DEPARTMENT OF
COMPUTER
SCIENCE

AWARDS DAY 2016

FRIDAY, APRIL 8
1:00 P.M.
COMAL BUILDING
2ND FLOOR
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Welcome
Dr. Hongchi Shi, Chair, Department of Computer Science
Texas State University

Undergraduate Academic Distinction
Presenters: Husain Gholoom, Lee Koh, Molly O'Neil
Undergraduate Academic Distinction awards recognize undergraduate computer science students who have completed a minimum of 30 hours of course work at Texas State with at least a 3.25 grade-point average and who have completed no less than 9 hours of course work in computer science with a grade-point average of at least 3.25.

Undergraduate Academic Excellence
Presenters: Becky Reichenau, Jill Seaman
Undergraduate Academic Excellence awards to recognize undergraduate computer science students who have completed a minimum of 30 hours of course work at Texas State with at least a 3.6 grade-point average and who also have completed no less than 9 hours of course work in computer science with a grade-point average of at least 3.6.

Graduate Academic Excellence
Presenters: Moonis Ali, Xiao Chen, Wuxu Peng
Graduate Academic Excellence awards recognize graduate students in computer science who have completed a minimum of 15 hours of graduate course work in computer science with at least a 3.75 grade-point average.

Women's Giving Circle Scholarship
Presenter: Susie Patenaude
Across the globe, women are underrepresented in the fields of mathematics, science, technology, and engineering. In the US, women make up half of the current workforce; yet women comprise less than 30 percent of all scientists in America and less than 13 percent of engineers. These numbers are even more dramatic for minority women in these fields. The Women's Giving Circle (WGC) supports the Women in Science Initiative and seeks to strengthen the opportunities and enhance the experiences of women in the sciences and engineering. This year, the WGC is advancing that goal by offering two $1000 scholarships to students majoring in science.

College of Science and Engineering
Outstanding Graduate Student
Presenter: Dr. Robert Habingreither, Interim Dean,
College of Science and Engineering
Houston-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Scholars Program
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The goal of the Houston-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Scholars Program (H-LSAMP) is to increase both the quality and diversity of our nation’s STEM workforce and the number of minority or underrepresented students who graduate with baccalaureate degrees in STEM. Structured as a community of scholars, each participant’s education is enriched by faculty mentoring, scientific research and internships, professional conferences, peer tutoring, and interdisciplinary learning activities. H-LSAMP scholars form the core of the Collaborative Learning Center, helping fellow students in peer-to-peer collaborative learning. Supported by the National Science Foundation, Texas State University is a senior partner in the Houston Alliance of LSAMP programs.

Undergraduate Research Excellence Award
Selected by Faculty
Presenters: Martin Bartscher, Byron Gao, Mina Guirguis

Graduate Research Excellence Award
Selected by Faculty
Presenters: Martin Bartscher, Byron Gao, Mina Guirguis, Yijuan Lu, Anne Ng, Dan Tamir, Guowei Yang

Excellence in Teaching, Service, and Leadership Awards
Selected by Faculty and Staff
Presenters: Moonis Ali, Becky Reichenau, Jerry Rosado
These awards are to recognize the department’s student workers who work in classrooms, in labs, as systems programmers, or for faculty and have exhibited outstanding work performance and leadership.

Sigma Chi Sigma
Presenter: Hongchi Shi
Sigma Chi Sigma is a computer science student organization. The fraternity officers are recognized.

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Master of Ceremonies: Roger Priebe
Chair, Departmental Scholarship Committee: Byron Gao
Department of Computer Science Graduate Advisor: Wu Xu Peng
College of Science and Engineering Undergraduate Computer Science Advisor: Yvette Morales
Catering and Food Coordinator: Shannon Hicks
Awards Day and Scholarship Coordinator: Cheryl Morrise
Lab Coordinator and Technical Support: Jerry Rosado
Undergraduate Academic Distinction Award

Bernadette F. Aguirre
Abigail Elizabeth Barron
Tanner Joshua Burns
Micaela Lynn Lozano Chenaille
Delbert Ivan Chavera
Tiffany Nicole Childs
Cody William Chumchal
Madison G. Conradt
Jared R. Coplin
Samuel Cordova Cadena
Eric T. Diviney
Jonathan Duke
Noah Frank Dunstatter
Matthew Dyck
Sarah E. Forbis
Joshua Thomas Galindo
Denise Siew-Kim Gan
Austin B. Gill
Yezenia Gonzalez Benitez
Charles Ryan Haynes
Christina Marie Heinich
Cramer K. Kern
Gregory Lynn King
Jordan David Klossner
Bryant Coleman Kreger
Aaron P. Laurence
Elizabeth Marie Lavallee
Matthew Ryan Learned
Dylan Clark Lemmon
Steven W. Martel
Jake Alan Mata
Sean Christopher Miller
Joshua Lelon Mitchell
Gabriel J. Mize
Joshua D. Morehead
Jonathon D. Nguyen
Alexander Prescott Norton
Cameron T. Paul
Catherine A. Pena
Gregory Steven Pontejes
Jack A. Reed
Eric Rhyne
Jason Rourke
Christopher Savard
Guadalupe Say
Jason Simmons
Nathan Stoddard
Benjamin Scott Stolle
Rowan Seth Stone
Dean Terrell
Sean R. Thornton
Pedro Antonio Villegas Moreno
Matthew Logan Williams
William R. Winters
Kevin Wright
Maxwell Yi
Raul Zuniga

Undergraduate Academic Excellence Award

Michael Christopher Baum
Kristi Anne Belcher
Cody Justin Blakeney
Leonard Morton Blumberg
Melisa G. Cantu
John Allen Carruth
Brandon Jean Claggett
Tiffany Ann Connors
Justin Michael Couture
Matthew Lee Danner
James Earl Edwards
Brett Conrad Estep
Michelle Li-Yi Fast
Katherine Joy Fuller
Laura Ashley Garcia
Joshua Clinton Genton
Alexander G. Gimson
Luis A. Gomez
Joshua Dwight Granberry
Jared James Hancock
Taylor Nicole Hodges
Peter W. Janovics
Natalija Milica Kijaic
Luke S. Krueger
Colin Patrick Ledet
Dillon James Lohr
John Alexander McAlmon
Scott McClatchy
Aislynn R. McIntyre
Bailey L. Malone
Ester Danielle Martinez
Analisa Miriam Martinez
Gregory Charles Newton
Sean Thomas O’Hara
Daniel A. Olmos
Darren Rambaud
Illiana C. Reed
Adriana M. Rios
Randall Edward Rodgers
Carlo A. Rodriguez
Colin R. Schenosky
Demi L. Sommerville
Eric Talbott
David A. Torrente
Travis M. Turner
Gregory Dale Vinson
Brandy A. Warwick
Benjamin Lyle Winston
Brock Cameron Yarborough
David A. Young
Women's Giving Circle Scholarship
Melisa G. Cantu

Houston-Louis Stokes Alliance for
Minority Participation Scholars Program
Christina Heinich Brock Yarbrough

College of Science and Engineering
Outstanding Graduate Student Award
Sepideh Maleki

Graduate Academic Excellence Award

Undergraduate Research Excellence Award
Darryl Balderas Kristi Belcher Tiffany Connors Jared Coplin Noah Dunstatter Dillon Lohr Casey Sledge

Graduate Research Excellence Award
Bryant Aaron Sahar Azimi Sushma Channamsetty Sindhu Devale Spurthi Ganapathineedi Jayadharini Jaiganesh Sepideh Maleki Terry Penner Biplab Kumar Saha Gitanjali Ravindranaidu Thanmiru Junye Wen Yuxiang Ye
Excellence in Teaching Award

Christina Cahoon
Jason Flynn
Josh Galindo

Jason Georgoulis
Elisa Heibler
Taylor Hodges
Jonathan Magiera

Ajay Masand
Anusha Medicherla
Bhavya Ramakrishna

Excellence in Service Award

Jason Constanzo
Siva Ganjikunta
Andrea Hazelwood

Chris Kilbourn
Vaibhav Mahant

Mary Traxler
Trevor Underwood
Narendra Yanamadala

Excellence in Leadership Award

Taylor Hodges
Damion Mason

Gregory Norton
Tu Thuy Cam Tran

Sigma Chi Sigma

Joshua Galindo - President
Tony Lam - Vice President
Avery Lightsey - Treasurer
Michelle Fast - Secretary
Brandon Claggett - Historian