ENGR 101

Social Class & Success In Engineering
“Does Social Class Matter?”
The Problems

- Engineering is not diverse enough if filled with students from wealthy families

- Too few U.S. students pursue STEM degrees or careers, especially low-income minorities

- Low-income students are less likely to succeed in college
Intervention

- Purpose an information session included in “First-year Interest Groups”

- Information session will have 5 topics, include group work, guest lectures from both faculties and senior students.

- Week 1 target: Build groups, share their story/ background, complete task that needs teamwork.
Expected Results

- Low-income & first gen students will know that they are not alone

- More of these students will pursue engineering majors

- Higher graduation rates among first generation and low income students