



GRADUATE AWARDS CEREMONY

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

DEBAUN AUDITORIUM, EDWIN A. STEVENS HALL

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ORDER OF CEREMONY

WELCOME

Nathalie Waite Brown

Assistant Dean of Students and Director for Graduate Student Life

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Jianmin Qu

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Constantin Chassapis

Senior Vice Provost for Graduate Education

PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC AWARDS

Jean Zu

Lore E. Feiler Dean, Charles V. Schaefer, Jr.

School of Engineering and Science

Gregory Prastacos

Dean, School of Business

Anthony Barrese

Interim Dean, School of Systems and Enterprises

Constantin Chassapis

Senior Vice Provost for Graduate Education

PRESENTATION OF CO-CURRICULAR AWARDS

Danielle Doman

Client Support Specialist, Division of Information Technology

Kayla Lauricella

Assistant Dean of Students and Director for Graduate Student Life

Nathalie Waite Brown

Assistant Dean of Students and Director for Graduate Student Life

RECEPTION

To follow in the Babbio Atrium

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CHARLES V. SCHAEFER, JR.
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

**HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BY A MASTER'S STUDENT
IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING**

Presented for outstanding academic achievement in the master's program in biomedical engineering.

Recipient is Cameron Clifford

**HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BY A MASTER'S STUDENT
IN BIOENGINEERING**

Presented for outstanding academic achievement in the master's program in bioengineering.

Recipient is Va'Shayna Williams

OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

Presented for an outstanding Ph.D. thesis.

Recipient is Valerie DeAngelo

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Presented for a Ph.D. student with outstanding service.

Recipient is Mary Stack

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND MATERIALS SCIENCE

MORTON M. TRAUM AWARD

For outstanding achievement in pursuing the master's degree in Materials Science and Engineering.

Recipients are Angel Burgos and Wenhan Zhao

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CHARLES V. SCHAEFER, JR.
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

EXXON MOBIL AWARD

For outstanding doctoral research in chemical engineering.

Recipient is Tobi Abimbola

CHEMISTRY AND CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN A MASTER'S IN CHEMISTRY

Presented for outstanding academic achievement in the master's program.

Recipients are Jay Thakkar and Shenghu Zhang

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN CHEMISTRY

Presented for outstanding academic achievement in the doctoral program.

Recipient is Shengjia Lin

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN A MASTER'S IN CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

Presented for outstanding academic achievement in the master's program.

Recipients are Thompson Hui, Emily McGuire, Jenna Pralat, Everett Stewart

CIVIL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCEAN ENGINEERING

JOHN P. BRESLIN AWARD

Presented to an outstanding graduate student in ocean engineering.

Recipient is Mohammad Jamous

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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT AWARD

Presented to a student for outstanding contributions to the program.

Recipient is James Zulli

RICHARD I. HIRES RESEARCH AWARD

Given to a master's or Ph.D. student in the Department of Civil, Environmental and Ocean Engineering for outstanding research.

Recipient is Xiao Tan

COMPUTER SCIENCE

EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

Presented to a graduating doctoral candidate in recognition of an outstanding research accomplishment in the computer sciences.

Recipients are Xiangyu Xu and Yuchen Zhang

ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

**EDWARD PESKIN AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL RESEARCH
PERFORMANCE IN ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING**

Presented to a master's student with outstanding research achievement in electrical and computer engineering.

Recipient is Zhifan Jiang

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S RESEARCH PROJECT AWARD

Presented for an outstanding research project in the master's program in electrical engineering, computer engineering and applied artificial intelligence.

Recipient is Zirui Wang

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CHARLES V. SCHAEFER, JR.
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

BEST TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

Presented to an outstanding teaching assistant in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Recipient is Fan Yang

BEST GRADER AWARD

Presented to an outstanding grader in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Recipient is Yihang Yuan

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Presented to an outstanding master's student in electrical engineering.

Recipient is Zirui Wang

OUTSTANDING PH.D. DISSERTATION AWARD IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Presented for outstanding Ph.D. dissertation in electrical engineering.

Recipient is Kunyu Zuo

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Presented to an outstanding master's student in computer engineering.

Recipient is Mingyang Wei

OUTSTANDING PH.D. DISSERTATION AWARD IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Presented for outstanding Ph.D. dissertation in computer engineering.

Recipient is Ali Aghdaei

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CHARLES V. SCHAEFER, JR.
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD IN APPLIED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Presented to an outstanding master's student in applied artificial intelligence.

Recipient is Cameron Calder

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING PROGRAM

Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise and leadership.

Recipient is Sanchita Anthony Tuscano

OUTSTANDING RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR MASTER OF ENGINEERING IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Presented annually to the student who has done excellent research in the Master of Engineering Program in Mechanical Engineering.

Recipient is Lauren Cunniff

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD FOR MASTER OF ENGINEERING IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Presented annually to the student who has done excellent service to community and demonstrated professional promise and leadership in the Master of Engineering Program in Mechanical Engineering

Recipient is Robert Adams

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CHARLES V. SCHAEFER, JR.
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

KURT H. WEIL AWARD

This award was established in 1987 in recognition of the contributions of Professor Kurt Hermann Weil, the head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering (1957-65) and an aviation pioneer who worked to improve hydrogen-based propulsion systems. It is given annually for outstanding performance in the Master of Engineering Program in Mechanical Engineering.

Recipient is Liana Meyer

JAMES H. POTTER AWARD

This award was established in 1987 in recognition of the contributions of Professor James Harry Potter, formerly dean of the Graduate School and professor of mechanical engineering, specifically to steam power systems. It is given annually for outstanding performance in the doctoral program in mechanical engineering.

Recipient is Emil Pitz

**OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT AND SERVICE AWARD FOR PH.D.
IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

Presented annually for outstanding teaching assistance, along with demonstrated service and leadership in the doctoral program in mechanical engineering.

Recipient is Ralf Zgeib

PHYSICS

2023 GRADUATE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Awarded by the Department of Physics in recognition for excellence in graduate leadership.

Recipient is Yichen Ma

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CHARLES V. SCHAEFER, JR.
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

PH.D. THESIS AWARD

Awarded by the Department of Physics for excellence in Ph.D. thesis research and presentation.

Recipient is Jabir Chathanathil

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYTICS

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYTICS

Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise.

Recipient is Kanika Yadav

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYTICS

Presented to the student who has excelled in leadership and service, demonstrating dedication to Stevens and professional promise.

Recipient is Shardul Shinde

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise and leadership.

Recipient is Alexa Mavica

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD IN THE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Presented to the student who has excelled in leadership and service demonstrating dedication to Stevens and professional promise.

Recipient is Salvatore Scire

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ANALYTICS

Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise and leadership.

Recipient is Deep Ranipa

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD IN THE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ANALYTICS

Presented to the student who has excelled in leadership and service demonstrating dedication to Stevens and professional promise.

Recipient is Rini Basu

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise and leadership.

Recipient is Nicholas Pizzo

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE ENTERPRISE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise and leadership.

Recipient is Samantha Inneo

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT

Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise and leadership.

Recipient is Beata Mirtchouk

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise and leadership.

Recipient is Seema Patel

FINANCE

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise and leadership.

Recipient is Sarah Dar

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCE

Presented to the student who has excelled in leadership and service demonstrating dedication to Stevens and professional promise.

Recipient is Gabriele Petagine

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

FINANCIAL ENGINEERING

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF FINANCIAL ENGINEERING

Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise and leadership.

Recipient is Dong Woo Kim

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCIAL ENGINEERING

Presented to the student who has excelled in leadership and service, demonstrating dedication to Stevens and professional promise.

Recipient is Jaykumar Bariya

FINANCIAL ANALYTICS

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCIAL ANALYTICS

Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise.

Recipient is Shikhar Parik

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCIAL ANALYTICS

Presented to the student who has excelled in leadership and service to financial analytics.

Recipient is Dan Beekman

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise.

Recipient is Dilpreet Kaur Saini

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Presented to the student who has excelled in leadership and service, demonstrating dedication to Stevens and professional promise.

Recipient is Manasi Haldankar

NETWORK AND COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NETWORK AND COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES

Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise.

Recipient is Kamalesh Nandagopal

DOCTORAL PROGRAM

OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

Presented to the Ph.D. candidates who have distinguished themselves in the conduct of research.

Recipient is Lei Zheng

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SCHOOL OF SYSTEMS AND ENTERPRISES

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING PROGRAM

Awarded for academic achievement and professional promise in the software engineering master's program.

Recipients are Farah Elkourdi and Mathieu Mounounga Touloungou

OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

Awarded to Ph.D. candidates in the School of Systems and Enterprises programs who have distinguished themselves in the conduct of research.

Recipient is Safa El Kefi

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S PROJECT AWARD

Awarded to master's degree students in the School of Systems and Enterprises programs who have submitted the best capstone project as judged by the quality of the work, its practical relevance and the clarity of presentation.

Recipient is Jarret Rock

FABRYCKY-BLANCHARD AWARD

Awarded in recognition of exemplary academic performance, excellence in research and promise in the study and practice of systems engineering.

Recipient is Maximilian Vierlboeck

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP BY A MASTER'S STUDENT

Awarded in recognition of outstanding leadership and service to the school, university and community in the School of Systems and Enterprises master's programs.

Recipient is Babafemi Sorinolu



SCHOOL OF SYSTEMS AND ENTERPRISES

ASEM OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

This award is given to the best graduating teaching assistant in the School of Systems and Enterprises as determined by the undergraduate American Society for Engineering Management executive board. The recipient is chosen by the ASEM local chapter.

Recipient is Carolyn Moreira

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CO-CURRICULAR AWARDS

DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

PASSION FOR TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Presented to recognize excellence within the Technology Consultant Program. Awardees are consistently punctual and reliable, demonstrate a willingness to go above and beyond job responsibilities and apply technical expertise to meet the needs of our customers.

Recipients are Elizabeth Cone and Prashant Pramodkumar Mall

CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE

This inaugural Division of Information Technology award recognizes customer service excellence within our Technology Consultant Program. Awardees consistently display integrity and professionalism while working with both peers and customers, demonstrate versatility and exhibit excellence in teamwork, knowledge, thoroughness and leadership.

Recipients are Varun Chinchalkar and Aditya Parab

OFFICE OF GRADUATE ACADEMICS

PH.D. PEER MENTOR AWARD

Presented for outstanding student leadership and mentorship as part of the Ph.D. Peer Mentor Program.

Recipient is Soroush Mahjoubi

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CO-CURRICULAR AWARDS

OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDENT LIFE

MASTER'S PEER LEADER AWARD

Presented for outstanding student leadership and mentorship as part of the Master's Peer Leader Program. This recipient completed all aspects of the certificate program and excelled.

Recipient is Atri Dave

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT LEADER

Presented for outstanding student leadership in student organizations or in volunteer activities and excellence in student life.

Recipients are Rishabh Bhyri, Soroush Mahjoubi, Shubham Saxena

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT CLUB LEADER AWARD

Presented for outstanding leadership and dedication as a graduate student club officer.

Recipient is Tze-How Lee

GRADUATE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

In recognition of female graduate student leaders who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and a commitment to community service.

Recipients are Rini Basu and Malvika Ravichandran



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