COMPUTER SCIENCE FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS
Ninghui Li
Professor

Ninghui is being honored for his great leadership in activities critical for the department, including the challenging task of teaching assignments in an environment of large enrollment at all levels, the cybersecurity professional masters degree development, and faculty hiring.
Hubert “Buster” Dunsmore
Associate Professor

Buster is being recognized for his work in fostering diversity for undergraduates. He also played a major role in the nomination for Sasha Kipnis for the Flora Roberts Award of 2021, which Sasha received.
GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORING AWARD

Walid Aref
Professor

Walid is being recognized for the strong PhD students he has graduated in the area of GIS, spatial DBMS, and streaming data. Those students went on to take positions at academic institutions and top industrial research labs.
Emily is being honored for her work with a large number of faculty in CS to enhance the visibility of the department on the web and social media. Her work has demonstrably increased visibility for the department, the faculty, and student achievements.
PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Lacey Siefers  
Sr. Graduate Program Coordinator

Lacey is being honored for being reliably organized, and consistently positive and professional with faculty and the many prospective and current graduate students she interacts with. She demonstrably cares about helping the students be successful professionally and personally. Lacey continually seeks to build her skills and abilities, and to improve and streamline processes and communications.
Mignon is being recognized for her rapid adjustment to working virtually during the COVID pandemic not long after beginning her position in CS. She proceeded to learn how to do everything via Zoom, and was able to maintain her level of customer service in an entirely new environment. She also began taking shifts on the Protect Purdue Hotline team, contributing her customer service skills to the larger university community, assisting students, parents, faculty and staff with COVID questions.
Enoch Adu
Instructional Specialist

Enoch is being recognized, along with Justin Gillingham, for his excellence during the pandemic. Both individuals have gone above and beyond to support faculty and students, as well as other staff members across the university. They have been able to maintain a high degree of instructional quality during these extraordinary times.
Justin is being recognized, along with Enoch Adu, for his excellence during the pandemic. Both individuals have gone above and beyond to support faculty and students, as well as other staff members across the university. They have been able to maintain a high degree of instructional quality during these extraordinary times.
LEADERSHIP AWARD

Ron Castongia
Computing Facilities Manager

Ron is being honored for his exceptional work during the pandemic when every aspect of his position was burdened with urgency, change, shortage of help, shortage of supply – all in the midst of increased demand for instructional support help, building and departmental needs, and support for new faculty hires. Every aspect of his work this past year and a half had enormous challenge, and Ron found ways to work through it and maintain a positive attitude in himself and among his team.
R. David Leonard  
Associate Operations Clerk

David is being honored for his relentless hard work and positive, friendly attitude working with faculty, staff, students, and everyone that he meets. He reorganized the operations of the CS mailroom to respond to pandemic needs. He has also made improvements to the Gradescope scanning service that our faculty rely on for automated grading. He is always quick to volunteer for work.
CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

Randy Bond
Assistant Department Head

Randy is being recognized for his outstanding contribution to the handling of the department’s continual space challenges. He did an outstanding job managing the complexities and varied objectives in allocating limited research space in light of a rapid increase in the number of CS graduate students and faculty ahead of the availability of a new building.
CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to all of our honorees for your persistent efforts to create a culture of respect, inclusion, innovation and growth.

We appreciate you!