



Georgia Tech College of Engineering  
School of Electrical  
and Computer Engineering

2025-2026 ROGER P.

# WEBB AWARDS



April 15, 2026

## Program



### WELCOME & SPECIAL RECOGNITION

**Ying Zhang**  
Associate Chair and Professor

### PRESENTATION OF ECE AWARDS

**Prof. Gregory D. Durgin** to present the Student Awards  
**Dante Christmas** to present the Staff Awards  
**Prof. Maryam Saeedifard** to present the Faculty Awards

### RECEPTION

## Presentation of ECE Awards



### STUDENT AWARDS

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**HKN Outstanding Computer Engineering Sophomore Award**  
**Irene Tian**

Eta Kappa Nu (HKN), the honor society for ECE, recognizes the computer engineering student who is in their second year and who has the highest scholastic average.

**HKN Outstanding Electrical Engineering Sophomore Award**  
**Nicholas Kang**

Eta Kappa Nu (HKN), the honor society for ECE, recognizes the electrical engineering student who is in their second year and who has the highest scholastic average.

### **Computer Engineering Junior Scholar Award**

**Advaith Menon**

This award recognizes the academic excellence and outstanding involvement in co- and extra- curricular activities of a computer engineering student who is about to enter their senior year of study.

### **Electrical Engineering Junior Scholar Award**

**Felipe Martins**

This award recognizes the academic excellence and outstanding involvement in co- and extra- curricular activities of an electrical engineering student who is about to enter their senior year of study.

### **HKN Outstanding Computer Engineering Senior Award**

**Aparupa Brahma**

Eta Kappa Nu (HKN), the honor society for ECE, recognizes the senior computer engineering student who has a very high scholastic average and who plays an active role in extracurricular activities.

### **HKN Outstanding Electrical Engineering Senior Award**

**Carlton Cort**

Eta Kappa Nu (HKN), the honor society for ECE, recognizes the senior electrical engineering student who has a very high scholastic average and who plays an active role in extracurricular activities.

### **Undergraduate Research Award**

**Ayush Banerjee, Aparupa Brahma, Carlton Cort**

This award recognizes electrical or computer engineering undergraduate students who have demonstrated an unusually strong aptitude for research.

### **ECE Outstanding Service and Outreach Award**

**Walter Disharoon, Christopher A. Saetia**

Georgia Tech has a responsibility to serve its local, national, and international communities. This award reflects the importance of improving people's lives in the surrounding Georgia community and beyond. Investing time in such activities can have significant rewards for Georgia Tech in the future, and recognizing students who participate in and organize such activities helps to motivate other students to do the same.

### **ECE Faculty Award**

**Anupama Bagade**

This award is given to the electrical or computer engineering student who, in the opinion of the ECE faculty, has done the most to improve the educational environment within ECE or Georgia Tech and has contributed significantly to both student welfare and student-faculty interactions.

### **Colonel Oscar P. Cleaver Award**

**Payman Behnam, Zishen Wan**

The Colonel Oscar P. Cleaver Award is given to the Ph.D. student who presented the most outstanding Ph.D. dissertation proposal in the previous year.

### **ECE Graduate Teaching Assistant Excellence Award**

**Richard Asiamah, Kelvin Hau**

Teaching undergraduates is one of ECE's most important missions. Teaching assistants are necessary to ensure that every student has the opportunity for personal attention during their course of study. These awards will be given to the GTAs who have demonstrated particular excellence in performing their duties.

## **ECE Graduate Research Assistant Excellence Award**

**Payman Behnam, Seokjin Go, Seung Yoon Lee**

Research is the cornerstone to ECE's success. Nurturing bright and hardworking graduate research assistants (GRAs) are among the most important factors in ensuring that ECE remains a leader in the research community. These awards will be given to the GRAs who have demonstrated particular excellence in performing their duties.

## **ECE Senior Scholar Award**

**Spring 2026 CmpE:** Dylan Bracey, Aparupa Brahma, Andrew Carlisle, Zimeng Chai, Kian Chakamian, Andrew Chen, Guan Chen, Stefan Davidov, Daniel Davies, Amulya Gopalam, Veena Krishnan, Ella McChesney, Stanislaw Nowakowski, Robert Pearson, Braden Wintrose

**Spring 2026 EE:** Nicholas Candello, Carlton Cort, Eric Galluzzi, Phillip Ivanov, Karen Ji, Barnabe Marty, Lucas Plant, Adnan Porbanderwala, Rajan Sandhu, Joseph Sugijanto, Liwei Sun, Joshua Thong, Marco Yaipen

**Fall 2025 (all EE):** Dinuk De Silva, Noah Lawty, Grace Nhan, Zane Peacock, Naren Savkur

These awards are given to the electrical and computer engineering seniors with the highest academic averages.

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## **STAFF AWARDS**

### **Hats Off Performance Award**

**Sarah Grace Alexander, Niko Maheras, Daniel Watson**

These awards recognize the classified staff members who have demonstrated exceptional job performance and/or service to ECE above and beyond the call of duty.

### **Research Spotlight Award**

**Muneeb Zia**

This award is presented to a researcher who has made a significant contribution to the research efforts in ECE.

### **Academic Spotlight Award**

**Peter Huynh**

This award is presented to the researcher, classified employee, or general faculty member who has made a significant contribution to the ECE teaching or academic program.

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## **FACULTY AWARDS**

### **Outstanding Academic or Research Faculty Award**

**Christina Bourgeois, Daniela Staiculescu**

This award recognizes outstanding accomplishments and/or performance to a non-tenure track faculty member at any rank (associate, senior, or principal).

### **Teaching Excellence Award for Academic or Research Faculty**

**Allen Robinson**

This award recognizes exceptional performance by an instructor who is not a tenure track faculty member in teaching excellence, pedagogical innovation, subject matter expertise, communication skills, student engagement, and mentorship and support.

## **Outstanding Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching**

### **Jeffrey Davis, Visvesh Shreeram Sathe**

This inaugural award recognizes exceptional performance by a tenure track faculty member in teaching excellence, pedagogical innovation, subject matter expertise, communication skills, student engagement, and mentorship and support.

## **D. Scott Wills Mentoring Award**

### **John D. Cressler**

This award recognizes a faculty member whose mentoring of junior faculty, postdoctoral researchers, and Ph.D. students — in connection with teaching or research activities — over an extended period of time is judged to be exceptional.

## **Outstanding Junior Faculty Member Award**

### **Cong “Callie” Hao**

This award recognizes the most outstanding assistant professors and/or associate professors in ECE with less than 10 years since their initial faculty appointment.

## **Outstanding Mid-Career Faculty Member Award**

### **Sam Coogan**

This award is presented to an associate professor or full professor no more than 10 years past his/her appointment as, or promotion to associate professor. The award recognizes exceptional performance in research, teaching, and service.

## **Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award**

### **Saibal Mukhopadhyay**

This award is presented to the senior faculty member who has made significant contributions throughout his/her career.

# **Recognition of Georgia Tech Faculty, Staff, & Student Honors**

Throughout the year, Georgia Tech and the College of Engineering recognize members of the ECE community — including students, faculty, staff, and alumni — at numerous other award programs. We would like to congratulate all this year’s award winners and look forward to sharing and celebrating your accomplishments!

We would also like to celebrate the below members of our community for their years of service to ECE.

## **RECOGNITION FOR GEORGIA TECH FACULTY/STAFF YEARS OF SERVICE**

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### **10-Year Celebration**

**Lucretia Allen**

**Jacquelyne Anderton**

**Yunkyung Chang-Hoffman**

**Jeffery Hurley**

**Asif Khan**

### **25-Year Celebration**

**David Citrin**

**Chuanyi Ji**

**Aaron Lanterman**

**Sung-Kyu Lim**

**Linda Milor**

**Gabriel Rincón-Mora**

## About Roger P. Webb



As a student, faculty member, leader of ECE, and administrator, Roger Webb's association with Georgia Tech and the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering has spanned over 60 years.

Dr. Webb arrived at Georgia Tech in 1959 to pursue his doctorate, and from 1961-63, he worked as a Georgia Tech Ford Fellow. During this time, he became an assistant professor in 1963 and then received his doctorate in 1964. At that time, Dr. Webb was the 20th faculty member in electrical engineering, and Van Leer was a brand new building on campus.



Throughout his career, Dr. Webb's primary interests were in electric power systems, instrumentation, and control systems, and during his tenure as Georgia Power Company Distinguished Professor from 1972-2001, he coordinated instructional and research program development in electric power engineering. In 1978, Dr. Webb became the School's associate director, and in 1989, he served as acting director, and then became chair in 1990.

During his nearly 15 years as the ECE school chair, he oversaw a period of intense growth and expansion until his retirement in December 2004. The size of the faculty grew by more than a third, the number of doctoral degrees granted almost quadrupled, the dollar amount in research grants and contracts stood at \$46 million in 2004 as compared to \$10 million in 1990, and 15 research centers and consortia were founded.

Since his retirement in 2004, Dr. Webb has served Georgia Tech in several different capacities. He currently works part-time in ECE on fundraising and development initiatives, as well as several other critical areas of interest for the School.



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