Outstanding Senior Award

In recognition of the most outstanding graduating senior as defined by the statement, “the graduate who, in five years, we would be most proud to call our graduate.” The student is expected to have high character, outstanding achievement in academics and activities and the promise of continuing these exemplary qualities as an alumnus.

Luis Granadillo, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is the Fall 2020 recipient of the MSE Outstanding Senior Award.

Luis graduates this semester with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Materials Engineering with specializations in Metals and Polymers and minors in Computer Science and Economics. Luis is being honored for outstanding academic achievement in the classroom, as he is graduating with the distinction of Summa Cum Laude. In addition to Luis’s scholastic achievement, his consummate work outside of the classroom speaks to his high character.

Luis has furthered his Materials Engineering experience with many extracurricular experiences that included a Microelectronics Packaging and Advanced Interconnect Co-op at Collins Aerospace; an international laboratory internship at CSP TUBO360 LTDA in Columbia; as well as research work in two on-campus materials labs. His research work in the Advanced Materials Lab on campus, run by Dr. Reza Montazami, resulted in a peer-reviewed publication entitled “Engineering Ionic Conductivity of Ionomeric Membranes: Influence of Van Der Waals Volume of Counterions and Temperature.” In addition, he worked in the Soft Materials and Structures Lab with Dr. Michael Bartlett on campus. As a member of the Honors program, Luis’s Honors Project focused on the soft circuitry research performed in Dr. Bartlett’s lab and was presented at the Honors Poster Symposium this semester.

In addition to Luis’s many experiences that have been specific to enhancing his Materials Engineering education, he has additionally enriched himself through experiences that have impacted our campus community as well as the broader Ames community. He studied abroad in Madrid at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid during the Spring 2018 semester. He has also worked as a Supplemental Instructor through the Academic Success Center, where he facilitated tri-weekly student sessions and collaborated with professors to improve the effectiveness of sessions. In addition, he was a first-year mentor for George Washington Carver scholars, volunteered as a judge at FIRST Lego League and volunteered at a local thrift store.

Luis’s resume is outstanding, but these achievements underscore his exceptional character. Luis consistently carries himself with professionalism and is highly respected in the department. In addition to receiving our MSE Outstanding Senior Award, Luis recently received the prestigious honor of being named the Fall 2020 College of Engineering Student Marshal. Beyond graduation, Luis is looking to obtain an industry position in the Materials Engineering field, and we are confident he will continue to represent us well in the next chapter of his life.
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