A Celebration of Ashok Agrawala’s 50th Anniversary at UMD CS
May 13-14, 2022
Just learned driving
March 1967

... and stopped along the way to get a PhD!

May 1970
Behind every successful man, there's a woman.
“I remember the first time I met Ashok at a short course I was speaking at, and I persuaded him to come to the UMCP Computer Science department instead of taking a job in industry. I'm glad he came to Maryland and developed into a shining star!”

~ Professor Emeritus Laveen Kanal
Computer Science Center Building and Me

1975
August 1983

Moving the Mountain....

Giving Up...

August 1983
Teaching can be a dangerous job!

July 1983
My A.V. Williams Office
Corrupting Indian Minds

November 2004
My Coffee Machine is Better
It’s not a rocket, it’s a WiMAX antenna!

May 25, 2010
With so many Policemen - Am I in trouble??

May 25, 2010
With President Loh at Maryland Day, 2011
M-Urgency Meets Two UMD Presidents

Maryland Day 2010

Maryland Day 2011
M-Urgency Demo Draws Crowds

May 2011
Running Horus Experiment in A.V. Williams
No, I was not there in 1856.
Weekend Occupation
And then there was rest.
“I reflect often on the positive impact you have had on my life. I am forever grateful for your guidance and our deep conversations over coffee throughout the pursuit of my PhD. Congratulations on the magnificent achievement of fifty years at UMD!”

~ James Lampton
At Taj Mahal with Pat O'Shea

2015
No, I am not that crooked.
President Mote’s Delegation in India 2011
Preparing for the Class
March 2004
Dosa Party, October 2021
And the journey continues for the next 50 years!
“It is a pleasure to participate in this celebration of all your contributions to UMD and beyond.”

~ Professor Aravind Srinivasan & Family
“Congratulations on your 50th anniversary at UMD College Park. It was an honor and privilege to be your student and have you as my Ph.D. advisor. Here is wishing you the very best.”

~ Krishnan Kailas
“The lessons Professor Agrawala has taught me from all of the years I spent learning from him have lasted in everything I do, from being with my family and in my professional life. I might not be able to tell him often of the impact he has had on my life, but he definitely has been one of the few people to really guide me past my graduate school experience. He has helped and guide people for 50 years who are now across the globe and his guidance will be felt for many more years to come. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!”

~ Christian Almazan
“Fifty years is quite an achievement!! I imagine you have advised a number of Ph.D. students. I was very proud to be one of the first. How the computer technology has changed in 50 years! From standalone mainframes to worldwide interconnected PCs and phones with apps. Your research and contributions in a broad array of topical areas is very impressive; Maryland has been fortunate to have you as a mainstay in the computer science department for this extended period. I am now semi-retired and still working part time for a company in California, managing the development of electronic signature systems. We have a team in Hyderabad (which I have visited), and meet weekly via Skype. I've attached a photo of me holding the book we wrote, using a word processor program I developed on the mainframe! Congratulations on your 50 years of contributions to Maryland.

~ Tom Rauscher
“Thanks so much for all you have done, you've been instrumental in my career, growth, and how I approach life.”

~ Nick Gramsky
“Congratulations Professor Agrawala!”

~ Mukesh Singhal
“I would have loved to join in this noteworthy celebration of Professor Agrawala’s 50th year at UMD but unfortunately I shall be able to attend. However, I will send my greetings to him. He has been a great mentor to me during my years at College Park and I owe a lot to him for setting me on my career path. Thank you for the invitation. Best wishes.”

~ Ashok Kulkarni (PhD ’76)
“Wow -- 50 years! (I only made it to 39.) My hat is off to you, Ashok! And I wish you many more productive years as well.”

~ Professor Emeritus Don Perlis
“Congratulations, Ashok, on this wonderful hallmark achievement! Your constant efforts for and dedication to our department are an inspiration to us all.”

~ Rob Patro
“Congratulations, Ashok, on your long, memorable, and impactful career! You have not only touched the hearts and minds of a myriad of students, but have also forged new and innovative areas of computing research, all focused on not only advancing the state of knowledge, but also on serving society. Best wishes to you as you continue your intellectual journey beyond a half century!”

~ Ronald Larson
“50 years is a big WOW! Congratulations!!!!! Please visit me in Wyoming.”

~ John Waclawsky