Fortenberry will briefly summarize his view of the challenges facing engineering and how those have shaped the characteristics sought in engineering students. He will summarize various historical approaches to achieving those characteristics as well as current trends in engineering education. Fortenberry will then provide an overview of three trends that he believes to be particularly innovative, providing examples of each.

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