2023 COLLEGE AWARDS CEREMONY

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

University of Idaho
College of Engineering
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
5 - 7:00 p.m.
Vandal Ballroom, Bruce M. Pitman Center

Welcome
Order of the Engineer Induction Ceremony
Recognition of Award Recipients
Closing Remarks
Students, faculty, staff, parents and friends of the College of Engineering, we welcome you to the 2023 College of Engineering Awards ceremony. Our college awards ceremony is a time when we recognize our faculty, staff, graduate students and outstanding graduating seniors who serve as role models and help shape our college by setting a high standard of achievement. In addition, this year’s ceremony includes award winners from our 30th annual Engineering Design EXPO. Today we recognize their hard work and dedication to engineering. Our faculty and staff award winners have been chosen by an executive committee of their peers. Our graduate and undergraduate award winners are chosen by faculty and departmental leadership as outstanding representatives of their major field of study. Our EXPO award winners are chosen by judges from industry and academia as well as from all those who attend EXPO.

On behalf of the College of Engineering, welcome to this year’s ceremony. I encourage all in attendance to congratulate our awards recipients, learn more about them in this program and be inspired by their accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Suzie Long, PhD, PE, CPEM, F.ASEM, F.IISE
Dean, College of Engineering
2023

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BEST OF SHOW

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**Prandtl-D Flying Wing Demonstration**
Taylor Herndon - Mechanical Engineering  
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Zach Heimbigner - Computer Science

**Impulse Measurement Device: Measuring Forces Created by Rimfire Ammunition**
Shane Elmose - Mechanical Engineering  
Patrick Chmelik - Mechanical Engineering  
Kyle Christopher - Mechanical Engineering

BEST TECHNICAL PRESENTATION

**Automated Visio Construction**
Sophia Sivula - Computer Science  
Ross Prestwich - Computer Science  
Creed Thie - Computer Engineering  
Morgan Brockman - Computer Science

**AI/ML based Natural Language Interfaces to Databases**
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**Evaluation of Biofilm Resistant Coatings for Spacecraft Water Systems**
Abraham Brown - Mechanical Engineering  
Devan Naes - Chemical Engineering  
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Pressure Swing Adsorption: Separation of Nitrogen and Oxygen from Air
Jourdan Allen - Chemical Engineering
Jacob Snow - Chemical Engineering

BEST BOOTH PRESENTATION

3D Printed Flexible Spine Model for Drug Delivery to the Brain
Sydney Inman - Biological Engineering
Bruno Casino Remondo - Biological Engineering
Anne Carper - Biological Engineering

Nezperce Sewer Reuse System
Sarah Cordier - Civil Engineering
Kenneth Madsen - Civil Engineering
Nathyn Maller - Civil Engineering
Luke Rutherford - Civil Engineering

Pyrolysis Oil Purification Design: Closing the Plastic Economy
Joshua Anderson - Chemical Engineering
Jonathan Bosse - Chemical Engineering
Nick Rowe - Chemical Engineering

Mars Javelin
Shujea Aldousari - Electrical Engineering
Owen Blair - Electrical Engineering
Jonathan Kopf - Computer Science
Michael Myers - Mechanical Engineering
Kyle Rast - Mechanical Engineering
Steven Rougeux - Biological Engineering
Tao Wang - Computer Science

People’s Choice
USACE Fish Ladder Temperature Control Design
Madelynn Gregoire - Civil Engineering
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OUTSTANDING PH.D. STUDENT

BRANDON HILLIARD

Brandon is a native Idahoan, graduating from Borah High School in 2014, earning my BSME from U of I in 2018, and entering grad school immediately after, focusing on experimental fluid mechanics at the Center for Ecohydraulics Research in Boise with Dr. Ralph Budwig and Dr. Daniele Tonina. He hopes to make a positive impact on the world during his post-graduate career, whether it be developing renewable energy resources or improving medical treatments for diseases. In my free time, I enjoy playing video games, reading, automobile racing, and writing music with my electric guitar and keyboard.

OUTSTANDING MASTER’S STUDENT

JACKSON STUMP

Jackson is pursuing a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering. As an undergraduate at U of I, he began working in the Assistive Robotics Lab, helping with the design and development of a bi-lateral upper limb exoskeleton for research and assessment of stroke survivors. This undergraduate research continued into his master’s program, where he has been working to integrate and test several new parts in the exoskeleton system.

Along with the research he has conducted, Jackson has also provided support and expertise to several classes as a teaching assistant and mentor. As he approaches the end of his program, he hopes to create a positive impact while continuing to build and spread knowledge in the work he does.
BHANOJI RAO-MYNAM OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

**STEPHEN NEWBERRY**

Stephen is an ECE student attending the University of Idaho through the Engineering Outreach program. After an enlistment and subsequent undergraduate engineering degree, he has been working in electronics design for the past eight years. He decided to pursue a Master of Science to improve his academic foundation. He also works full-time at a startup in the semiconductor industry.

In his free time, Stephen prefers to be home with his wife, helping to raise their five children.

Stephen’s experience as a student has been wonderful thus far, and he extends thanks, especially to his advisor, Dr. Ata Zadehgol. He has already been able to use the knowledge he has learned to solve challenging problems at work. He plans to continue to work at his current position for the foreseeable future, where he expects to bring valuable new skills as he finishes his academic journey.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT IN IDAHO FALLS AWARD

**SHOUKUN SUN**

Shoukun Sun received B.S. degree in Applied Physics from Chengdu University of Technology, in 2018. He is currently pursuing the Ph.D. degree in the department of Computer Science at the University of Idaho. His research interests are in the deep learning, digital image processing and medical image processing.
OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

LINDSEY STACHOFSKY

Lindsey Stachofsky will be graduating with a degree in Biological Engineering with a minor in Mathematics. During her undergraduate experience, she has been an Ambassador for the College of Engineering, involved with the Society of Women in Engineering, competed with the University of Idaho Climbing Club, and has done research using plasma activated water in Dr. Sarah Wu’s lab. She is also a member of the Pre-Engineering Pathway Technical Advisory Committee, where she works with industry and leaders in the community to provide career technical education opportunities for students on the engineering pathway at the Lewiston High School. After graduation, she will begin work as a Process Engineer for Archer Daniels Midland Company at their wastewater plant.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

AARON LAW

Aaron grew up in Spokane, WA, enjoying the outdoors and as a competitive swimmer. Many of his family studied engineering at the University of Idaho, and he’s been long aware of the university’s strong engineering program.

He first studied molecular biology and biotechnology in the life science department and performed research on antibiotic resistance in the laboratory of Dr. Eva Top, afterwards briefly working in pharmaceuticals manufacturing. There, he decided to return to U of I to study chemical engineering in lieu of a master’s program in biology elsewhere. He has appreciated the support he’s received from faculty and looks forward to applying skills gained in his upcoming career.

Additionally, his experience tutoring and providing support to other students on campus has been very rewarding. He hopes to continue to learn throughout his career and hopefully find other ways to give back to his community and future students.
OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

NOAH THROM

Noah Throm grew up in Coeur d'Alene, ID where he graduated high school and where his family still lives. Prior to transferring to U of I in the fall of 2021, Noah attended West Point and then North Idaho College where he earned his associate degree in general studies. After exploring several other engineering disciplines, Noah chose to major in Civil Engineering because of the profession’s great diversity of applications and its opportunity to directly improve both communities at large and the lives of individuals. After graduation, Noah and his wife Leah are moving back to Coeur d'Alene where Noah will work with J-U-B Engineers in the Water Resources Group. Noah is excited about joining the profession of Civil Engineering and is excited for the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills to practice it well. In the future, Noah and Leah hope to live internationally for the opportunity to experience and learn from a diversity of cultures and to contribute to society through their respective careers.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING

ETHAN HINKLE

Ethan Hinkle, originally from Boise, ID, is a senior in Computer Engineering at the University of Idaho. He enjoys skiing, swimming, hiking, and playing video games with friends. Ethan has lived in Idaho most of his life and spent one year living in Singapore with his family. He loves to travel and has been fortunate to visit 10 different countries.

Ethan is a part of the ECE Ambassadors and is a teaching assistant for several ECE labs, where he works to expand his knowledge and help students learn and explore ECE topics. Attending university during the pandemic had its challenges, but staying active in student organizations and attending events and workshops through the University of Idaho enabled Ethan to fully engage in his education and the community. After graduating with a BS in Computer Engineering, he looks forward to returning to Boise to work as an engineer at Micron Technology.
OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

ROBERT WALKO

Bob graduated from Spokane Falls Community College with an Associate’s of Physical Sciences in Spring of 2020, before being accepted to the University of Idaho during the fall of that year. He was accepted to the University of Idaho Scholarship for Service program the following year. He has been accepted to Graduate School at the University of Idaho and plans on pursuing a Master’s in Cybersecurity next fall.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

SCOTT WOODY

Scott Woody is from Mountain View, WY, and has enjoyed the Rockies’ open skies and mountainous areas. His favorite hobbies and interests are running, reading, karate, and learning religion or philosophy. His time as a student began with a rocky start ten years ago. After three years of college, he dropped out and joined the Navy due to bad grades. Scott began his second attempt three years ago and has excelled at schoolwork for the duration of his time at the University of Idaho. Developing skills and talents outside of college greatly contributed to his success in college. He will commission as a Naval submarine officer after graduating this Spring.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

PRESTON ABBOTT

Preston Abbott is a lifelong resident of Idaho Falls. He graduated Idaho Falls high school in 1990 and went on to attend Boise State University in the fall of the same year. After a semester at BSU, he went on to attend the Eastern Idaho Technical College in the fall of 1991 where he earned a certificate in Quality Control and Nondestructive Testing. Upon graduating from EITC in 1992 he went to work at the INL where he has worked for various contractors with a career focus in Nuclear Waste Management for the last 31 years.

In 2011 Preston met his coach and cheerleader, advisor Debra Caudle. Over the next 11 years, Preston attended night classes at the U of I, CEI, CSI and ISU. With the unwavering support of his wife and young children and never-ending encouragement from Deb, he achieved what he never thought possible by earning his bachelor’s degree in Industrial Technology. He would like to express his sincere gratitude for the help and support of the wonderful faculty and staff he has worked with over the years.
OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

KEITH HUGHES

Keith was born and raised in Southeast Idaho and grew up spending much of his youth outside with family and friends. He has many fond memories of his time accompanying his dad on hunting, fishing, and biking trips as a young man. He graduated high school in 1997 and met his incredible wife while they briefly worked together in 1999. They have been married 23 years, have three children together, and share a home with their pit bull rescue and a recently adopted cat. Keith works for the Idaho National Laboratory as a member of Bus Operations and has enjoyed his time serving this organization for more than 15 years. He picked school back up in 2013, enrolling in Idaho State University’s Health Physics program before transferring into University of Idaho’s Industrial Technology program in 2016. He looks forward to transitioning to a new phase of his career after graduating.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD IN MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

KADE FORBES

Kade grew up in Minden, NV, a small town just east of Lake Tahoe. He has worked construction every summer since his junior year of high school in order to put himself through college. His interests outside of school include running, backpacking, climbing, and mountain biking. His plan immediately after graduation is to work on a salmon tendering boat in Southeast Alaska for the summer. After this, he would like to do some traveling before settling down and finding an engineering job.
OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD IN MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

GABRIEL NELSON

Gabe is a Materials Science and Engineering student from Pierce, Idaho. During his time at U of I, Gabe was an ambassador for the College of Engineering, an academic tutor for the university, and did research in Dr. Mark Roll’s lab.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

KYLE CHRISTOPHER

Kyle Christopher grew up in the Midwest prior to moving to the great state of Idaho pursuing a career in natural resources. After nearly a decade in that field, with the support of his amazing wife, he decided to pivot careers to pursue his passion tinkering with precision outdoor equipment, joining the ranks of the University of Idaho’s Mechanical Engineering students.

While at the University of Idaho, Kyle has learned from accomplished professors and his Mechanical Engineering degree has changed the way he looks at the world, opening the curtain and providing an understanding of mechanical systems that previously seemed unapproachable. Kyle was able to share some of this knowledge by mentoring several classes, as well as acting as the President for the American Society of Mechanical Engineering club. Kyle also became a Certified SolidWorks Expert and passed the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam, both amazing opportunities provided by the University of Idaho.

Kyle was fortunate enough to be able to intern at Clearwater Paper and Nightforce Optics during his summers at University of Idaho, and would like to thank his supervisors, Amanda and Corey, for their guidance. After graduation, Kyle is excited to start a career at Vista Outdoor, working as a Research and Development Engineer for Speer ammunition.

Kyle could not have done any of these things without the amazing support of his family and friends and would like to thank all of those who were there for the ride. The University of Idaho is graduating some amazing seniors and it was a pleasure to learn alongside of them. Go Vandals!
OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

GRANT LUCKE

Grant Lucke was born and raised in Spokane, Washington. Excelling in math and physics as well as having a knack for problem solving, Mechanical Engineering seemed to be the best choice for him. Within the first year at the university, he knew that he’d made the right decision.

Throughout his undergraduate career, he found manufacturing and design to capture his interest the most. After his junior year, he received the opportunity to gain firsthand experience in these fields as a manufacturing engineering intern at Kodiak Aircraft in Sandpoint, Idaho.

Within the last two years, he received the opportunity to found the start of a new robotics club on campus, headed by Dr. Wolbrecht and Dr. Perry. In the first official semester of the club’s beginning in fall 2022, he was elected club president and helped establish the club’s presence on campus. The club has focused on developing robot design projects to be presented at each year’s engineering expo and is looking to shift its focus to an agricultural robotics competition in future years.

Outside of his degree, Grant has also been an active member of the College of Engineering Ambassadors program, where he’s assisted in prospective student outreach by developing K-12 STEM-based activities, school visits, and campus tours.

After graduation, Grant will be working as a project engineer at Janicki Industries based in Sedro Woolley, Washington. Janicki specializes in large scale fabrication of composite products for various aeronautical clients.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

TYLER SAND

My name is Tyler Sand, and I am honored to be chosen as a 2023 Outstanding Senior in Mechanical Engineering. While studying at the University of Idaho, I have grown to love our program and community. The Mechanical Engineering Department has helped me foster my passion for engineering and has shaped me into the person I am today. Next year, I will be staying at the University and pursuing a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. I will be doing research with Dr. Bob Stephens studying the creep and fatigue properties of stainless-steel alloys.

In my free time, I am a huge outdoorsman. I have enjoyed living in Moscow and being so close to fantastic fishing and hunting. Whether it’s salmon fishing on Lake Coeur
d’Alene or chukar hunting near Hells Canyon, I’ve made countless memories both on and off campus during college. Beyond that, I’ve made so many great friends and connections during my time studying here. I’m truly grateful I had the opportunity to study Mechanical Engineering at the University of Idaho.

**DRS. EDWIN & SUSAN ODOM OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AWARD**

**NICOLAS BURROWS**

Nicolas Burrows is a graduating senior majoring in mechanical engineering. From a young age, Nicolas became fascinated with anything relating to engineering due to his family’s aviation background. It was because of this exposure at a young age, Nicolas not only took engineering classes in high school but also earned his private pilot license and eventually went on to build and test-fly his own aircraft.

After graduating high school, Nicolas began his engineering journey at Spokane Falls Community College earning his AA in mechanical engineering. During this time, Nicolas fell in love with both the intricacies and challenges of engineering. From there, in continuance of his education, he transferred to the University of Idaho.

During his time here, Nicolas focused on being the best student he could be, expanding his knowledge of mechanical engineering. Given his experience in aviation, he tailored his classes to this field including material selection, gas dynamics, and fatigue and fracture while maintaining a 3.97 GPA.

When senior year arrived and the time came to choose a senior project, Nicolas leaped at the opportunity to work on the NASA-funded Prandtl-D Wing project which entailed 3d design through SolidWorks, CFD analysis, wind tunnel testing, material selection, control systems selection, and test flying of a UAV in pursuit of proving the commercial viability of the design.

After graduation, Nicolas will be working at Janicki in Sedro-Woolley as a project engineer helping to design tools for aerospace, defense, space, and other industries. While the future lies ahead, Nicolas is incredibly grateful for the peers, mentors, and challenging projects that made his time at the University of Idaho one he will look back on fondly.
DRS. EDWIN & SUSAN ODOM OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AWARD

SHANE ELMOSE

Shane grew up in Post Falls, Idaho, and completed his high school education there. Following graduation, he embarked on a mission for his church before entering the workforce. However, after more than two decades in industry, he decided to change his career path to mechanical engineering. To pursue this, he transferred with his wife and family from North Idaho College to the University of Idaho, where he had already earned an associate degree in mechanical engineering and CNC machining technology.

Shane has always been fascinated by mechanical part design and manufacturing, which fueled his passion for machine technology and ultimately led him to engineering. The University of Idaho provided him with the opportunities to enhance his design skills and gain a better understanding of the design process. He became a mentor for ME 301 (Solid Works) class and the shop mentoring program. He also participated in the robotics club and took some business classes to help in the future.

In his final year of studies, Shane participated in several competitions, including the Boise entrepreneur pitch and the Idaho pitch competition, where his team placed second in the Hacking for Home Building contest in Boise and achieved recognition in the Idaho pitch competition for their most viable product.

After graduation, Shane intends to pursue a career as a design engineer in industry while simultaneously launching his own business. His goal is to establish a design company that will help bring startup ideas to fruition through the manufacturing process. Additionally, he aims to develop his own equipment for the outdoor sporting industry.
OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD

DANIEL ROBERTSON

Dr. Robertson joined the Department of Mechanical Engineering in 2017 after spending 4 years in Abu Dhabi as a senior research scientist and a US Department of Agriculture NIFA-AFRI Fellow. His teaching and research efforts are focused on using engineering principles to accomplish what the White House has called the great challenge of the 21st century: sustainably providing food, fuel and fiber for the world's growing population. His unique interdisciplinary background, global network of collaborators, and supportive colleagues at the University of Idaho have enabled him to attract over 10 million dollars in external research funds and his work has been supported by the USDA, the National Science Foundation and NASA. He has also directed the Grand Challenge Scholars Program at the University of Idaho, which has been a magnet for recruiting outstanding students to the College of Engineering.

OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD

MICHAEL LOWRY

Dr. Michael Lowry is an associate professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering. He serves on the National Academy of Science Committee for Bicycle Research. Dr. Lowry was a visiting research scholar in Norway for one year, the Netherlands for three months, and the United Kingdom for one month with funding from the European Union. He teaches courses on traffic safety, benefit-cost analysis, travel demand modeling, and computer-aided engineering. The students in his service-learning course collaborated with the City of Moscow and were honored with an award from the mayor for outreach excellence. Recently, he took a group of students to Valencia, Spain, to study urban transportation systems, and this summer will go to Bolivia with students from the Humanitarian Engineering Corps. Dr. Lowry received his Ph.D. from the University of Washington and BS and MS degrees from Brigham Young University. He has worked at the University of Idaho since 2009.
DEAN LARRY & NICOLE STAUFFER EARLY CAREER FACULTY AWARD

MATTHEW SWENSON

Dr. Swenson received his Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering at Boise State University in 2017. Prior to attending graduate school, he spent 14+ years in industry as a mechanical engineer. During this time, he developed expertise in product development, project management, and business administration. Dr. Swenson has extensive experience conducting research on the effects of irradiation on oxide dispersion strengthened and other nano-featured alloys, which are candidates for nuclear reactor applications. Dr. Swenson also serves as the Director of the Interdisciplinary Capstone Design Program and the ME faculty advisor for the Co-op program, and he mentors several pre-collegiate inventors in the Invent Idaho program each year. This year, Dr. Swenson began collaborating with the College of Business to help implement a $15m NSF-funded I-Corps program designed to help entrepreneurs having affiliation with the University of Idaho to successfully launch their startup businesses.

OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL STAFF AWARD

JEFF ROBBINS

Jeff Robbins is an IT & Digital Video Analyst in Engineering Outreach (EO) at the University of Idaho. He received his AAS in Electronics Technology from LCSC in 2002. He began working for EO in 2019, but began his career with U of I in 2003, as a Classroom Technology Specialist in Classroom Technology Services where he worked for 14 years. He also spent a little over two years as a TSP and subsequently a TSP Lead for OIT before starting his current job in Engineering Outreach.

During his 20 years with U of I, Jeff assisted with standardizing and simplifying technology-equipped classrooms. He has provided technical support in various areas of campus, and currently works daily to ensure online delivery of high-quality video to U of I students. He enjoys providing support for faculty, students, and staff and troubleshooting technical issues.

In his spare time, Jeff enjoys riding his motorcycle and time outdoors.
RYELEE SCHLUETER

Born and raised in Genesee, Idaho, Ryelee's options for hiking, rafting, and thriving in wide open spaces have been endless. Being a third-generation Vandal, joining the Vandal family has been Ryelee's trajectory for most of her life. She has ventured to Boise, then Houston for some time, but always found her way back to the Palouse. She values her relationships with her friends, family, and fur babies. Ryelee is devoted to helping others, creating lifelong relationships, and enjoying the simple things in life. She is working toward obtaining her degree in Organizational Science while also working as an Administrative Coordinator in the ECE Department. Ryelee enjoys creating a positive work environment and collaborating with faculty, staff, and students.