IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Class of 2020

Graduation & Recognition Program
Fall Graduates
November 28, 2020
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Dear ECpE Graduates,

We know that commencement is one of the most important and special events in our journey toward a professional career, celebrating graduation after years of hard work. Iowa State University always takes pride in holding this event every semester with great pomp and show. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 crisis, we cannot be together in person to celebrate your graduation. But we cannot let this dampen our spirits!

We are engineers! We are the creators and the magic makers! It is us who invented the computer and the Internet, and we know how to use them well! So although we were not able to join together and celebrate this fall, we still know the importance of marking this honor in celebration of our graduates.

It will not be an exaggeration if I tell you that over the past few months, we have missed you a lot! Coover Hall and the TLA are yearning to see all our students back. We hope that you will come back and visit us in the future, once we can all safely gather together on campus.

Today we celebrate success – particularly, your success at Iowa State University as ECpE graduates. We, as faculty, have educated you to the best of our ability. We are proud of your accomplishments and happy for you, as you will be leaving Iowa State and going out into a different real world.

During your time at ISU, you worked hard, made sacrifices for your education, and studied long hours. You have been tested, and you have prevailed. Your education was a rigorous process and a hard road. We are confident that you are well qualified as engineers, ready to enter the professional world.

We also know that you didn't achieve this alone. I would like to recognize all of the parents and family members who have helped our students in their endeavors. Let me also recognize the faculty and staff of ECpE. Without their dedication and passion, I can hardly imagine such a successful department. They are your ECpE family away from home.

On that note, let me turn to you, my dear students. You are now graduates of Iowa State University – a great university with traditions going back to the 1860s. The official mission of Iowa State is to create, share, and apply knowledge, to make Iowa and the world a better place. Our university’s vision is to lead the world in advancing the land-grant ideals of putting science, technology, and human creativity to work.

Graduating from ISU, especially with a degree in ECpE, is a great achievement. Our curricula emphasize learning by doing; motivate our students to engage in leadership experiences; offer real-world opportunities; and engage students in cutting-edge research.
Because you are a graduate of Iowa State’s ECpE department, you have the ability to further ISU’s mission and vision of applying your knowledge and creativity to improve our world. You are joining a very proud family of ECpE alumni who have made, and are continuously making, profound technical contributions to transform this society and world into a better place.

The phrase “Electrical and Computer Engineering” hardly captures the depth and breadth of the field in which you have honed your talent. Our motto is, “The future is what we do.” And I mean it in every sense of the words in this phrase. In today’s technically savvy world, the future is being defined by engineers. Our field, and therefore you, the graduates of ECpE, will continue to impact diverse areas of human society.

The electrical and computer engineering discipline is about power and energy and light and systems that can turn science fiction into living, breathing science – leading us to realize a smarter and safer world. Demand for ECpE graduates is ever growing, and Iowa State ECpE graduates are among the best.

We know this is not the ending you imagined to your Iowa State adventure, but the fall 2020 graduating class will forever share a special place in history. This pandemic has challenged you in unprecedented ways, but we are so proud of you, our Cyclone Engineers, for persevering and for being Cyclone Strong!

As you go out into the world, be reflective, dedicated, and true to yourselves and the ideals of Iowa State University. Come back to see us, and continue the tradition of more than 100 years of ECpE at ISU. Stay safe and be well, and we hope to see you back on campus soon.

Sincerely,

Ashfaq Khokhar
Professor and Palmer Department Chair
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Iowa State University
Bachelor’s degrees conferred in Computer Engineering

Ahmed Ali Sulaiman Alketbi
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Cum Laude

Ali Abdulmain Almadani
Damascus, Syria
Cum Laude

Vatsal Ajitkumar Bhatt
Wheatland, IA
Magna Cum Laude

Mitchell Stafford Bratina
Leaf River, IL
Cum Laude

Durga Darba
Lakeville, MN

Zachary Lee Demaris
Robins, IA
Magna Cum Laude
Outstanding Senior in Computer Engineering

Lance Aaron Demers
Bondurant, IA

Ismael Duran
Des Moines, IA

Abdul Rahman Issam El Moughrabi
Ahmadi, Kuwait

Jordan Robert Fox
Gaylordsville, CT
Cum Laude

Morgan Michael Funk
Cedar Rapids, IA

Jeremy Joseph Galang
Round Lake Heights, IL

Austin C. Garcia
Johnston, IA

Anastasia Chloe Golter
Savage, MN

Sean R. Gordon
Algonquin, IL

Hyegeun Gug
Seoul, South Korea

Skand Gupta
New Delhi, India

Xuwen Jiang
Nanjing Jiangsu, China

Malcolm Andrew Johnson
Swisher, IA

Seth C. Jones
Ames, IA
Magna Cum Laude

Bryan S. Kalkhoff
North Liberty, IA
Cum Laude

Collin Robert Kauth-Fisher
Omaha, NE

Benjamin Joseph Kenkel
Carroll, IA
Cum Laude

Emily Lian Kinne
Saint Paul, MN
Magna Cum Laude

Andrew Lawrence Koenen
Normal, IL
Summa Cum Laude

Vignesh Krishnan
Bettendorf, IA
Cum Laude

Tyler J. Krueger
Carson, IA
Cum Laude

Joseph William Kueny
Alta, IA
Cum Laude

Aaron D. Lawrence
Robbinsdale, MN

Shuang Li
Changchun, China
Summa Cum Laude

Feng Lin
Beijing, China

William Joseph Maston
Wheaton, IL

Brittany Meg McPeek
Cedar Rapids, IA
Summa Cum Laude

Jonathan Russell Morris
Des Moines, IA

Ahmad Mahdi H. Nazar
Rumaithiyah, Kuwait

Ryan Scott Newell
Plainfield, IL

Nathan Ross Oran
Elkhorn, NE

Richa P. Patel
Bettendorf, IA

Michael Jerald Petersen
Saint Charles, IL

Jacob S. Ramsey-Smith
North Liberty, IA

Clark A. Reimers
Des Moines, IA

Shubham Sharma
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Samuel Harris Sklar
Chicago, IL

Samuel Christopher Stanek
Sioux City, IA

Nicholas Joe Stasi
Oelwein, IA
Summa Cum Laude

Isaac David Tegeler
Des Moines, IA
Cum Laude
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Brooklyn Park, MN

Jensen Curtis Mayes
Lathrop, MO
Summa Cum Laude

Christopher M. McGrory
Ballwin, MO

Daniel Ricardo Mendez
Chicago, IL

Pierce Christian Nablo
Eden Prairie, MN
Cum Laude

Ousmane Lioyd Ntutume
Gabon

Collins Ntwali
West Branch, IA

Griffin Tyler Orr
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Christopher T. Pedersen
Malta, IL

Craig Robert Philipp
Oswego, IL

Isaac Lee Rex
Eagle Rock, MO
Summa Cum Laude

Jared Michael Rickard
Cedar Falls, IA
Summa Cum Laude

Samah T. Shabbo
Khartoum, Sudan

Eric Christopher Stablein
Naperville, IL

Christian David Tanberg
Cedar Rapids, IA

Paden Hunter Uphold
Sigourney, IA

Rohan Leslie Alexander Willis
Brooklyn, NY

Ryan Matthew Willman
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Lun Zhang
Baoding, China