

CSRC Summer Newsletter



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Record Number of Scholarship Applications Received

This year, our department received the largest number of scholarship applications in the five years we have been in the College of Engineering. Last year, the department received 55 applications; this year we received 80. We appreciate the support of Lockheed Martin, HPTi, and NetApp for providing scholarship funds. If your company would like to provide scholarship funds, please get in touch with me immediately!

Commencement Reception – May 15

The CS Department will hold its spring commencement reception on May 15 to honor undergraduate and graduate students completing requirements in spring and summer of 2009.

Beginning in mid-April, we will survey our spring graduates to find out their post graduation plans.

Number of CS majors increasing

Our internal reports are showing that our numbers are once again increasing. This news was announced in a recent Collegiate Times article, which quotes both Dr. Ryder and Dr. Ribbens. To read the article, please see: <http://collegiatetimes.com/stories/13323>

VTURCS events

The Annual Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium will be held on Thursday, April 30th. Dr. Scott McCrickard is expecting between 14 and 16 participants. Projects will be judged by faculty and CSRC representatives. If you are interested in participating, please get in touch with Scott at vturcs@cs.vt.edu.



New web assistant

We have hired a new web assistant who will be working with me. Lee Hunter will be working on the undergraduate and CSRC pages of the CS homepage. One of his first projects is to increase the CSRC presence on the webpage.

Additional Sponsorship Opportunities

The online version of the Designated Sponsorship List (DSL) will be updated in the near future. It will include several new items, including specific items for graduate student support.

Pressing needs for the upcoming year include:

- Scholarship funding
- Travel funding for Grace Hopper conference
- Student group meeting expenses

Sponsors of the DSL

The Designated Sponsorship List (DSL) was introduced this spring. Since its introduction, we have had several companies step forward to offer to underwrite items on the DSL.

Thanks go to:

Lockheed Martin – scholarship funding, student travel assistance
HPTi – scholarship funding
NetApp – scholarship funding

Get in touch with me if you want to see your name listed here in our fall newsletter.



We would like to welcome Qualcomm to the CSRC. They have enrolled for the Fall 2009 semester.



Renewing July 1?

All July 1 renewals will be e-mailed by the end of June. Your company can always renew earlier. Your renewal could mean more scholarship money for our students for 2009/10.