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CLASS OF 2026



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Dear Graduates,

It is with great pride and excitement that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the outstanding Class of 2026 in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Earning a degree in engineering is a remarkable accomplishment. You conquered challenging coursework, long nights in labs, ambitious design projects, and navigated discoveries that expanded your skills and strengthened your character. Through every challenge, you demonstrated resilience, determination and a commitment to excellence.



Michael Wu, Thomas R. Brown Leadership Chair and Department Head

You are graduating at a transformative moment in technology. Artificial intelligence is reshaping industries, software continues to redefine how we live and work, and advances in computing, semiconductors, communications, and intelligent systems are creating new possibilities every day. The world needs engineers who can innovate responsibly and lead with technical expertise and creativity.

This year also marks an exciting chapter for the department. Alongside our long-standing excellence in electrical and computer engineering, we continue to expand our reach in computer science and engineering, and software engineering. Together, these programs create a unique ecosystem that spans the full technology stack – from hardware and systems to algorithms, AI and software.

As you begin your next chapter – whether in industry, academia, entrepreneurship, or public service, I encourage you to remain curious, courageous, and collaborative. Continue learning, embrace opportunities, and use your talents to make a meaningful difference in the world.

Please stay connected with your alma mater. We look forward to hearing about your accomplishments and welcoming you back as alumni, mentors and proud Wildcats.

To your families, friends, and supporters: thank you for helping make this achievement possible.

Congratulations again, Class of 2026. We cannot wait to see what you accomplish next.

Bear Down!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Wu'.

Michael Wu, PhD, FIEEE
Thomas R. Brown Leadership Chair and Department Head
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Outstanding ECE Students

Each semester, the College of Engineering honors outstanding students who are nominated by their professors and department heads.

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant



Alex Romero-Lozano

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Outstanding Graduate Student



Sujan Ghimire

Software Engineering

Outstanding Undergraduate Student



Briana Curley

Electrical and Computer Engineering



Megan Zupancic

Software Engineering

Awards for Excellent Performance at the Student Interface

The annual Student Interface Awards for Excellence honor ECE faculty, staff and teaching assistants who support our students by making them feel they are essential and valued members of the university community.

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant



Md Muhtasim Alam Chowdhury

PhD Student

Outstanding Staff



Tami Whelan

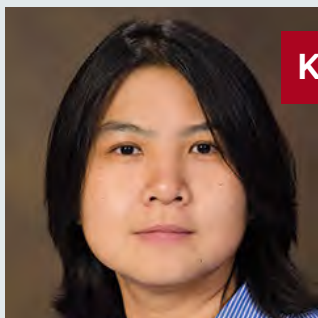
Graduate Academic Advisor

Outstanding Faculty



Tosiron Adegbija

*Director of Graduate Studies
Thomas R. Brown Endowed Fellow
Associate Professor*



Kay Thamvichai

Professor of Practice

ECE & SFWE Ambassadors

UA Engineering Ambassadors (EAs) are among the best the College of Engineering has to offer, sharing information about the College and their passion for engineering from a student's perspective. They are selected based on outstanding academic performance, research and internship involvement, leadership experience, and enthusiasm for engineering and education.



Annie Thiel

Software Engineering

"Grateful for the support, friendships, and mentorship that shaped my time here, and proud of everything our graduating class has accomplished. The future is bright for all of us!"

What's next? Northrop Grumman in Chandler, AZ



Megan Zupancic

Software Engineering

"Shout out to my family, friends, and Jesus Christ for getting me to where I am today!"

What's next? RTX in Tucson, AZ



Omar Perez

Electrical and Computer Engineering

Bear down!







Electrical and Computer Engineering

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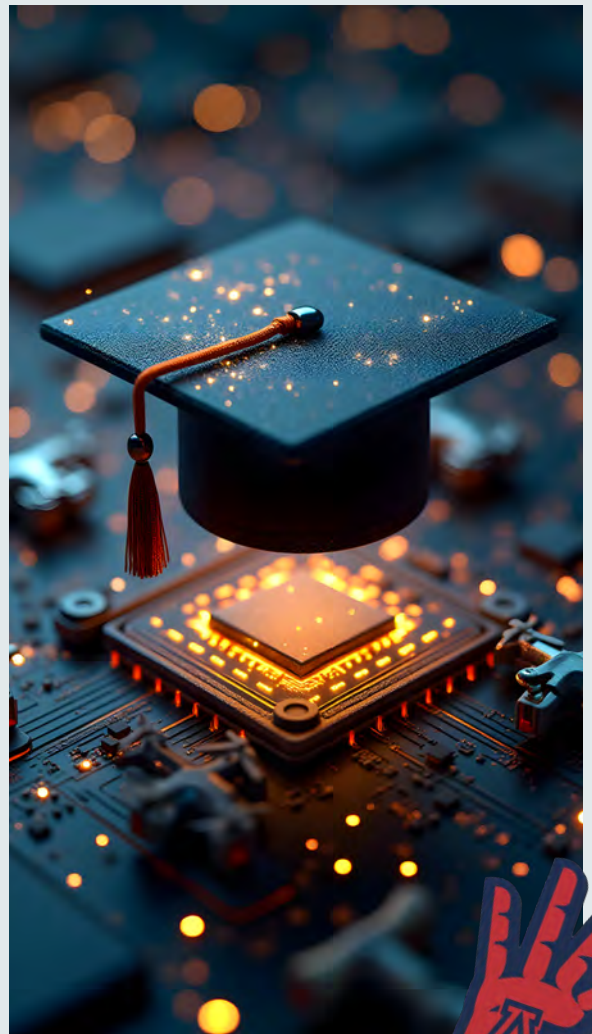
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The University of Arizona
Wildcat Family
In Tribute to Peter and Pat Likins
October 29, 2004

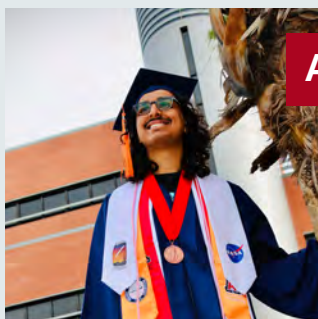
Bachelor of Science



Avyesh Bhatnagar

"Nothing worth having comes easy. Peeda mai aanand jise ho aaye meri madhushala!"

What's next? Become an MD and design a fully automated machine that can independently function as a surgeon and a doctor.



Ahmad Qureshi

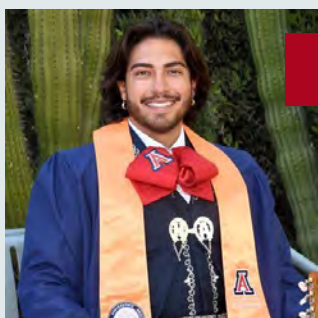
"Don't skip sleep, kids."

What's next? Microsoft in Seattle, Washington



Calvin Holmes

"Made more friends than tesla coils. This was a mistake."



Daniel Dong

Bear down!

What's next? Alicat in Marana, AZ

Bachelor of Science



Derrick Lyons

"First and foremost, I want to thank God. Through every challenge, setback, and late night, He has been faithful in ways I could never fully describe. Any success I've experienced here is by His grace, not my own strength. I'm grateful for the ways He has shaped my character, surrounded me with people who encouraged me, and guided me to this moment. Soli Deo Gloria."

What's next? Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington



Giuseppe Pongelupe Giacoia

"It was hard, but I did it."

What's next? Caterpillar in Tucson, AZ



Jerald Matthew Ocaya

"God will steer, but you must row."

What's next? Internship at Rain Bird in Tucson, AZ & pursuing MS at University of Arizona



Keannu Gison

"Medicine, law, business, engineering, these are all noble pursuits, and necessary to sustain life. But poetry, beauty, romance, love, these are what we stay alive for." – John Charles Keating

What's next? Palo Verde Generating Station in Tonopah, AZ

Bachelor of Science



Megan Zupancic

"Couldn't have done this without Jesus, my family, friends, and all other supporters in my life. I am beyond grateful for you all!"

What's next? RTX in Tucson, AZ



Wyatt Dougherty

Bear down!

What's next? MS at University of Arizona



Master of Science



Christopher Lazarte

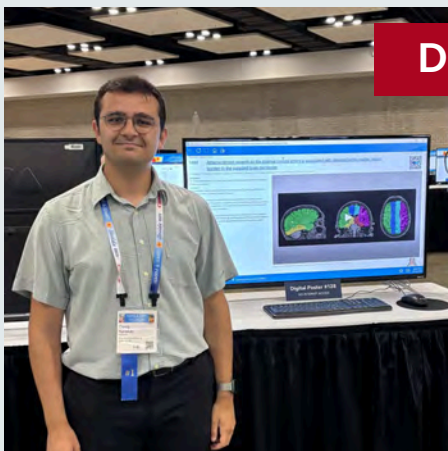
Bear down!



Debstuti Biswas

"Coming from a middle-class family in India, pursuing my Master's in the U.S. has been a defining milestone. This journey reflects years of persistence and belief in education as a pathway to growth."

What's next? A Ph.D. and a career in academia, contributing to research and inspiring future engineers.



Deniz Karakay

"Science is the most real guide for civilization, for life, for success in the world. To search for a guide other than science is absurdity, ignorance and heresy." – Mustafa Kemal Ataturk

What's next? PhD at University of Arizona

Master of Science



Harold Notah

Bear down!

What's next? PhD at University of Arizona



Jorge Del Rio

"Scientists investigate that which already is; engineers create which has never been"
– Albert Einstein

What's next? Texas Instruments in Tucson, AZ



Md Arfan Uddin

"We are not here merely to make a living. We are here to enrich the world, and we impoverish ourselves if we forget this errand."
— Woodrow Wilson

Master of Science



Mohneesh Daksh

"I showed up. I struggled. I stayed. And I didn't do any of it alone. My parents, the University of Arizona, my advisor, my professors, and my friends carried me further than they'll ever know. To everyone who poured into me, this moment belongs to you too. This is our story!"

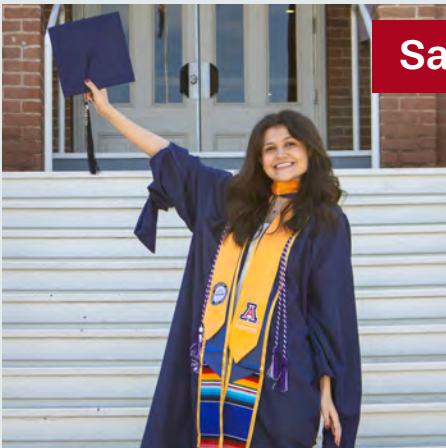
"Stay hungry, stay foolish." — Steve Jobs

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." — Eleanor Roosevelt



Olumuyiwa Atoki

"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." — T.S. Eliot

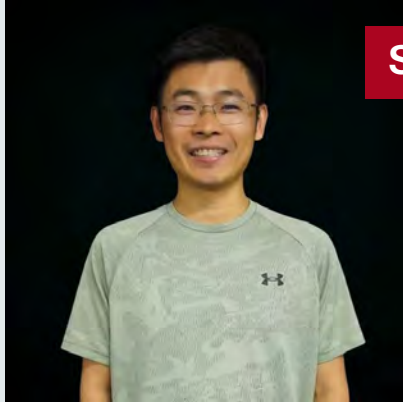


Samantha Perry

"It always seems impossible until it's done" — Nelson Mandela

What's next? IBM in Tucson, AZ

Doctor of Philosophy



Shuting Hu

"Dream big. Start small. Keep going."

Dissertation: mmWave Radar for Human Sensing and Fall Risk Assessment in Healthcare, Dr. Siyang Cao



Meiyu Zhong

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

Dissertation: New Algorithms and Fundamental Limits for Fair, Robust and Efficient Machine Learning, Dr. Ravi Tandon

What's next? Google in Sunnyvale, CA





*My senior capstone project, where we designed an autonomous flying drone.
– Jorge Del Rio, MS*



ECE gave me the tools, my advisor shaped my path, and my family gave me the strength. – Shuting Hu, PhD



Standing in front of my Autonomous Garbage Can (Capstone project).
– Daniel Dong, BS



One of Calvin's Tesla coils in IEEE – Calvin Holmes, BS

Congratulations, Class of 2026!



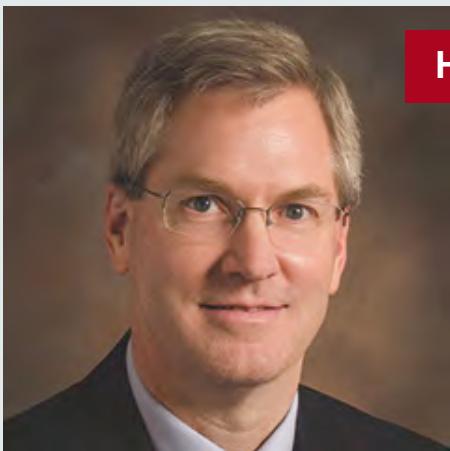
Dale Hetherington

Congratulations on your outstanding achievement! Wishing you the best in your future endeavors!



Diana Saldaña Jimenez

My best wishes to the ECE class of 2026! Your perseverance and hard work have paid off. I wish you the best in your future endeavors. Congratulations, Engineers!



Hal Tharp

Congratulations Class of 2026! Continue working hard to enhance the future.

Congratulations, Class of 2026!



Narayanan Rengaswamy

Congratulations on your remarkable achievements at the U of A! Continue the good work at your future institutions and wish you all the best for your endeavors!



Jerzy W. Rozenblit

Congrats on all your wonderful accomplishments and warm wishes for the best future!



Danella Zhao

Congratulations—be proud of your journey, and wish you continued success and exciting opportunities ahead!

Congratulations, Class of 2026!



Rozanne Canizales

Congratulations Class of 2026! Your success in UA ECE is inspiring. Wishing you all the best—Bear Down!



Jorge Camarillo

Congratulations on your huge accomplishment ECE and SFWE graduates. Continue to pursue excellence!



Alexis Vasquez

Congrats class of 2026! You guys did it. Go out there, enjoy life and make a difference. Wishing you all the best!!

Mai Abdel-Malek

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Director of Graduate Studies
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