

E-LLC Student Profile

ENTREPRENEUR [ahn-truh-pruh-nur]

“A person who organizes or manages ANY enterprise, especially a business, usually with considerable initiative and risk.”

What: The Honors Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community (E-LLC) is an interdisciplinary (all majors) group of students who share a common passion for innovation and want to actively bring their ideas to fruition. The Honors E-LLC is housed on the first floor of Berry along with a brand new kitchen and 24-hour idea lab with write on walls. Pictures of the E-LLC can be found on the CofC Honors Flickr ([flickr.com/cofchonors](https://www.flickr.com/photos/cofchonors/))!

Advising: Students who live in the E-LLC will also be part of the Honors Entrepreneurship Cohort with Honors advising overseen by Professor Lancie Affonso. Professor Affonso teaches in the Department of Computer Science and the School of Business, as well as the Honors College, so he is the ideal advisor for a student such as you. Once students declare a major, they will be assigned an advisor in that major as well, but Dr. Affonso will continue to serve in the role of honors advisor.

A Little More about Professor Affonso: Lancie Affonso is from Tanzania and is a College of Charleston Honors Program graduate (Class of '96). He has been teaching since 2001 in Computer Science, Management and Marketing, as well as Supply Chain Management. Lancie's current teaching interests include technology entrepreneurship, information systems and international management. When he is not spending time with his family or teaching he likes to volunteer with youth entrepreneurship organizations.

Class Requirements: Participation in the E-LLC runs parallel with enrollment in HONS 205 (Honors Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice) taught by Professor Lancie Affonso. This is the Honors equivalent of ENTR 200 (Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice). Part of your Honors First-Year Experience involves taking an additional Honors course beyond BGS and HONS 110, and HONS 205 fulfills this requirement! Each Friday, all of the Entrepreneurship 200 classes come together to hear a presentation from a guest entrepreneur. Previous guests have included: Anita Zucker, Stuart Williams, Will Jamieson, and Tommy Baker.

Cohort Benefits Throughout the year, students in the E-LLC will be given the opportunity to engage in a number of high-impact experiences such as participation in the [DEMOS Competition](#), [Startup Weekend](#), [Student Entrepreneur of the Year Competition](#), and more. Since Charleston has become a breeding ground for all things tech and entrepreneurship, students in the E-LLC will be invited to attend meetups with the Harbor Entrepreneur Center, The Iron Yard, Charleston Women in Tech, and other local groups.

Additionally, starting in fall 2016 acceptance into the Honors E-LLC will include automatic membership into Enactus, the student entrepreneurship club on campus. This semester Enactus' Co-Presidents are Leanna Conti and Alexandra Helfgott, current Honors E-LLC students. Enactus works with local businesses and charities to help them pursue their entrepreneurial goals. Spring 2016 Enactus initiatives have included the Celebrating Women Entrepreneurs Summit and the Student Entrepreneur of the Year Competition. Currently Enactus is working with a local organic pasta/pizza sauce company to expand their brand and educate farmers on lending education.

Acceptance into the E-LLC also assures you access to the ICAT incubator workspace as well as priority enrollment into the ICAT program. The Interdisciplinary Center for Applied Technology (ICAT) provides learning experiences for business, computer science, and liberal arts students. ICAT is housed in the School of Business' Center for Entrepreneurship and is a collaboration with the Office of Economic Development. Students work in teams of 3 to create a globally-scalable high tech company. In addition to the class, ICAT also offers trips to countries and cities around the globe to explore the tech/business startup world. This summer ICAT students will be going to San Francisco and/or Estonia!

All in all, joining the Honors Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community is a fantastic way to set yourself up for success. The networking opportunities are unparalleled, and Enactus provides a great outlet for leadership experience in your freshman and sophomore years. If you have any questions about the E-LLC do not hesitate to email current E-LLC student Leanna Conti (contilm@g.cofc.edu) or honors@cofc.edu.