GRADUATE AWARDS CEREMONY

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024

DEBAUN AUDITORIUM, EDWIN A. STEVENS HALL

ORDER OF CEREMONY

WELCOME
Nathalie Waite Brown
Assistant Dean of Students and Director for Graduate Student Life

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS
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
Division of Information Technology
DeBaun Performing Arts Center
Graduate Academics
Graduate Student Life

RECEPTION
To follow in the Babbio Atrium

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

Justin Cross, Sean Pelcher

HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BY A MASTER'S STUDENT IN BIOENGINEERING

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

Ashley Muliawan

OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

Presented for an outstanding Ph.D. thesis

Christian Buckley

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Presented for a Ph.D. student with outstanding service

Emily Boltcreed

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND MATERIALS SCIENCE

MORTON M. TRAUM AWARD

For outstanding achievement in pursuing the master's degree in materials science and engineering

Xinpei Wu

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

EXXON MOBIL AWARD

For outstanding doctoral research in chemical engineering

Yi Feng

CHEMISTRY AND CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN A MASTER'S IN CHEMISTRY

Presented for outstanding academic achievement in the master's program

Melissa Pathil

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN CHEMISTRY

Presented for outstanding academic achievement in the doctoral program

Shuang Chen, Jia-Min Chu

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN A MASTER'S IN CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

Presented for outstanding academic achievement in the master's program

Crystal Lim

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

Presented for outstanding academic achievement in the doctoral program

Scott Ruppel

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

CIVIL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCEAN ENGINEERING

ASCE STUDENT CHAPTER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT
Presented to an outstanding teaching assistant in the Department of Civil, Environmental and Ocean Engineering
Erfan Amini

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT AWARD
Presented to a student with outstanding contributions to the program
Derek Guenther

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
Yiming Liu

COMPUTER SCIENCE

EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD
Presented to a graduating doctoral candidate in recognition of an outstanding research accomplishment in the computer sciences
Louis Adedapo Gomez, Chang Lu, Xiuling Wang, Shiwei Zeng

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Presented to a graduating MS student for recognition of an outstanding academic achievement in the Master's program in Computer Science
Abhijeet Gusain, Weijin Liu

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

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S THESIS AWARD
Presented to a graduating master's student for recognition of outstanding thesis research in the master's program in computer science
Palak Sood

OUTSTANDING COURSE ASSISTANT AWARD
Presented to a graduating master's student for recognition of an outstanding course assistant in the master's program in computer science
Akshara Rathod Bhukya, Adam Szyluk

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
Shivani Bhawsar

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
Jie Dai

BEST TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD
Presented to an outstanding TA in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Wuxinlin Cheng, Jiarui Li

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

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Presented to an outstanding master's student in electrical engineering

Martin Townley

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Presented to an outstanding master's student in computer engineering

Luisa Bonfim

OUTSTANDING PH.D. DISSERTATION AWARD IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Presented for outstanding Ph.D. dissertation in computer engineering

Zhuosheng Zhang

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD IN APPLIED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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

Riya Shrestha

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

Presented for outstanding performance as a teaching assistant in the Department of Mathematical Sciences

Aray Almen

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

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

Jenna Smalley

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

Srikarran Sowrirajan

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD FOR MASTER OF ENGINEERING IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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

Lauren Cunniff

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's of Engineering Program in Mechanical Engineering.

Kevin O'Connor

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

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.

Ton Duong

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

Ke Xu

PHYSICS

GRADUATE LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

Michail Katidis

PH.D. THESIS AWARD

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

Aneesh Ramaswamy

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING AND ANALYTICS

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

Conor Coffey

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

Amna Shamshad

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

Uday Adusumilli

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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

Cara Becher

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

Saiyi Li

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

Karan Khanna

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

Manikandan Saravanakumar

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

Hayin Candiotti Chang

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN ENTERPRISE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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

Cristhiam Lopez

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

Christopher Kirschner

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

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
Bryan Lugo

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
Riccardo Lattuada

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
Kabir Adekunle

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF FINANCIAL ENGINEERING
Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise and leadership
Guanzheng Zhao

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
Neeharika Rachavelpula

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCIAL ANALYTICS
Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise
Lorenzo Ausiello

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
Khooshi Ajmera

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Presented to the student who has excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise
Ayush Gandhi

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
Parth Chaitanya Ashar

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
Michael Bellegarde

OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD
Presented to the Ph.D. candidates who have distinguished themselves in the conduct of research
Jujun Huang

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN A DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN THE SCHOOL OF SYSTEMS AND ENTERPRISES
Awarded for outstanding academic achievement and professional promise in the School of Systems and Enterprises doctoral programs
Mostaan Lotfalian Saremi

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING PROGRAM
Awarded for academic achievement and professional promise in the software engineering master's program
Himanshu Dagar

BEST MASTER'S THESIS AWARD
Awarded to master's degree students in the School of Systems and Enterprises programs who have submitted the best thesis as judged by the quality of the work, its practical relevance and the clarity of presentation
Andrew Majowicz

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP BY A MASTER'S STUDENT IN THE SCHOOL OF SYSTEMS AND ENTERPRISES AWARD
Awarded in recognition of outstanding leadership and service to the school, university and community in the School of Systems and Enterprises master's programs
Ravi Kiran Kunsoth

SCHOOL OF SYSTEMS AND ENTERPRISES

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
Gina Dello Russo, Bijun Wang

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
Thomas Wray

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CO-CURRICULAR AWARDS

GRADUATE EDUCATION

PAUL KAPLAN AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED DOCTORAL WORK
Named for the first Ph.D. candidate to graduate from Stevens Institute of Technology, this award is given in recognition of exemplary academic performance, excellence in research and publications, and extraordinary promise in their pursuits beyond program completion.
Arash Shokouhmand

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.

Chinmay Dhananjay Dharap, Dylan Scott, Dixa Nikhilkumar Shah, Rushabh Thakkar

CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Presented to recognize customer service excellence within our Technology Consultant Program. Awardees consistently display integrity and professionalism while working with both peers and customers, demonstrate versatility, and exhibits excellence to include but not limited as follows: teamwork, knowledge, thoroughness and leadership.

Charan Konkepudi, Aalisha Sheoran

DEBAUN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

ROBERT REED SERVICE AWARD

Established at DeBaun Auditorium's fifth anniversary, the Robert Reed Service Award is given to the person who has volunteered their time, energy and talent to further the performing arts at DeBaun Performing Arts Center and Stevens Institute of Technology.

Charles Beall

GRADUATE ACADEMICS

PH.D. PEER MENTOR AWARD

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

Mostaan Lotfalian Saremi

GRADUATE STUDENT LIFE

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT LEADER

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

Manikandan Saravanakumar, Rashi Wase

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT CLUB OFFICER AWARD

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

William Long, Arka Pramanik

GRADUATE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

Saiyi Li

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