



# Graduate Awards Ceremony

Monday, May 24, 2021

Canavan Arena, Schaefer Athletic Center







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**ORDER OF CEREMONY**

**WELCOME**  
**GRADUATE STUDENT LIFE**

**CONGRATULATORY REMARKS**  
**CHRISTOPHE PIERRE**  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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**PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC AWARDS**  
**GRADUATE STUDENT LIFE**



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

## **BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING**

### **HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BY A MASTER'S STUDENT**

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

**RECIPIENTS ARE ADDISON FOWLER AND KIRAN JOSEPH**

### **OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD**

Presented for an outstanding Ph.D. thesis.

**RECIPIENT IS WEIWEI WANG**

### **OUTSTANDING RESEARCH GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD**

**RECIPIENT IS XIAODAN CHEN**

## **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND MATERIALS SCIENCE**

### **OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD**

For outstanding achievement in pursuing the Master of Science in  
Materials Science and Engineering.

**RECIPIENT IS YANG GE**

### **MORTON M. TRAUM AWARD**

For outstanding achievement in pursuing the Doctoral Degree in  
Materials Science and Engineering.

**RECIPIENT IS PEI-KANG SUN**



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**CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
IN A MASTER'S IN CHEMISTRY**

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

**RECIPIENT IS ANIL SALEM**

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
IN THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM IN CHEMISTRY**

Presented for outstanding academic achievement in the doctoral program.

**RECIPIENTS ARE YANG WEI AND ZHAOYU ZHENG**

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
IN A MASTER'S IN CHEMICAL BIOLOGY**

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

**RECIPIENT IS STEPHEN PAUL CORNWELL**

**CIVIL, ENVIRONMENTAL, OCEAN, NAVAL ENGINEERING  
AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**

**JOHN P. BRESLIN AWARD**

Presented to an outstanding graduate student in ocean engineering.

**RECIPIENT IS ZIYU CHEN**



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**ASCE STUDENT CHAPTER AWARD FOR  
OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT**

Presented to an outstanding teaching assistant in the Department of Civil,  
Environmental and Ocean Engineering.

**RECIPIENT IS SAMEER NEVE**

**CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT AWARD**

Presented to a student with outstanding contributions to the program.

**RECIPIENT IS BHUSHAN PAWAR**

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AWARD**

Presented to a student with outstanding contributions to the program.

**RECIPIENT IS MUHAMMAD AMIR HAMZA KHAN**

**RICHARD I. HIRES RESEARCH AWARD**

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

**RECIPIENT IS ALAA AHMED**

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD**

**RECIPIENT IS KONSTANTINOS BATSOS**

**TEACHING AWARD**

**RECIPIENTS ARE SATTVIK SAHAI, TEHREEM TUNGEKAR, HANGYU WANG**

**DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARD**

**RECIPIENT IS MADHU VANDHANA VIJAY KUMAR**



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**ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING**

**EDWARD PESKIN AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL  
RESEARCH PERFORMANCE IN ELECTRICAL  
AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING  
RECIPIENT IS SHEIK M. MOHIUDDIN**

**OUTSTANDING MASTER'S THESIS AWARD  
RECIPIENT IS YUPENG CAO**

**OUTSTANDING MASTER'S RESEARCH PROJECT AWARD  
RECIPIENT IS ZEHUI XIE**

**BEST TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD  
RECIPIENT IS XUDONG ZHANG**

**BEST GRADER AWARD  
RECIPIENT IS MEGHANA MASUDI**

**OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD  
IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING  
RECIPIENT IS YUSHU YAN**

**OUTSTANDING PH.D. DISSERTATION AWARD  
IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING  
RECIPIENT IS YUAN JIANG**

**OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD  
IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING  
RECIPIENT IS HAO LU**



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**OUTSTANDING PH.D. DISSERTATION  
AWARD IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING  
RECIPIENT IS MOHSEN ALHAZMI**

**OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD  
IN APPLIED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
RECIPIENT IS YAOXI KANG**

## **MATHEMATICS**

### **EXCELLENCE IN GRADUATE RESEARCH**

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

**RECIPIENT IS JEFFREY SLEPOI**

### **OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD**

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

**RECIPIENT IS KELLY TORNETTA**

## **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 JOILIN MERCEDES GOMEZ**





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**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 EMILY ROSE COOKE**

**JAMES H. POTTER AWARD**

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

**RECIPIENT IS SHICHEN FU**

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

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

**RECIPIENT IS YANA BLINKOUSKAYA**

**PHYSICS**

**2021 GRADUATE LEADERSHIP AWARD**

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

**RECIPIENT IS JIUYI ZHANG**



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## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### **BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE & ANALYTICS**

#### **OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE & ANALYTICS**

Presented to the students who signify outstanding classroom performance and exemplary community leadership in the graduate program in business intelligence & analytics.

**RECIPIENTS ARE IDRIS DEM, LONGYUE GUAN, SHELLY GULATI, SERJIE LIKA, RAMYA RAMACHANDRAN**

#### **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE & ANALYTICS STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Presented in recognition of excellent service to the program and fellow students as leader of the BI&A Student Club.

**RECIPIENT IS LENNARD EVERTZ**

#### **OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE & ANALYTICS**

Presented to students who have excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise.

**RECIPIENTS ARE XINRAN BAI, RAN LIU, ADITYA MANCHANDA,  
YUG RUPESHKUMAR PATEL, VICTORIA E. PISKAREV,  
HELENA SAMANTHA RIVERA HIDALGO, TIANRUI WANG, ZIFU WANG,  
YI YI, TIANYU YUAN, YULIN YUAN**

### **MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS**

#### **BEST DISSERTATION AWARD IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Presented to the student with the best dissertation.

**RECIPIENT IS ALI TAATIAN**



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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

**OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

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

**RECIPIENT IS PARITABEN Y. VAKHARIA**

**OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD IN THE MASTER OF BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION ANALYTICS PROGRAM**

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

**RECIPIENT IS VINOD RAMAN PATCHIPULUSU**

**OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT  
AWARD IN THE EXECUTIVE MASTER OF  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM**

Presented to students who have excelled academically and demonstrated  
professional promise and leadership.

**RECIPIENTS ARE MARY KIMMEL AND MELISSA SCHIELZO**

**OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE  
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM**

Presented to students who have excelled academically and demonstrated  
professional promise and leadership.

**RECIPIENTS ARE VINAY MUKESH BALANI AND ADITYA SHENOY**

**OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN  
THE ENTERPRISE PROJECT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

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

**RECIPIENT IS YING HU**



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## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### **OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Presented to students who have excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise and leadership.

**RECIPIENTS ARE FARISHUL HUSAIN AND SAHIL C. PATEL**

## **FINANCE**

### **OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP & SERVICE AWARD**

Presented to students who have excelled in leadership and service, demonstrating dedication to Stevens and professional promise.

**RECIPIENTS ARE NISHIKA JAIN, RUI MING, SHERRY PARIKH,  
NIRALEE THAKKAR**

### **OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF FINANCE**

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

**RECIPIENTS ARE CAROLINA CREAMER, YANG WANG, TIANYUN YUAN,  
TINGTING YUAN**

## **FINANCIAL ENGINEERING**

### **BEST DISSERTATION AWARD IN FINANCIAL ENGINEERING**

Presented to the student with the best dissertation.

**RECIPIENT IS ALEX GURVICH**



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## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### **OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP & SERVICE AWARD**

Presented to students who have excelled in leadership and service, demonstrating dedication to Stevens and professional promise.

**RECIPIENTS ARE RACHIT JAIN, KUNAL KUMAR, AISHWARYA RAY,  
AGATHE SADEGHI**

### **OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF FINANCIAL ENGINEERING**

Presented to students who have excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise and leadership.

**RECIPIENTS ARE KUNAL KUMAR, YUZHU JIANG, ADITYA RAVICHANDRAN,  
YIJING YUAN**

## **FINANCIAL ANALYTICS**

### **OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Presented to the student who has excelled in leadership and service to Financial Analytics.

**RECIPIENT IS NEHA PRAKASH**

### **OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF FINANCIAL ENGINEERING**

Presented to the students with a perfect academic record in Financial Analytics.

**RECIPIENTS ARE IVAN BAKRAC, LUCAS FAN, LAURA CARROLL MURPHY,  
ANIRUDH RAGHAVA SUNDARARAGHAVAN**



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### **INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

#### **OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP & SERVICE AWARD**

Presented to students who have excelled in leadership and service, demonstrating dedication to Stevens and professional promise.

**RECIPIENTS ARE GOVINDA GINDODIA, POOJA KALRA,  
PREETHIKA LAKSHMIRATHAN, TIGRAN MARGARYAN, JANIT MODI,  
SUNNY SHELDON NAIR, WARREN ZHOU**

### **NETWORK AND COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES**

#### **OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NETWORK AND COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES PROGRAM – ON CAMPUS**

Presented to the on-campus students who have excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise.

**RECIPIENTS ARE ABDULRAHMAN KHADER ALSHAIBANI, XUE SUN,  
BOYAN WANG**

#### **OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NETWORK AND COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES PROGRAM – ONLINE**

Presented to the online students who have excelled academically and demonstrated professional promise.

**RECIPIENTS ARE RENEE COOPER AND MICHAEL ROGER WATERS**



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## SCHOOL OF SYSTEMS & ENTERPRISES

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

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

**RECIPIENT IS GINA E. DELLO RUSSO**

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING PROGRAM**

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

**RECIPIENTS ARE HAODONG WU AND XINYI YE**

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SYSTEMS ANALYTICS PROGRAM**

Awarded for outstanding academic achievement and professional promise  
in the systems analytics master's program.

**RECIPIENT IS ANGELICA LOUISE CATAPANG TORRES**

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN A SYSTEMS ENGINEERING PROGRAM**

Awarded for outstanding academic achievement and professional promise  
in systems engineering.

**RECIPIENT IS DAVID JAMES ROMENS**

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN A DOCTORAL PROGRAM**

Awarded annually for outstanding academic achievement and professional  
promise in the School of Systems and Enterprises doctoral programs.

**RECIPIENT IS SAFA ELKEFI**



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## SCHOOL OF SYSTEMS & ENTERPRISES

### **OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD**

Awarded to Ph.D. candidates in the SSE programs who have distinguished themselves in the conduct of research.

**RECIPIENTS ARE ROSS D. ARNOLD AND MICHAEL LUCIC**

### **OUTSTANDING MASTER'S PROJECT AWARD**

Awarded to master's degree students in the SSE 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 YINGHUI CAI**

### **BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

Awarded to graduate students in the SSE program who have distinguished themselves in the conduct of scholarly literature.

**RECIPIENTS ARE AVISHEK CHOUDHURY AND XIANGPENG WAN**

### **FABRYCKY-BLANCHARD AWARD**

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

**RECIPIENTS ARE RAIF BUCAR, BATYR CHARYEV, BRIAN CHELL**

### **DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP BY A PH.D. STUDENT**

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

**RECIPIENT IS AMBROSIO VALENCIA ROMERO**





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## SCHOOL OF SYSTEMS & ENTERPRISES

### **SCHOOL OF SYSTEMS EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Awarded graduate students in the SSE programs who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and outstanding contributions beyond the classroom. Preference is given to students who provide evidence of success in the face of adversity.

**RECIPIENTS ARE AVISHEK CHOUDHURY AND XIANGPENG WAN**



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## OFFICE OF 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 pursuits beyond program completion.

**RECIPIENT IS SHICHEN FU**



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