Origin of the Cupola Engineering Society

In 1995 a group of students decided to form an organization to represent the College of Engineering. A task force was established by the Engineering Student Council to address this objective. After a proposal to the dean of engineering, the program was set into motion.

In the fall of 1995, 18 undergraduate engineering students were selected for this new organization. The first mission was to select a name. After hours of discussion and debate, the group decided to name the organization after the official symbol of the College of Engineering – the cupola. The formal title of the group became “The Cupola Engineering Society.”

Through hard work and dedication, the scope, purpose, and objectives of this newly formed group were hammered out. By the end of winter quarter 1996, the 18 members had founded an organization which would grow and develop into an established part of Auburn University’s Samuel Ginn College of Engineering.
What is a Cupola?
A cupola (pronounced kyoo-puh-luh) is a small roof-top structure with a rounded vault resting on a circular base. The cupola is the official symbol of Auburn University’s Samuel Ginn College of Engineering and can be found atop Ross and Ramsay Halls.

What do we do?
The purpose of the Cupola Engineering Society is to promote, unify, and serve the College of Engineering. The Cupola students:

• Give tours of the Ginn College of Engineering to prospective students
• Travel to high schools for recruitment purposes
• Host alumni events
• Sponsor activities for Auburn engineering students
• Act as ambassadors for the Ginn College of Engineering

Membership Requirements
• Three undergraduate semesters, with at least one in engineering
• Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
• Be enrolled through the spring semester following selection
• Leadership ability
• Commitment: must work two office hours per week, attend bi-weekly meetings and attend weekend and evening alumni events throughout the year
• Graduate student candidates must have completed their undergraduate degree in the College of Engineering at Auburn University

How can I benefit from being a member?
Employers need engineers who can see the big picture... who can integrate technology, people, and economic considerations... engineers who can work as team members. Being a member of the Cupola Engineering Society will prepare you to work in industry by:

• Enhancing leadership skills
• Facilitating teamwork
• Networking with potential employers such as: Exxon Mobil, Martin Marietta, Alabama Power, NASA
• Develop your communication skills
• Meeting and working with other high-performing engineering students

How do I become a member?
Applications for membership are available on-line at the Cupola Engineering Society website: www.eng.auburn.edu/cupola. Interested students can also obtain information by attending the information session held early in the spring semester. New members are selected based on their application and an interview.