



Graduate Awards Ceremony

Friday, May 17, 2019

DeBaun Auditorium, Edwin A. Stevens Hall





WELCOME

CONSTANTIN CHASSAPIS

Vice Provost for Graduate Education

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

CHRISTOPHE PIERRE

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC AWARDS

JEAN ZU

Dean, Charles V. Schaefer, Jr. School of Engineering & Science

GREGORY PRASTACOS

Dean, School of Business

YEHIA MASSOUD

Dean, School of Systems & Enterprises

CONSTANTIN CHASSAPIS

Vice Provost for Graduate Education

PRESENTATION OF CO-CURRICULAR AWARDS

CAROL RUIZ

Associate Director, Graduate Student Career Development

ASHLEY MARTINS

Assistant Director, Office of Graduate Student Affairs

STEPHANIE TOVAR

Senior Coordinator, Office of Graduate Student Affairs

RECEPTION

To follow in the Babbio Center Atrium



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

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

AWARD FOR HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BY A MASTER'S STUDENT

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

**RECIPIENTS ARE BRIAN VAN OOSTENDORP,
TARIQ CHARLESTON, FUTAO DAI**

OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

Presented for an outstanding master's thesis.

RECIPIENT IS KEVIN WALSH

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 RABIJE CEKOVIC

MORTON M. TRAUM AWARD

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

RECIPIENT IS FAN YANG



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

CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

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

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

RECIPIENTS ARE KAIJIE JI, QIJIA HUANG, JINGYU SUN

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

Presented for outstanding academic achievement in the doctoral program.

RECIPIENTS ARE TIANCHI LIU AND SIHANG XU

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

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

RECIPIENT IS SHUO CHEN

**OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN
THE MASTER'S PROGRAM IN BIOENGINEERING**

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

RECIPIENT IS FATEMEH PARNIAN



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

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

JOHN P. BRESLIN AWARD

Presented to an outstanding graduate student in ocean engineering.

RECIPIENT IS JULIAN FRAIZE

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT AWARD

Presented to students with outstanding contributions to the program.

RECIPIENTS ARE AHMED SOLIMAN AND PRASHANT BHAGCHANDANI

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AWARD

Presented to students with outstanding contributions to the program.

RECIPIENTS ARE ALISON GOTTLIEB AND CHENHONG SHI

RICHARD I. HIRES RESEARCH AWARD

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

RECIPIENT IS LUN YIN

COMPUTER SCIENCE

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

Presented to the graduating graduate student who
most contributed to the department's research activities.

RECIPIENT IS JUSTIN BARISH



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

ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

**OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD
IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
RECIPIENT IS ALHUSSAIN ALMARHABI**

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

**OUTSTANDING MASTER'S STUDENT AWARD
IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING
RECIPIENT IS XINQI BAO**

**OUTSTANDING PH.D. DISSERTATION AWARD
IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING
RECIPIENT IS HANYU JIANG**

EDWARD PESKIN AWARD

Presented for outstanding graduate study and research performance
in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

RECIPIENT IS AMIR MIRBEIK SABZEVARI

**EXCEPTIONAL RESEARCH PERFORMANCE AWARD
IN ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING
RECIPIENT IS SHUANGLU DAI**



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

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN A MASTER'S PROGRAM

Presented for outstanding academic achievement by a student completing a master's degree in the mathematical sciences.

RECIPIENT IS NOEL SMITH

OUTSTANDING TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

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

RECIPIENTS ARE JESSICA GONZALEZ AND MICHAEL TAMAROV

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 ADAM HAAS

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 JUSTIN LOUIS SITLER



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

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 MUHAMMAD MUSTAFA

PHYSICS

2019 GRADUATE LEADERSHIP AWARD

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

RECIPIENT IS KAMRAN SHAYAN

2019 PH.D. THESIS AWARD

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

RECIPIENT IS YUE LUO



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE & ANALYTICS

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

Presented to the student who achieves outstanding classroom performance and provides exemplary community leadership in the graduate program in business intelligence and analytics.

RECIPIENTS ARE YIRU YANG AND SIYAN ZHANG

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

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

RECIPIENTS ARE ALEXANDER CARUSO, YIPING WU, LULU ZHU

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 SHAN JIANG

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

BEST DISSERTATION AWARD IN THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

Presented to the student with the best dissertation in the Doctor of Philosophy in business administration program.

RECIPIENT IS SERHAN C. KOTILOGLU



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

MANAGEMENT

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.

RECIPIENTS ARE MEREDITH MENNELLA AND BILLIE ANN HAAS

MBA

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

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

**RECIPIENTS ARE TODD LEMON, CYNTHIA DEVER, MICHAEL NOJIRI, LILY
ZHIHONG MO-CANTILLON, RICHARD SODON**

MS IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

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

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

RECIPIENT IS KENDALL SPETEN-HANSEN



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

EMBA IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

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

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

RECIPIENTS ARE SEAN WHALEN, VERONICA FREENEY, SAARIGA UMA

FINANCE

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

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

RECIPIENTS ARE PHILIP ROMAN KOCHMAN AND MICKAEL AVRIL

FINANCIAL ENGINEERING

**OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCIAL ENGINEERING**

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

RECIPIENTS ARE YUXUAN XIA, QI LIU, YIYI ZHU, JINGYANG ZHAO

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

Presented to the student who has demonstrated leadership potential and
commitment to professional service in addition to academic excellence.

RECIPIENT IS DHANANJAY SALGAOCAR



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN FINANCIAL ENGINEERING

Presented to a student who has excelled academically in their
doctoral studies and demonstrated professional promise.

RECIPIENT IS SEBASTIAN TUDOR

FINANCIAL ANALYTICS

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCIAL ANALYTICS

Awarded to the outstanding student who graduated the program with a 4.0
GPA (depends on performance; not necessarily awarded every semester).

RECIPIENT IS YANG ZHAO

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FINANCIAL ANALYTICS

Awarded to the student who demonstrated outstanding academic
performance, professional promise and leadership.

RECIPIENT IS JIMIT SANGHVI

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS PROGRAM – ON CAMPUS

Presented to an on-campus student who has excelled
academically and demonstrated professional promise.

**RECIPIENTS ARE AKSHAY MANVI, PALLAVI NAIDU, ANIL THADANI,
MEDHAVI UNIYAL, PRATIBHA SINGH, MARK KLABONSKI**



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

**DARREN DRAKE AWARD FOR ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
INFORMATION SYSTEMS PROGRAM – ONLINE**

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

RECIPIENT IS MAUREEN PETRUCELLI

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 student who has excelled academically
and demonstrated professional promise.

**RECIPIENTS ARE SURYAKUMAR IYER, AMIT MISHRA,
YASH SHINDE, YINGJIAN SONG, ZHIHAO YANG**

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

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

RECIPIENTS ARE HELEN EGLIP AND JASON TYRE



SCHOOL OF SYSTEMS & ENTERPRISES

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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

RECIPIENT IS KAIDI XU

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING PROGRAM

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

RECIPIENT IS KYLE ROZANITIS

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SYSTEMS ANALYTICS PROGRAM

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

RECIPIENT IS NATHAN SCHAEFER

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN A SYSTEMS ENGINEERING PROGRAM

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

RECIPIENTS ARE JAMES LAUGHLAND AND KIERA SHERIDAN

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN A DOCTORAL PROGRAM

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

RECIPIENT IS XIAO WANG



SCHOOL OF SYSTEMS & ENTERPRISES

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S PROJECT AWARD

Granted annually to the master's degree student in the School of Systems & Enterprises who has submitted the best capstone project, as judged by the quality of the work, its practical relevance and the clarity with which it is presented.

RECIPIENT IS CHRISTINE LAROCHELLE

BEST MASTER'S THESIS AWARD

Awarded annually to a graduate student in the School of Systems & Enterprises who has submitted the best master's thesis.

RECIPIENT IS HENRY LEE

OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

This award is given annually to Ph.D. candidates in the School of Systems & Enterprises who have distinguished themselves in the conduct of research.

RECIPIENTS ARE SERGIO LUNA AND RAZIEH LOTFALIAN SAREMI

BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARD

Awarded annually to graduate students in the School of Systems & Enterprises who have distinguished themselves in the conduct of scholarly literature.

RECIPIENT IS ARACELI ZAVALA

FABRYCKY-BLANCHARD AWARD

This award is given in recognition for exemplary academic performance, excellence in research and promise in the study and practice of systems engineering.

RECIPIENT IS JORGE BUENFIL



SCHOOL OF SYSTEMS & ENTERPRISES

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP BY A PH.D. STUDENT

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

RECIPIENT IS ANDREA GARCIA TAPIA

EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Awarded annually to a graduate student in the School of Systems & Enterprises who has 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.

RECIPIENT IS GABRIELA GONGORA SVARTZMAN



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 their pursuits beyond program completion.

RECIPIENT IS AMIR MIRBEIK-SABZEVARI



CO-CURRICULAR AWARDS

STEVENS CAREER CENTER

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This award is presented to graduate students who have demonstrated a focused approach to professional development, have actively engaged in Career Center activities and have represented Stevens to the community at large. This year, four graduate students will be presented with this award.

**RECIPIENTS ARE GOKCE POLACK, SMRITI VIMAL,
BHUMILKUMAR PRAJAPATI, AKSHAY GUPTA**

OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDENT AFFAIRS

OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADER

Presented to the graduate student who has demonstrated student leadership in student organizations or in volunteer activities and has excelled in student life.

RECIPIENTS ARE YASAMIN ALIASHRAFI JODAT AND AHMED BAHABRY

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT CLUB LEADER

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

RECIPIENT IS MOFADAL ALYMANI

GRADUATE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

Each year, the Office of Graduate Student Affairs recognizes female graduate student leaders who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and/or a commitment to community service.

RECIPIENTS ARE ANUJA SURESH KALGUTKAR AND AVI THAKKAR



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