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- Nelson Padua-Perez

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- Hong Wei

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- Semi-Annual Award for Exemplary Service to the Department
  - Brandi Adams
  - Savannah Renehan

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- Joseph Owen
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- Department Undergraduate Scholars
  - 4.0 GPA CS majors at/beyond “Sophomore Level”
  - Lawrence Bathon
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  - Peter Koutras
  - William Kunkel
  - Hojoon Lee
  - Poom Natrakul
  - Daniel Portin
  - Benjamin San Nicolas
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Faculty Accomplishments, Honors and Awards
- Aravind Srinivasan has been elected as an ACM Fellow for contributions to algorithms, probabilistic methods and networks. He was also named Editor and Chief of ACM Transactions on Algorithms.
- Neil Spring received the ACM SIGCOMM Test of Time Award.
- Ben Shneiderman received an Honorary Doctorate from Stonybrook University.
- Andrew Childs was named Director of QUICS and Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Fellow.
- Jonathan Katz received the Humboldt Award.
- Michael Hicks was elected Chair of SIGPLAN, UMD.
- Adam Porter received the CMNS Board of Visitors Creative Educator Award and named Named Executive Director of Fraunhoffer Center for Experimental Software Engineering.
- Mohammad Hajighayi received the Graduate Faculty Mentor Award.
- Larry Davis had a Cape Cod Workshop in his honor.

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John D. Gannon Entering Student Awards
Neelima Pradhan, Christian Wolf
Boeing Scholarship

Max Tatieo
Computer Science Partners in Computing Scholarships
Paige Nelson, Joel Samelson
Sarah Reehl Scholarship

Aboli Kumthekar
Andrew Reisse Memorial Scholarship
Corey Lowman
Cipher Tech
Tyler Austin

Graduate Students' Honors and Awards
Fellowships and Awards:
Prerit Bhargava, Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship, 2015-16
Victoria Cepeda Espinoza, Fulbright Fellowship, 2014-15
Snigdha Chaturvedi, IBM PhD Fellowship, 2015-16; Kulkami Summer Research Fellowship, 2015
Soham De, Future of Information Alliance-Deutsch Foundation Seed Grant Fellowship, 2015
Seokbin Kang, Kwanjeong Educational Foundation 4 Year Scholarship

Best Paper Awards:
Chang Liu, ASPLOS 2015: "GhostRider: A Hardware-Software System for Memory Trace Oblivious Computation"
Theodoros Rekatsinas, SIAM International Conference on Data Mining 2015: "SourceSeer: Forecasting Rare Disease Outbreaks Using Multiple Data Sources"
Jeff Stuckman, ISSRE 2014: "Predicting Vulnerable Components: Software Metrics vs Text Mining"

Ph.D. Graduates 2014
Spring:
Ronald Alford, U.S. Naval Research Lab, Washington, DC
Sujal Bista, Research Associate, UMIACS, UMCP
Arijit Biswas, Xerox Research Centre India, Bangalore
Peter Fontana, NIST, Gaithersburg, MD
Jiarong Jiang, Two Sigma Investment LLC, New York, NY
Michael Lam, Asst. Prof., James Madison Univ., Harrisonburg, VA
Megan Monroe, IBM, Cambridge, MA
Hassan Sayyadi, Comcast Cable, Washington, DC
Douglas Summers-Stay, Army Research Lab, Frederick, MD
Glenesha Williams, Dept. of Defense, Ft. Meade, MD
Derrick Wood, Postdoc, Johns Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, MD

Summer:
Ken Leung Cheng, Google, Mountain View, CA
Adam Groce, Visiting Asst. Prof., Reed College, Portland, OR
Yuening Hu, Yahoo Labs, Sunnyvale, CA
Yuancheng Luo, Visisonsics, College Park, MD
Alex Quin, Asst. Prof., ECE, Purdue Univ., South Bend, IN
Geoffrey Stoker, U.S. Army, Ft. Bliss, TX

Fall:
Rajesh Chitnis, Postdoc, Weizmann Inst. of Science, Rehovot, Israel
Ashwin Kayoor, Symantec Research Labs, Culver City, CA
Jared Sylvester, Booz Allen Hamilton, Annapolis Junction, MD
Ke Zhai, Yahoo Labs, Sunnyvale, CA