minor

Three of the required courses are CEIE courses, and three are outside civil engineering, requiring credit hours beyond those required for the BS-CIE. Students graduating in December 2014 or after may begin taking courses for the minor now.

<http://civil.gmu.edu/undergraduate/minors>.

Interested in Learning More About the FE/EIT Exam?

If so, follow this link for more information:

<http://civil.gmu.edu/undergraduate/preparing-for-graduation/>



Bright Ideas

are coming to GMU EfID

The Rio Coco River snakes along the border of Nicaragua and Honduras. The river is peppered with dozens of small communities. To gain access to the river it is a five hour drive using only a 4-wheel drive vehicle or an off-road motorcycle. Once at the Rio Coco River the only way to gain access to the dozens of communities is an eight hour up-river ride in a hand dugout canoe. The communities along the river have their own governments, dialects, and trade. This region is unlike anywhere else in the World and it is one of the poorest regions in the Western Hemisphere. This is where dozens of indigenous Indian villagers call home. The dozens of communities along the river do not have formal education, WIFI, electricity, clean water, highways,



clean water, highways, or motor-powered vehicles of any type. Life is very hard and is a constant struggle for every person in this region.

Earlier this semester, GMU EfID was made aware of this region and found out that the community was asking for our help. Their request for help was so basic in nature it was very hard for EfID to say no. Their request wasn't for WIFI, or the latest 4G phone, it was simply for four light bulbs. They wanted the four light bulbs so their they could teach their children the alphabet after it got dark. GMU-EfID will rise up for this challenge.

This year EfID will prepare master planning documents that will include the design, logistics, means and the methods for a standard electrical distribution system that each committee will be able to use once installed. The electrical distribution system will feature both AC and DC current and a lighting and outlet plan to allow other fixtures to be plugged in. This system will use either wind or solar power to charge the batteries that will supply light at night time. This is one of three projects EfID is working on this year.

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T-shirts for sale



EfID will be selling t-shirts on Monday, November 24 from 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the Johnson Center at kiosk C. Each t-shirt is \$15 and the profits go towards EfID's projects this year. If you are unable to buy one during that time, EfID will be selling them at their next meeting on Tuesday, December 2 at 6PM in ENGR 1602.

