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Dear Friends,

Great news! The College of Engineering has raised nearly \$1M toward its \$1.75M goal for the new Biomedical Engineering Teaching and Innovation Center (BME/TIC). We are most grateful to all the alumni, parents and friends who responded so generously since our initial request made last summer. There remains a timely opportunity for you to partner with us – for the first time or once again. In order to start construction next summer, ENG needs to achieve its fundraising goal which is now \$750K. We are writing to you today to ask for your support in providing this state of the art laboratory space that is critical to keeping our undergraduate students at the forefront of biomedical engineering today. We can only achieve this goal with your participation.

Here is the fundraising update for making BME/TIC a reality:	
Cost to build BME/TIC:	\$3.5M
BU will contribute:	\$1.75M
ENG to raise:	\$1.75M (half of the total cost is needed to start construction)
Remaining fundraising goal:	\$750K

Our BME Department is ranked in the top ten nationally. Over the past decade, our BME undergraduate population has doubled, thanks to ENG's strong reputation and the rapid development of the field. Medicine is undergoing dramatic changes, especially with regard to precision and digital medicine. The lab facilities that exist now are not equipped to meet this new demand. Your gift will make it possible for our students to develop into societal engineers, advancing the quality of life for all of us.

Binoy K. Singh, MD FACC (BME'89) and I invite you to join us in this endeavor. I am reaching out personally because I am the Dean of the College of Engineering, and my deep personal connections to BME at BU as former Chair of the Department and the long-time "gentle" Founder and Director of our nationally recognized BME Senior Design Program. Binoy Singh is not only ENG's Campaign Chair but was a member of the one of earliest Senior Class Design Projects ever. Binoy, along with a few other key alums, have already provided six-figure pledge commitments to the BME/TIC Fund. We would be honored if every BU BME alum contributed at their comfort level to make this transformative facility an amazing reality within the next year!

All donors will be acknowledged and recognized, with special recognition for gifts at the leadership level of \$1,000 and above. Enclosed is a one-pager with additional information about the facility, plus a reply form and return envelope for your convenience or visit <u>www.bu.edu/eng/alumni/bme-tic</u>. To help us begin construction with BME/TIC, please make your gift or pledge commitment by **May 1, 2018**.

With our personal appreciation and sincere thanks for your anticipated support,

Kenneth R. Lutchen Dean, College of Engineering

Bindy Singh, ENG'89 ENG Campaign Chairman

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