

# **NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**



## **SPRING DIPLOMA CEREMONY**

### **DEPARTMENT of COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**Thursday, May 10, 2018  
William Neal Reynolds Coliseum  
6:00 P.M.**

# **Welcome**

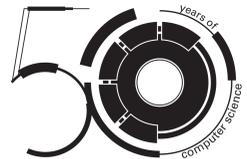
*Welcome to the Spring diploma ceremony of the Department of Computer Science at North Carolina State University, Raleigh. The department was formed in 1967 and is one of the oldest in the nation. The department currently has over 1,600 students. We are among the top in the nation in the number of awarded bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in computer science, and we lead in both teaching and research accomplishments. We continue our tradition of excellence by proudly honoring a new group of graduates.*

*The ceremony today recognizes the academic achievements of the Spring 2018 graduating students receiving bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degrees in the field of computer science. It is a very special, auspicious, and exciting day for all of us -- students, their families and friends, and our faculty and staff, that culminates years of hard work and dedication for all concerned. Students graduating today bring the number of our alumni to over 9,300.*

*On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to thank you for coming, and to extend our warmest congratulations to the students, their families, and their friends.*

*With best wishes,*

*Laurie Williams  
Interim Department Head*



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• As a courtesy to all our graduates and in recognition of the significance of this ceremony,  
• we ask that all cell phones and pagers be turned off. Also, once the ceremony begins, we  
• ask that all guests remain seated until its conclusion. Thank you for your cooperation!  
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# SPRING DIPLOMA CEREMONY

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Thursday, May 10, 2018

6:00 P.M.

Pre-Processional Comments.....	Ken Tate <i>Director of Engagement and External Relations</i>
Processional.....	Pomp and Circumstance <i>Sir Edward Elgar</i>
Welcome.....	Laurie Williams, Ph.D. <i>Interim Department Head</i>
Speaker .....	Kimberly Calhoun <i>COO of Money Masters TV and Network</i>
Introduction of Honor Students, Faculty and Staff .....	Dennis R. Bahler, Ph.D. <i>Director of Undergraduate Programs</i>
Presentation of Degrees .....	George Rouskas, Ph.D. <i>Director of Graduate Programs</i>
	Barbara J. Adams, Ph.D. <i>Director of Advising</i>
	Laurie Williams, Ph.D. <i>Interim Department Head</i>
Recessional.....	Triumphal March From Aida <i>Giuseppe Verdi</i>

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

### **Kimberly Calhoun**



Kimberly Calhoun is the COO of **MoneyMasters** TV and Network, CEO and Founder of CAP Science Labs, and the inventor of Guardianator.

Kim is an engineer, a serial entrepreneur, and a TV Host for **Money Masters** on BIZTV where she interviews some of the world's leading CEO's, Money Experts and Authors in roundtable discussions. She has 30 plus years' experience building profitable business organizations from startup ventures, acquisitions, turnarounds, and high-growth organizations.

She began her career in 1984 as a Telecom Engineer, where she was part of implementing new technology and establishing new standards which are currently used today, including broadband with the North Carolina Information Network Highway. In most jobs, she was the first and only female hired. She studied Japanese for two years at

NC State to improve her communication skills with her colleagues when she was employed with Fujitsu. She worked in high-tech sales managing 16 states in the South East where she developed zero dollar territories into million dollar territories and managed government contracts.

In 1999, on a dare, she started a small telephone company, obtaining all the licenses herself, and operated in over six states successfully. She was very instrumental in improving the laws and the filing procedures with the PUC and was the first company to achieve approval to operate in a whole state. She has documented success in obtaining a \$138M VC for a fiber project which she did in a seven-minute pitch.

In 2010, she sold the telecom licenses for her business and was planning to retire when she saw a disturbing problem involving domestic violence victims in the criminal justice system. She has since invented and patented a new use of technology to enforce protective orders, by providing law enforcement with admissible evidence and a means to intervene when orders are violated. With a working prototype and a perfect team, her invention is now part of a bigger project with National Institute of Standards Technology (aka NIST) and Smart cities. Since solving the indoor tracking issues last year, her invention has been recognized by other industries as a means to provide safer work environments and to help prevent accidents and fatalities. It is presently being launched in the oil industry this June in Texas. She has also stayed current in the cyber security industry where she speaks about solutions and works as a private consultant.

Kim is a very active and engaged member of the department's Strategic Advisory Board.

# COMPUTER SCIENCE DEGREES

## **Doctor of Philosophy**

A Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is the highest academic degree an individual can earn. In addition to completing coursework specified by the advisory committee (54 or more credits beyond the master of science), Ph.D. students must demonstrate breadth of knowledge, pass a series of examinations, and defend a substantial and original scholarly dissertation.

## **Master of Science**

The Master of Science (M.S.) is a traditional research-oriented degree. Master of Science graduates have successfully completed advanced coursework in computer science. Students with thesis titles below their name have written and defended a thesis summarizing their supervised research.

## **Master of Science in Computer Networking**

Master of Science in Computer Networking (MSCN) graduates have successfully completed advanced coursework in computer networking. Students with thesis titles below their name have written and defended a thesis summarizing their supervised research.

## **Master of Computer Science**

The Master of Computer Science (MCS) program is a professional degree program designed primarily to meet the needs of industry. Master of Computer Science graduates have successfully completed advanced coursework in computer science.

## **Bachelor of Science**

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree is conferred upon students who have successfully completed a program of study including both general coursework in the humanities, social sciences, mathematics, and physical sciences as well as specialized courses in computer science.

# DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY

## SCOTT CARPENTER

**Dissertation:** *Advancing Connected Vehicle Technologies by Improving Vehicular Channel Model Accuracy and Safety Performance Measures*

**Committee Chair:** Mihail Sichitiu, Ph.D.

Scott Carpenter grew up in Wheeling, WV. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Computer Engineering from Case Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1989 and 1993, respectively. He earned the Project Management Professional (PMP) certification in 2003.

After completing his M.S. degree, Scott moved to Raleigh, NC in pursuit of software engineering opportunities, before enrolling in the Ph.D. program in Computer Science at NC State. While completing his Ph.D., he continued working full-time in various roles in software development and college instruction.

His dissertation advances communications between vehicles by improving wireless channel model accuracy and improving safety performance measures. During his Ph.D. studies, Scott published five conference and workshop papers, and earned a 4.0 GPA. His research interests include wireless networking to improve vehicular safety, data analytics, software engineering metrics, and process optimizations.

Upon completing his dissertation, Scott plans to continue working at Cisco Systems and living in the Raleigh area with his family.

# DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY

## VERONICA M. CATETÉ

**Dissertation:** *A Framework for the Rapid Creation of Quality-Assured Programming Rubrics for New K-12 Computer Science Teachers*

**Committee Chair:** Tiffany Barnes, Ph.D.

Veronica Cateté completed her B.S. degree in Computer Science at NC State in just 3 1/2 years. Pivoting from personal tragedy, she found her passion for broadening participation in computing through games. Veronica earned her M.S. from UNC Charlotte, with a concentration in Mobile Game Development.

She completed her Ph.D. studies back at NC State, developing an innovative technique to train novice high school Computer Science Principles teachers how to facilitate student learning through formative feedback on creative programming assignments. During her Ph.D. studies, she won back-to-back best paper awards and reached over 1000 students through computing outreach.

Veronica has since begun her new position as a Research Scientist in the Game2Learn Lab, continuing to improve computer science education in K-12 STEM classrooms.

# DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY

## SEOKYONG HONG

**Dissertation:** *Graph Analytics on Modern Graph Processing Systems*

**Committee Chair:** Raju Vatsavai, Ph.D.

Seokyong grew up in Seoul, South Korea, where he received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Computer Engineering from Hansung University in Seoul.

He moved to Raleigh, NC to complete his Ph.D. of Computer Science at NC State. During his Ph.D. studies, he tested and developed several graph analysis algorithms on modern analysis systems under the support of Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He was honored with an R&D award in 2016.

Upon completing his Ph.D., he will continue his work as a Postdoctoral Researcher at NC State.

# DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY

## JOHN J. MAJIKES

**Dissertation:** *Computational and Design Techniques for a Semi-Autonomous Computerized Dog-Training System with Timing and Accuracy Performance Comparable to a Professional Dog Trainer*

**Committee Chair:** David Roberts, Ph.D.

In the 1980s, John earned a B.S. in Computer Science from Penn State University and a M.S. in Computer Science from Binghamton University. After a long career as a software engineer and surviving cancer, John made the decision to go back and earn his Ph.D. John's cancer survival was due in part to advances in cancer research and John wanted to pay back that research by doing research that helped others.

John's first research project was software quality in medical devices where he worked on the Artificial Pancreas, a closed-loop computer controlled insulin pump for diabetics. His final research project is a semi-autonomous computer system that trains dogs. John plans to continue his research with local service dog providers to use the computer to train dogs and lower the cost of service dogs such as Diabetic Alert Dogs or PTSD Dogs.

Along with helping others through his research, John plans one day to teach Computer Science. John hopes to continue his parents' and grandparents' emphasis on education as a means to reach life's goals. Leveraging his years of industry experience, John hopes to train women and minorities for careers in advanced technology.

John's son, Jacob, will also walk at graduation earning a Ph.D. in Material Science Engineering.

# DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY

## CHANGSUNG MOON

**Dissertation:** *Predictive Modeling of Complex Graphs as Context and Semantics Preserving Vector Spaces*

**Committee Chair:** Nagiza Samatova, Ph.D.

Changsung Moon grew up in Busan, South Korea, where he received his B.E. degree in Computer Engineering from the Dong-A University. He also received his M.S. degree in Information and Computer Science from the University of California, Irvine. Before his Ph.D. program, he worked for Samsung Electronics as a Software Engineer and Oregon State University as a Faculty Research Assistant.

Changsung moved to Raleigh, NC in 2014 to complete his Ph.D. at NC State. His dissertation developed new data mining methodologies with regards to predictive analysis: Prediction of users' actions and inference of missing data in the knowledge graph. During his Ph.D. studies, he published six papers about data mining.

He will continue working at NC State as a Postdoctoral Researcher for a rare disease project. He currently lives in Cary, NC.

# DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY

## MICHAEL O'BRIEN

**Dissertation:** *A Multifaceted Approach to Improving the Practicality of Structural Graph Algorithms*

**Committee Chair:** Blair Sullivan, Ph.D.

Michael P. O'Brien was born in Warren, OH and grew up in Strongsville, OH. He attended the University of Notre Dame and majored in Computer Science, with a minor in Chinese.

Immediately after graduating from Notre Dame, Mike enrolled in the NC State Computer Science Ph.D. program and received his en-route M.S. degree in December 2015. His dissertation research, advised by Dr. Blair D. Sullivan, focused on bridging gaps between theoretical advances from the parameterized algorithms community and practical concerns of the network science community.

After graduation, Mike will move to Pittsburgh to work at Google. He is thankful for his friends, colleagues, and mentors in the CSC Department and will look back fondly on the time he spent in Raleigh.

# DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY

## THOMAS WILLIAM PRICE

**Dissertation:** *iSnap: Data-Driven Support for Novice Programming Informed by Evaluations of Hint Quality and Investigations of Student Help-Seeking Behavior*

**Committee Chair:** Tiffany Barnes, Ph.D.

Thomas Price grew up in Chapel Hill, NC. In 2013, he received his B.S. in Computer Science from Elon University, where he pursued research on educational games and graduated at the top of his class. This experience led him to pursue a Ph.D. at NC State, working with Dr. Tiffany Barnes.

His dissertation focused on applying AI and data mining to Computing Education Research. As part of this work, Thomas developed an educational programming environment called iSnap, which provides hints and feedback to students automatically, using a novel, data-driven algorithm. He studied how to make data-driven hints more effective by measuring hint quality and understanding students' help-seeking behavior, resulting in more than a dozen publications.

Thomas' future holds multiple exciting possibilities, and each involves continuing to research how to create more effective technology for computing education.

# DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY

## STEPHEN MICHAEL RANSHOUS

**Dissertation:** *Scalable Algorithms for Mining Dynamic Graphs and Hypergraphs with Applications to Anomaly Detection*

**Committee Chair:** Nagiza Samatova, Ph.D.

Stephen was born and raised in Palm Bay, Florida. In 2009 he moved to Gainesville to attend the University of Florida, ultimately earning a B.S. in Computer Science and a minor in Electrical Engineering.

Stephen moved to Raleigh, NC in 2013 to pursue a Ph.D. in Computer Science at NC State. His dissertation focused on developing efficient methods for anomaly detection in large-scale dynamic graphs. During his Ph.D. studies, he had research appointments at Argonne National Laboratory and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

After successfully defending his dissertation, Stephen moved to Silicon Valley to work for Google. He is part of the Proactive Search Team and is working on improving the quality of the ranking algorithm and user journey in the Feed.

# DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY

## WENZHAO ZHANG

**Dissertation:** *A Memory-Hierarchy and Network Topology-Aware Framework for Runtime Data Sharing at Scale*

**Committee Chair:** Nagiza Samatova, Ph.D.

Wenzhao Zhang enrolled into the Computer Science Ph.D. program at NC State in Fall 2013. His dissertation focused on how to enhance data sharing performance on supercomputers at scale, by exploring memory-hierarchy and network topology of those powerful machines. His advisor was Dr. Nagiza Samatova.

During his Ph.D. studies, he had worked as an intern at Berkeley National Lab during the Summer of 2015 and 2016. He also was an intern at Renaissance Computing Institute for over six months during 2017. Given the rich academic environment of NC State and those labs, he had published several high-profile research papers.

After finishing his Ph.D. studies, he has started working as a Software Developer at LinkedIn. He began working on the Search-Infrastructure Team of the company, focusing on how to efficiently manage large scale data over data centers around the world.

**MASTER of SCIENCE**  
THESIS

**Charles Eric Wimberley**

*PeakPass: A Machine Learning Approach for ChIP-Seq Blacklisting*

Chair: Steffen Heber, Ph.D.

**MASTER of SCIENCE**  
NON-THESIS

Angelyn Arputha Babu John

Brian Clee

Zachary Cleghern

Wei Fu

Yifan Guo

Esha Sharma

Ashwin Shashidharan

Brandon Thorne

Jennifer Tsan

**MASTER of SCIENCE in**  
**COMPUTER NETWORKING**  
NON-THESIS

Joshua Mann

Mrunal Mozarkar

Rishabh Rathore

Anthony Thomas Scalabrino

# MASTER of COMPUTER SCIENCE

Pinakin Abhyankar  
Omkar Acharya  
Aayush Sushil Agarwal  
Sachin Ahuja  
Tyler Rexford Albert  
Smit Anand  
Aravind Anantha  
Aswin Anil Kumar  
Muhammad Ammar Ansari  
Abhilash Arivanan  
Aniruddha Attili  
Chinmoy Baruah  
Prerit Bhandari  
Darshak Harisinh Bhatti  
Sudipto Biswas  
Seth Butler  
Anshul Chandra  
Vaibhav Webb Chawla  
Piyush Choudhary  
Abhinav Choudhury  
Jordan Cousins  
Akeem Cox  
Adam Crowell  
Chandrashekar Dashudu  
Robert Dates  
Venkata Anudeep Varma Datla  
Pankti Rakeshkumar Desai  
Zankruti Desai  
Udit Deshmukh  
Xiangqing Ding

Nathan Faulkner  
Guilherme Ferreira  
Pranav Firake  
Harshal Gala  
Ankur Garg  
Rushikesh Ghatpande  
Anshuman Goel  
Tanmay Goel  
Samuel David Gonsalves  
Aakarsh Gopi  
Pooja Gosavi  
Sahithi Guddeti  
Manoj Sharan Gunasegaran  
Sagar Gupta  
Sushant Gupta  
Harshal Gurjar  
Divya Guttikonda  
Charles Haithcock  
Jiaxi He  
Siddharth Heggadahalli  
Andrew Hill  
Eric Horton  
Xingyao Huang  
Te I  
Karan Jadhav  
Arun Jaganathan  
Rishi Arun Jain  
Govardhan Reddy Jalla  
Abhimanyu Jataria  
Jeris Alan Jawahar

# MASTER of COMPUTER SCIENCE

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Shashank Jha	Mukundram Muraliram
Melwin Jose	Nisha Nagasimha
Bijo Joseph	Parag Nakhwa
Amit Kanwar	Rohit Nambisan
Bhavesh Kasliwal	Vignesh Nandakumar
Sarat Kavuru	Nivedita Natarajan
Gautami Khandekar	Kushal Nawalakha
Ayush Kumar	Tyler Orr
Jitin Kumar	Sai Krishna Panakanti
Sohan Kunkerkar	Vikas Pandey
Sharmin Lalani	Mitkumar Harendrakumar Pandya
Dustin Lambright	Akshit Patel
Zhiren Lu	Khelan Patel
Anubhab Majumdar	Kshitij Patil
Ruthvik Mandava	Ajay Chandra Pendyala
Vivek Mani	Sandeep Pilonia
Mehak Maniktala	Kai Presler-Marshall
Chinmay Manjunath	Abhinav Rai
Kyle Martin	Chandrasekar Rajasekar
Dakota Medd	Shyamsunder Ramakrishnan
Rutvij Mehta	Prashanth Ramesh
Michael Meli	Jaydeep Rane
Fuzail Misarwala	Gokkulasudan Rathnakumar
Kushagra Mishra	Daniel Reinheimer
Dinesh Prasanth Moluguwan Krishnamoorthy	Chinmay Rudrapatna
Michael Alvin Moran	Sourabh Saha
Anuraag Motiwale	Ashis Sahoo
Bharat Mukheja	Sachin Saligram
Shubham Munot	Mohit Sardar

# **MASTER of COMPUTER SCIENCE**

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Dhananjay Sathe  
Ankur Saxena  
Preston Dickinson Scott  
Mateenrehan Shaikh  
Nikhil Sharma  
Siddharth Sharma  
Sumer Vivek Shende  
Shrikant Shete  
Satvik Shetty  
Li Shi  
Akanksha Pramod Shukla  
Abhishek Kumar Singh  
Akanksha Singh  
Navjot Singh  
Sukhdev Singh  
Bhaskar Sinha  
Rishabh Sinha  
Animesh Sinsinwal  
Dharani Srinivasan

Sumit Srivastava  
Yuchen Sun  
Hengjin Tan  
Bhushan Thakur  
Zachery Thomas  
Sz Ting Tzeng  
Neela Niranjani Vengateshwaran  
Gautam Verma  
Ruchika Verma  
Jianxun Wang  
Zhipeng Wei  
Inderjeet Yadav  
Shriyansh Yadav  
Shama Yazdani  
Qiufeng Yu  
Chen Zhao  
Weijie Zhou  
Wenxuan Zhu

## **GRADUATE AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

**Best Paper Award at the 2017 IEEE International Conference on Big Data:** HyeongSik Kim

**Best Paper Award at the 15th International Conference on Privacy, Security and Trust (PST):** Nirav Ajmeri,  
Karthik Sheshadri

**Best Paper Award at the 38th IEEE Sarnoff Symposium:**  
Angelyn Arputha Babu John

**COE Dean's Doctoral Fellowship:** Andrew Emerson,  
Jordan Jueckstock

**COE Graduate Merit Award:** Abida Haque, Bethany Janos,  
Jordan Jueckstock, Brian Lavalley, Nathan Pool

**COE Graduate Research Award:** Sheikh Nasif Imtiaz,  
Brian Lavalley, Utsab Ray, Shaohu Zhang, Linfeng Zhou

**GEM Fellowship:** Robert Dates, Denae Ford, Zachery Thomas

**Grace Hopper Conference Attendees:** Debosmita Das,  
Sonal Patil

**Graduate Student Leadership Award:** Veronica Cateté

**High Performance Computing Cluster (HPCC) Systems Summit Community Day:** Chin-Jung Hsu, George Mathew,  
Vivek Nair

**Masters Research Award:** Eric Horton

**Mentored Teaching Assistantship (MTA) Award:** Adam  
Gaweda, Debanjana Nayak

**Microsoft Ph.D. Research Fellowship:** Denae Ford

**National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate  
(NDSEG) Fellowship:** Timothy Goodrich

**National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship:**  
Denae Ford, Sean Mealin

**NCSU Doctoral Dissertation Completion Grant:** Titus Barik

**NextProf Fall Engineering Workshop:** Denae Ford

**Outstanding Dissertation Award:** Veronica Cateté, Yufei Ding

**Outstanding Research Award:** Aurora Peddycord-Liu,  
Markus Eger

**Outstanding TA Award :** Tripti Samal, Tyler Stocksdale

**Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society:** Zifan Nan

**Provost Fellowship:** Abida Haque

**University Graduate Fellowship:** Sasha Azad, Xiaoting Fu,  
Zengqi Qiu

# BACHELOR of SCIENCE

Akhil Chandrashekar Acharya \*\*\*  
Mohammed Safi Ahmed  
Forster Francesco Amatori  
Nicholas Richard Anthony \*\* Γ  
Savannah C. Arnette \*\*\*  
Morgan J. Arrington \*\*  
Nicholas E. Ashley  
Janne Louise Francisco Ave \* @  
Keng-Hui Daniel Beall \*  
Jordan Alexander Beichler \*\*\*  
Collin Esdras Benoit  
Chirag Bhikhalal Bhesaniya \*\*  
Alan David Bishel \*\*  
Raymond Warren Black \*\*\*  
Zachary Thomas Brownlow \*\*\* Γ  
Anthony Michael Burns  
Salvatore Paul Camassa  
Daniel John Cary \*\*\*  
John-Michael M. Caskey \*\*\*  
Siu Kei Chan +  
Xiao Cheng \*  
Aaron Moran Cheshire \*\*\*  
Anne Louise Church \*  
Jacob Everett Clark  
Wesley Ray Coats @  
Corey James Colberg \*\*  
Russell Neal Creswell \*\*\* Γ  
Austin William Crismore \* Γ  
Nathaniel Ryan Crist \*\*\* +  
Connor D. Crothers \*\*

Nicole Marie Croutwater \*  
Daniel Denton  
Josue Miguel Diaz \*  
Justin Anthony Drum \*\*\*  
Jonathan Thomas Easow \*\*  
Hunter Thomas Enoch  
Andres Guillermo Escobar \*\*\*  
Samuel Joseph Fedeler \*\*\* +  
Angela Jane Felion \*\*  
Nicholas Gardocki \*\*  
Matthew C. Gibson  
Edward Jonas Phillips Gilliam  
James Chandler Gonzales \*\*\*  
Joshua Eli Good \*\* Γ  
James Deeter Henderson  
Kaveen Madushanka Herath Bandara \*\* +  
Madison Elizabeth Hess @ ~  
Aaron James Hiller  
Nicole L. Hlebak \*\*\*  
Brian Michael Hogan  
Yiing-Jye Huang \*  
Ahmad Husein  
John Alvin Hutcherson  
Jacob Benjamin Inkrote \*\*\*  
Tyler James Irons \*  
Devan Lynn Isaac \*\*  
Kenneth Gregory Jones \*\*\*  
Thomas G. Josephson \* @  
Pratik Khanal \*\*  
Sean Patrick Kilgannon

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Felix Leo Kim \*\*\*  
Caroline Audine Law @ ~  
Alexander Loren Lee \*\*  
Evan Li \*\*\*  
Jesse Austin Liddle  
Matthew Jonathan Lilly  
Sriya Madapusi Vasudevan \*\*  
Jacob David Malter \*  
Christina Ashly Mara \*  
Zachary Nash Martens \*  
Santosh C. Mathew \*\*\*  
Wyatt E. Maxey \*  
Justin Anthony Mazzola \*\*  
Nikolas McGovern \*\*\*  
Christopher Jeffrey Miller \*\*\* Γ  
Seyedsamim Mirhosseini Ghamsari \*\*\*  
Susanna Moneta \*  
Wade Patrick Moore \*\*  
Jon William Morris \*\*  
Hasham Mukhtar \*\*  
Kyle Brennan Mulleady \*\*  
Marvin Wayne Newlin \*\* +  
Brandon Thanh Nguyen \*  
Melissa Kay Novitsky \*\*\* @ ~  
Justin Santos Ordonez \* Γ  
Shruti P. Patel  
Michael Robert Patlovich  
Thomas Paul Petrovich \*\*  
Robert Norman Pettit Jr.  
Samuel James Rappl \*\*  
William Clark Rea  
Joshua Marsh Rees-Jones \*\*\*  
Mitchell Westwick Rees-Jones \*\*\*  
Eric Reinstein \*\*  
Abigail Leigh Richman \*  
Matthew Farnum Rosenbloom \*\*\*  
Shawn Hunt Shadrix  
Sarah Anne Shope \*\*\*  
Jean-Claude Shore \*\*\* +  
Andrew Joseph Shryock \*  
Matthew Christopher Simpson \*\*\* +  
Marshall Alan Skelton Jr.  
Harold Thomas Slaughter III  
Peter Andrew Soloninka \*\*  
Anthony J. Strapp  
Robert Henry Tapp  
Gene Allen Todd II Γ  
Selena Nicole Turner \*\*  
Vasil Uhnyuck \*  
Noah Gabriel Unger \*\*  
Matthew Paul Watkins \*\*  
Zhihan Wei  
Stuart Allen Wells \*\*\*  
Jack E. Wingo +  
Brent Younce \*\*  
Shenkai Yu \*\*  
Tao Yu \*  
Renata Ann Zeitler \*\*\*  
Andrew Zhang \*\*\*

## **Bachelor of Science with Honors**

- \*\*\* - Summa cum laude (with highest honor), 3.75—4.0 GPA, gold sash.
- \*\* - Magna cum laude (with high honor), 3.5 – 3.74 GPA, silver sash.
- \* - Cum laude (with honor), 3.25 – 3.499 GPA, white sash.
- Γ - Bachelor of Science in CSC with Game Development Concentration.
- + - Co-majors (students graduating with one or more degrees outside of Computer Science).
- @ - Computer Science Student Ambassador.
- ~ - Computer Science Marshal.

## **UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Computer Science Senior Award for Citizenship and Service**

Louis Le

### **Computer Science Senior Award for Scholarly Achievement**

Jacob Clarence Stone

### **Park Scholars**

A four-year scholarship covering tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies, travel, and personal expenses.

James Chandler Gonzales

## **Computer Science Honors Program**

Recipients of the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with Honors have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.5 while completing a challenging program of computer science undergraduate study, including an honors thesis with a supervising professor.

### **Akhil Chandrashekhara Acharya**

*Text Analytics for Android Security*

Honors advisor: William H. Enck, Ph.D.

### **Jordan Alexander Beichler**

*Framework for Bulk Analysis of Third Party iOS Applications*

Honors advisor: William H. Enck, Ph.D.

### **Joshua Eli Good**

*Educational Proficiency through Simulated Environments: Exploring the Effects of Virtual Reality on Player-Character Association*

Honors advisor: Tiffany Barnes, Ph.D.

### **Kaveen Madushanka Herath Bandara**

*Real Time Narrative Computing*

Honors advisor: Christopher Healey, Ph.D.

### **Jacob Benjamin Inkrote**

*FuseMuse*

Honors advisor: Matthias Stallmann, Ph.D.

### **Felix Leo Kim**

*Bio-inspired Computation with Julia*

Honors advisor: Steffen Heber, Ph.D.

### **Sriya Madapusi Vasudevan**

*VersionBot*

Honors advisor: Christopher J. Parnin, Ph.D.

### **Seyedsamim Mirhosseini Ghamsari**

*Dynamic Time Warping with Varied Data Sets in Education*

Honors advisor: Min Chi, Ph.D.

### **Thomas Paul Petrovich**

*Dynamic Time Warping with Varied Data Sets in Education*

Honors advisor: Min Chi, Ph.D.

### **Samuel James Rappi**

*FuseMuse*

Honors advisor: Matthias Stallmann, Ph.D.

**Mitchell Westwick Rees-Jones**

*Secrets of Industrial Data Mining*

Honors advisor: Timothy Menzies, Ph.D.

**Jean-Claude Shore**

*Structural Sparseness and Spectral Graph Theory*

Honors advisor: Blair D. Sullivan, Ph.D.

**Brent Younce**

*Network Attacks and Automated Network Response*

Honors advisor: Douglas Reeves, Ph.D.

**Renata Ann Zeitler**

*CSC 216 Lab Impact*

Honors advisor: Sarah Heckman, Ph.D.

**University Honors Program**

In order to be recognized as a University Honors Program graduate, students must complete a minimum of 12 credits of honors seminars, complete a six-credit "Capstone Experience", and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher.

Kaveen Madushanka Herath Bandara  
Nicole L. Hlebak  
Jacob Benjamin Inkrote  
Samuel James Rappl  
Joshua Marsh Rees-Jones  
Mitchell Westwick Rees-Jones  
Jean-Claude Shore

**Valedictorians**

(4.0 GPA)

Zachary Thomas Brownlow  
Aaron Moran Cheshire  
Samuel Joseph Fedeler  
James Chandler Gonzales  
Nicole L. Hlebak  
Jacob Benjamin Inkrote  
Jean-Claude Shore  
Matthew Christopher Simpson  
Andrew Zhang

## **Undergraduate Scholarships**

**Charles W. Kelly/Raleigh ISSA Scholarship:** Jacob Clarence Stone

**CSC 40@40 Scholarship:** Elizabeth V. Gilbert

**Donald C. and Doris J. Martin Scholarship:** Anne Louise Church

**Donald L. Bitzer Creativity Award:** Hanna Fernandez, Louis Le

**Dr. K. C. Tai Memorial Scholarship:** Julius Austin Kollar

**Duke Energy CSC Scholarship:** Dana B. Christo

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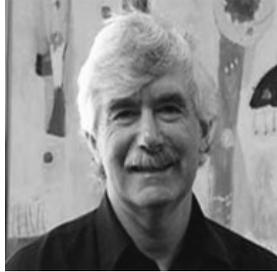
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**Dr. William Stewart**  
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Dr. Stewart received his Ph.D. from Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland in 1974. Dr. Stewart's research interests include Markov Chains: Modelling and Analysis; Performance Evaluation of Computer Systems and Communication Networks; and Scientific Computing: Numerical Linear Algebra. Dr. Stewart served as the Director of Graduate Programs for five years until 1991. He also was the Director of Operations Research at NC State from 1996 to 2000. In 1991 he received the *NCSU Advocacy Award* presented by the NCSU Association for the Concerns of African-American Graduate Students. This award is presented annually to a Dean, Department Head or Program Director for "going beyond the call of duty in promoting the presence of African-Americans on the NCSU Campus." In 1992 Dr. Stewart received the *NCSU Innovator Award* in recognition of the outstanding contribution made in the transfer of technology to the public from NC State. He was an assistant to Dr. Rouskas, Director of Graduate Programs, with responsibility for all Master of Science and Master of Computer Science students until his phased retirement. During his tenure at NC State, he has chaired and/or served on numerous committees.



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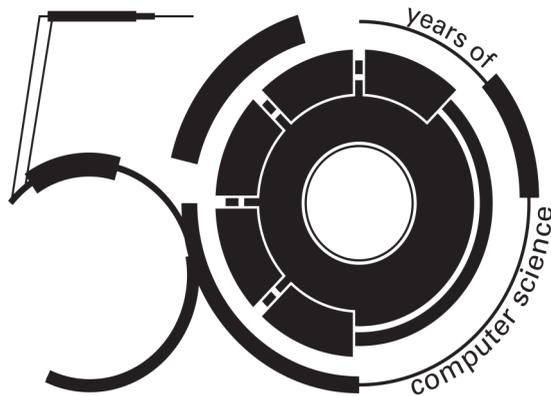
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