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CLASS OF 2025

**UNDERGRADUATE  
CELEBRATION**

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
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# PROGRAM

## Welcome

Michael Jaeggli

*Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education*

## Undergraduate Awards Presentation

Michael Jaeggli

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## Dean's Address

Gregory D. Abowd

*Dean of the College of Engineering*

## Student Address

Matthew Morais Johnson, '24, '25

*BS Bioengineering*

*MS Bioengineering*

## Keynote Address

Stephen Lynch, EE '89, PNT '21, '22

*President and CEO, Intellastar*

## Recognition of Graduates

## Closing Remarks

Gregory D. Abowd

*Dean of the College of Engineering*

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## Stephen Lynch

Stephen Lynch is a highly accomplished engineer and entrepreneur who has significantly influenced the energy technology sector. Throughout his more than two decades leading successful energy management and Internet of Things companies, he has seamlessly combined his technical expertise with business acumen and visionary leadership to transform the energy landscape into one that is cleaner and more sustainable.

Lynch is the founder and CEO of Intellastar, an IoT company renowned for the delivery of cutting-edge energy management solutions. Focused on smart-building technology and microgrid optimization, Intellastar's real-time control systems empower facilities to operate more efficiently while supporting a cleaner, more resilient energy future.

Prior to establishing Intellastar, Lynch co-founded Energy Curtailment Specialists, which became one of the nation's largest privately held demand-response companies. ECS pioneered demand-response services to incentivize energy users to shift or reduce their electricity consumption during peak periods, which in turn strengthened grid reliability across the United States. Under Lynch's leadership, ECS grew to manage thousands of megawatts of demand response capacity and was acquired in 2014 by NRG Energy, a Fortune 200 company.

Early in his career, Lynch contributed to the construction and systems engineering of nuclear-powered submarines for the U.S. Navy while working in the nuclear submarine division of General Dynamics.

Lynch's Northeastern roots run deep, and he continues to engage and support the university community, most recently throwing out the first pitch at the annual Red Sox-Huskies baseball game in Florida. Lynch earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Northeastern's College of Engineering in 1989. The youngest of five siblings, all of whom attended Northeastern, he credits his Northeastern co-op experience with shaping both his innovative mindset and career.

Inspired by his brother Patrick's extraordinary resilience following a life-altering injury, Lynch remains grounded in the values of perseverance, humility, and service. A community and philanthropic leader, he has served on the board of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western New York and supports a variety of community and youth initiatives. Whether building high-impact companies or mentoring the next generation, he is committed to using his experience to create lasting, positive change.

# STUDENT SPEAKER

## Matthew Morais Johnson

Matthew Morais Johnson is graduating Northeastern University with a Master of Science and a Bachelor of Science in bioengineering with a concentration in biomedical devices.

During his time at Northeastern, Morais shone brightest as a leader in and out of formal roles. He served as president of Elite Heat, Northeastern's student-run obstacle course race club, and had roles as a personal trainer, dance instructor, resident assistant, and science lead for project ULTOR.

In his final year at Northeastern, Morais managed to finish the first draft of his book, "Everything in Time"; co-found the Day One Project, an initiative to inspire others to chase their dreams and live more passionate lives; run a 100-mile race for Alzheimer's; and win the Bioengineering Capstone Cup with his team for the project, "Continuous Glucose Monitor Application Assist."

Following graduation, Morais is searching for where he might next drive the world forward, considering whether to work at an established medical device company, or start a venture of his own.

A person in a graduation gown stands in a room, looking at a large shadow of a husky on the wall. The scene is lit from the side, creating long shadows on the floor and wall.

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