Drs. Okoli and Hallinan caught celebrating the end of a successful spring semester, 2017.
Teng Ma elected as fellow for medical and biological engineering

Teng Ma, professor and chair of the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering, has been elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering.

Ma said that it was gratifying to have his work recognized by his peers.

“This fellowship not only draws attention to the research in my laboratory focused on stem cell engineering, but it also highlights the prominence of biomedical engineering in improving human health,” Ma said.

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Chemical engineering professor Yan Li receives NSF CAREER Award

Dr. Yan Li, an assistant professor at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, has received a coveted NSF CAREER award, “CAREER: Engineering Brain-region-specific Organoids Derived from Human Stem Cells”.

Li has been on the Faculty of the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering since 2011, and continues to build on her industrial experience with stem cell processing.

The five-year NSF grant provides a total of $501,345 towards Li’s proposed work in the tissue engineering and stem cells field and seeks to generate mini-brains (also called brain organoids) derived from human stem cells with defined structure and function that would mimic human brains.

According to Li, “The brain organoids will provide an experimental platform that will enable discovery of novel interventions and pharmacological treatments for people with neurological disorders, such as Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, and more recently microcephaly in infants.”

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Okenwa Okoli receives the 2017 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award

Okenwa Okoli, Chair and Professor, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, received the award for his work in exposing young minority students to STEM disciplines through his involvement with the Diversity in Research and Engineering of Advanced Materials (DREAM) summer training program.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award was established in 1986 to honor faculty members, administrators and staff members for their outstanding service in keeping with the principles and ideals of King.

By Zachary Boehm, | FSU News: http://fla.st/2qxgBNT

Changchun Zeng and graduate assistant review progress of research behind a new high performance auxetic foam.

Chad Zeng’s Auxetic foam recognized for stimulating economic growth

Associate Professor Changchun “Chad” Zeng’s research into a new high performance auxetic foam is resulting in improved health and wellness. A new report from the university research advocacy group The Science Coalition has identified Zeng’s commercialized research among 102 federally funded research projects that initiated economic growth.

“We are excited by the life-changing advances we expect to see because of our research,” said Richard Liang, FAMU-FSU Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Professor and Director of the High-Performance Materials Institute. “In this case, we expect Zeng’s auxetic foam to benefit amputees and athletes; both professional and the weekend athletes.”

For the entire article read, FSU technologies highlighted in economic growth report, by Kathleen Haughney | FSU News: http://fla.st/2qP4ez7

Okoli receives his award at the 29th Annual MLK Celebration Tuesday, January, 17. Photo credit: Lauren Alsina
HONORS & AWARDS

Outstanding Aerospace Engineer Award: Emmanuel Collins receives recognition from Purdue University

Emmanuel Collins graduated with his PhD in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Purdue University in 1987.

“My philosophy is to be humble in thinking about my personal contributions, but aggressive in pursuing ideas to improve my academic organization or research center. I believe in involving all members in planning and implementation and being liberal with giving credit to others. I take great satisfaction in promoting the contributions and careers of those with whom I work,” remarks Dr. Collins, Professor and Chair, Department of Mechanical Engineering. He was presented his award on April 21, 2017.

Dr. Steven Van Sciver awarded the prestigious Samuel C. Collins Award

Honoring Samuel C. Collins’ accomplishments in the field of cryogenics, the award named after him has been awarded only seventeen times to scholars of cryogenics who have greatly influenced the field, and the latest awardee is the Mechanical Engineering Department’s very own Dr. Steven Van Sciver.

His passion for the study of cryogenics is evidenced by his research and teaching which has made such a strong impact in his field.

Systems, such as high energy particle accelerators, now use superfluid helium in part because of Dr. Van Sciver’s work on the liquid’s transport properties. It’s a testament to the caliber of Dr. Van Sciver’s body of work for him to be recognized with the Samuel C. Collins Award.

He will receive his award at the Cryogenic Engineering Conference in Madison, Wisconsin July, 2017.

For the entire article by Cindy Stewart, Mechanical Engineering, eNews: http://fla.st/2s9BaB3

eNews: http://fla.st/2r7jIys
Dr. David Larbalestier accepts nomination to join the National Materials and Manufacturing Board

David C. Larbalestier, Ph.D., Francis Eppes Professor of Mechanical Engineering, FAMU-Florida State University College of Engineering, has been nominated for service on the National Academies’ National Materials and Manufacturing Board (NMMB).

Upon hearing of his acceptance to the National Materials and Manufacturing Board, FAMU-FSU College of Engineering Dean J. Murray Gibson, responded, “I am thankful that David Larbalestier is doing this. It is an important opportunity on the national stage and this is a very opportune time.”

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Undergraduate Teaching Award: Kunihiko Taira recognized for excellence in undergraduate teaching by FSU

By Cindy Stewart

While it may seem like an easy feat, teaching well can be quite a challenge. This means not only ensuring a subject is clear and understandable, but also finding a way to help students enjoy learning. Only then will they be more likely to understand and retain the material they are taught. Kunhiko Taira has honed his engaging teaching style, earning him high marks from his students and the 2016-17 Undergraduate Teaching Award from Florida State University.

This is a student-oriented award with nominations submitted by students and alumni. Caroline Walker, a current student, shares that Taira “teaches with an energy and enthusiasm that engages students and helps them to see the practical applications of the material presented. It is evident that he wants his students to enjoy learning and to succeed, both in his course and in their future careers.”

When he started teaching in 2011, Taira, an assistant professor in mechanical engineering at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, followed traditional methods: lectures, homework, exams, etcetera. Yet Taira felt that students were not getting enough out of the courses. He felt that they were not excited enough about the material to absorb what they were learning. Through observation of teaching methods used in elementary schools, he had a thought.

“While we engineers are accustomed to top-down lectures, the elementary school teachers I observed interacted closely with every student and allowed them to express themselves, raise questions, and most importantly they take time with them.”

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Michelle Rambo-Roddenberry received the Distinguished Service Award at the NCEES Joint Northeast/Southern Zone meeting held April 27-29, 2017. She is an associate professor in civil engineering at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering and has been involved with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) since 2011 and with the Florida Board of Professional Engineers (FBPE), an NCEES member board, since 2012.

“It was a complete surprise and very humbling. NCEES and FBPE are phenomenal organizations that I’m fortunate to be part of,” remarked Rambo-Roddenberry.

The award recognized Rambo-Roddenberry for her service to NCEES and, in parallel, to FBPE. She has served four years on the NCEES Committee on Education (two years as chair) and four years on the NCEES Engineering Education Award jury (three years as chair).

Rambo-Roddenberry represents NCEES as a delegate on ABET’s Applied and Natural Science Area Delegation and Engineering Technology Area Delegation, as well as the alternate delegate on ABET’s Board of Delegates and Engineering Area Delegation. She is also chair of FBPE’s Education Committee, which is responsible for recently rewriting rules in the Florida Administrative Code on educational requirements for licensure.

“Congratulations to Dr. Rambo-Roddenberry on this prestigious award. Her dedicated service warrants this award and much more,” responded Kamal Tawfiq, Chair and Professor, FAMU-FSU Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

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Civil Engineering professor Raphael Kampmann ASCE-Tallahassee Teacher of the Year 2017

On Friday, February 20, Raphael Kampmann Ph.D. received the 2017 Faculty of the Year Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers Tallahassee Branch. This award was given for Dr. Kampmann’s efforts in promoting student activities at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering. Currently, Dr. Kampmann is the faculty advisor for Engineers Without Borders and the ACI | ASCE | FES Student Chapter.

Kampmann has been instrumental in student success and is the past winner of the Florida State University Teaching Award.

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Civil’s Sobanjo new named ASCE Fellow

John O. Sobanjo, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE, a professor at Florida State University in the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering’s department of civil and environmental engineering, has been named a Fellow by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Board of Direction.

With a diverse background in civil engineering, Sobanjo has specific teaching as well as research and consulting interests in the areas of transportation infrastructure systems, construction, materials, and applications of advanced technology, including the applications of global positioning systems and geographic information systems. Through teaching, he has mentored and promoted the development of civil engineers. His practice and research on infrastructure design, construction, and maintenance has contributed to safe transportation on the United States roadway network, particularly, through bridge management.

Sobanjo is an associate editor for ASCE’s Journal of Bridge Engineering and is on the editorial board of the ASCE-ASME Journal of Risk and Uncertainty in Engineering Systems. He was on the organizing committee for the IEEE Big Data Conference, held in Washington, DC, in 2014.

He has reviewed several research proposals for various national agencies, and reviewed books and journal papers for noted publications, including three ASCE journals – the Journal of Infrastructure Systems, Journal of Bridge Engineering, and Journal of Transportation Engineering.

He has been a principal investigator on over $6 million in federal and state-funded research projects, and has demonstrated scholarly achievements through several journal publications, articles in conference proceedings, and technical reports.

He is the director of a federal-funded university transportation center at Florida State. Sobanjo is a director on the South East Bridge Preservation Partnership, affiliated with the Federal Highways Administration. In 2007, Sobanjo was chair of the ASCE Florida’s subcommittee that evaluated and assigned a grade for bridges as part of Florida’s ASCE Infrastructure Report Card.

Sobanjo is a licensed professional engineer in the states of California and Florida, with considerable working experience on various aspects of structural analysis, transportation design, bridge inspection, construction, and maintenance; this includes over six years with both the Texas Department of Transportation and the California State Department of Transportation. While at CalTrans, after the Northridge Earthquake, he was in charge of pre- and postcontract evaluation (scheduling specifications, schedule impact, and cost claims) of several bridge retrofit and repair projects, including those on the Santa Monica Freeway.

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Lou Cattafesta to direct the Florida Center for Advanced Aero-Propulsion

By Kathleen Haughney, FSU News

Since Farrukh Alvi, the founding director of FCAAP, stepped down a few months ago to become the Associate Dean for Research at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, we are happy to announce the formal selection of a new director for FCAAP.

Ostrander said, “Lou’s excellent scholarship and experience as a researcher, teacher and mentor make him the ideal candidate to continue the wonderful success FCAAP has already had and propel the center and its faculty to even greater heights.”

The Florida Legislature established FCAAP in 2008 after the federal government terminated the shuttle program. Lawmakers charged the center, a joint project of FSU, University of Central Florida, University of Florida and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, to develop cutting-edge technology in aerospace and aviation while also building a new generation of scientists from the state’s leading universities.

Cattafesta holds seven U.S. patents, has authored or co-authored seven book chapters and about 90 journal articles. He is an associate fellow of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a fellow of American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Dean Murray Gibson said, “Farrukh Alvi deserves exceptional credit for bringing FCAAP into existence and developing it into the powerhouse that it is today. We are delighted that Lou Cattafesta, with outstanding credentials, is taking over FCAAP at this important juncture. We see FCAAP as a key player in expanding the research impact of the college.”

Cattafesta joined FCAAP in 2012. “I’m thrilled to be a part of FCAAP and excited for this opportunity to serve my colleagues and continue to watch the center grow,” Cattafesta said.

Cattafesta specializes in airflow control and aeroacoustics and has been funded by NASA, National Science Foundation, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the Office of Naval Research and private industry. He previously worked at NASA Langley Research Center and then at University of Florida from 1999 to 2012.

Florida State University Vice President for Research Gary K. Ostrander has named FAMU-FSU College of Engineering Professor Lou Cattafesta the new director of the Florida Center for Advanced Aero-Propulsion. “I cannot think of a better choice to lead FCAAP into the future,” Ostrander said.

Dr. Lou Cattafesta
By Kathleen Haughney, FSU News

Florida State University is adding another eminent scientist to its ranks by hiring an accomplished expert in the field of applied superconductivity.

Lance Cooley, a scientist at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab), will join the Applied Superconductivity Center (ASC) at the FSU-based National High Magnetic Field Laboratory. He will also have a faculty appointment in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Florida A&M University-Florida State University College of Engineering.

Lance Cooley, an accomplished expert in the field of applied superconductivity, will join the Florida State University faculty in August.

“We are very excited to have Lance join the faculty here and add to the already stellar lineup of scientists who are working at the Applied Superconductivity Center at the MagLab,” said Vice President for Research Gary K. Ostrander. “He will be an asset to our students who will no doubt benefit from his expertise and scientific ingenuity in the area of superconducting magnets.”

Cooley began working in superconducting materials as a graduate student at University of Wisconsin under the direction of David Larbalestier, who is now director of the MagLab’s Applied Superconductivity Center. He received his doctoral degree from UW in 1993 and has held positions at National Institute of Standards and Technology, University of Wisconsin and Brookhaven National Lab.

“In some ways, this appointment is a longtime coming,” Cooley said. “I’ve been working with David and many other researchers at the MagLab for much of my career, and I am looking forward to joining them at Florida State.”

At FSU, he will work primarily in the ASC to help expand research opportunities in areas where scientists have not commonly used superconducting magnets or materials.

“We are delighted to have recruited Lance - he will continue in the footsteps of his mentor David Larbalestier, who built the Applied Superconductivity Center into an internationally leading program in developing high power superconducting magnets that has fueled the MagLab and the College of Engineering,” said FAMU-FSU College of Engineering Dean Murray Gibson. “We expect Lance to build on David’s accomplishments with the center and bring some exciting new directions.”

Dr. Lance Cooley, Photo credit: Reidar Hahn

Cooley will join FSU in August and will begin his teaching duties in the spring 2018 semester.

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Trailblazer: Charmane Caldwell engineers a career she loves

By Ashley Smith, Special to the Democrat

A successful researcher, Charmane Caldwell now focuses on recruiting and retaining diverse students for the Florida A&M University-Florida State University College of Engineering.

From an early age, Caldwell became interested in electrical engineering. Procrastination on a science project as child led her to build a telephone transmitter out of household materials, sealing her fate.

“I asked my mom, ‘did I ever want to become anything else?’ she said I’ve always wanted be an engineer,” smiled Caldwell.

According to the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE) in 2011, the year Caldwell graduated with her Ph.D, roughly 1,030 students graduated with a Ph.D in electrical engineering nationwide, approximately 170 were women, less than 20 of which were Black or African-American.

Passionate about diversity and inclusion in engineering, Caldwell manages efforts to develop and implements diversity and inclusion strategies and programs in the areas of outreach to prospective undergraduate, graduate students, and faculty; fostering a culture of inclusion within the college; and establishing college policies and procedures supporting diversity in the college. Her mission is to increase the representation of women and minorities in both the student body and among the faculty.

The FAMU-FSU College of Engineering is unique. It is the only College of Engineering in the country connecting a Historically Black College and University and a Predominately White Institution. Caldwell believes schools nationwide are successful in sparking an interest in students in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, however, students may still enter college unprepared for success in STEM programs.

During her time in graduate school, Caldwell began working with Nims Middle School science teachers to bring in speakers or hands-on engineering-based activities to reinforce lessons they were taught in class and encourage a love for the field.

While Caldwell was in graduate school, an FSU staff member pitched a high school engineering competition to Caldwell. Since Caldwell was involved with Nims Middle School, she advocated for
her younger students to be allowed to compete against the high school teams. After announcing the opportunity to several classes at Nims Middle School, she was stunned by the results.

“It was amazing, the students that were interested in the competition were the girls,” radiated Dr. Caldwell about her eighth-grade class.

Though they did not place in the second-round competition in Atlanta the local eighth-graders placed in the first round of the regional competition in New Orleans, against high school teams.

“Coming up with programs to make students successful in the environment that they are in is my focus.” [...]

She loves “Hidden Figures,” the story of Katherine Johnson, a female African-American mathematician who calculated trajectories for space missions. Caldwell admires the generation of strong and driven women in her family.

Even with opposition from professors and peers, Caldwell pressed forward, “There was nowhere else to go. Electrical Engineering is what I wanted to do and I was not going to let anyone get in my way.”

| Tallahassee Democrat News: http://on.tdo.com/2rrafUE

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Dr. Sastry Pamidi awarded 2017 Research Excellence Award

CAPS Associate Professor and Principal Investigator Dr. Sastry Pamidi is receiving this honor in recognition of his work in 2016 which resulted in approximately $1M in new funding for the COE and for CAPS. He is also a partner in several successful SBIR/STTR Phase-I proposals and two Phase –II proposals that will bring $500,000 per year over the next two years. Additionally he has worked on two large collaborative proposals (under review) which have the potential to bring $5M+ over the next 5 years.

Dr. Pamidi has collaborated with several research groups (in FAMU-FSU COE and outside) that resulted in joint funding and publications. Some of the collaboration partners include the Naval Research Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Cambridge, UK, and University of Bath, UK.

Congratulations Dr. Pamidi!

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Bruce Locke will conduct research at the Institute of Plasma Physics in Prague as FSU Fulbright scholar

Bruce Locke, Distinguished Research Professor at FSU and professor of chemical and biomedical engineering at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, has earned a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program grant to the Czech Republic.

Locke will conduct research at the Institute of Plasma Physics in Prague. His goal is to advance the science and engineering of plasma processes used in a range of chemical, environmental and biomedical fields.

“I am very honored to receive this award and look forward to working with my colleagues in the Czech Academy,” Locke said.

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Dr. Farrukh Alvi has accepted the position of Associate Dean for Research at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, having served as Interim since December 2nd, 2016.

Dr. Alvi is currently the Don Fuqua Eminent Scholar and Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the college, and past Director of FCAAP. He is a world-leading experimentalist in the field of aerodynamics, with a unique expertise in the development and implementation of micro-fluidic actuators for flow control. His work is both fundamentally ground-breaking and of significant practical implication, for example in noise and flow separation control for transportation and energy applications. He established the Florida Center for Advanced AeroPropulsion (FCAAP) with an $11M grant from the State of Florida. Dr. Alvi relinquished his role as Director of FCAAP with the appointment of Dr. Lou Cattafesta as the new FCAAP Director.

“I believe that with the current leadership and the strategic planning that is underway, our College is poised to move to the next level - especially in research and graduate education. I am grateful for this opportunity to assist our very creative and motivated faculty and students in getting there” said Dr. Alvi.

Dean Gibson said, “I am delighted to bring Farrukh aboard at this critical time as we plan to ramp up our research funding and reputation. He has first-hand experience at major fundraising, and is an expert in the fields of aerospace and mechanical engineering. My own background is in semiconductor materials science and engineering so I feel that Farrukh and I complement each other in our perspectives on the breadth of engineering in the College. I look forward to working with him and our faculty and chairs as we advance the College’s research and recruit new faculty.”

The teachers made themselves selflessly available to children to address any of their concerns,” discovered Taira. “While these teachers are education professionals with years of training, we engineering professors rarely take a class in how to teach nor do we easily deviate from a traditional top-down style of instruction. I discovered that my teaching style needed to change...”

Even when lecturing, Taira does his best to give learning an entertaining edge. On the subject, he states, “To ensure lectures are fun and exciting I incorporate real-life examples of the course material illustrating how each topic can be useful in students’ careers.”

Taira’s successful efforts to help his students learn is evident from student feedback. His teaching philosophy that “taking a class should be very exciting and lead to the mastery of life long skills,” is working. Thus it is no surprise that he has earned Florida State University’s 2016-17 Undergraduate Teaching Award, which was presented to him on April 25th, 2017 at the FSU Alumni Center.

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The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) AEOP UNITE program is a pre-collegiate summer experience for talented 9th through 12th grade high-school students in the Tallahassee area. It provides hands-on experiential learning opportunities that promote teamwork, cultivate creativity and develop problem-solving skills. Program participants range from a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds, and typically include students from historically underrepresented and underserved groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

This will be the 2nd year that Dr. Shonda Bernadin, associate professor in electrical and computer engineering, at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, has conducted the UNITE Summer Camp here in Tallahassee. And the first year it has been held at the college.

“We are very excited,” said Dr. Bernadin, “to host the AEOP UNITE summer engineering program which is sponsored, in part, by the Army Educational Outreach Program and administered through the Technology Student Association (TSA). Their main goals are to increase STEM literacy among citizens and to increase diversity in the STEM workforce. Our AEOP summer camp is designed to support these goals.”

Participants gain practical knowledge and experience in various topics such as alternative energy, robotics, circuit design, computer engineering, environmental science, and biomedical engineering.

Dr. Bernadin added, “I think our program is unique in that it focuses on cultivating student success, not only in academics, but also in professional development, social engagement, and even physical enrichment. Students who participate in the program have an opportunity to grow and develop into a more mature and confident student.”

Each of the four weeks covers a different field in engineering. Each topic is part of a one week-long academic module that includes concept-building activities, team challenges and group projects that culminate with a final project and/or presentation.

“It is truly a joy to watch how participants begin the program with some insecurities and reservations about engineering as a career and even their own abilities,” remarked Dr. Bernadin.

“But by the end of the program, they’ve blossomed into a more confident, vibrant and excited student who is motivated to pursue an engineering or another STEM-related career. I love to see that!”

Tie-dying tee shirts was one of the hands-on activities the campers enjoyed week two of the four-week summer camp.
New administrative staff at the College

If you haven’t already met the new staff in the Dean’s Office and the Office of the Associate Dean for Research, drop by to say ‘Hi’ and welcome them to the College.

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“The new staff bring a wealth of knowledge to our operations. They have experience in fiscal management, HR operations, and contracts and grants research management.”

—Janine Welch  
Assistant Dean Administration
Faculty & Staff Recognition

Engineering faculty and staff were recognized for excellence in research and service at the Spring Faculty and Staff general meeting.

Tarik Dickens
Associate Professor, Industrial & Manufacturing

Sastry Pamidi,
Associate Professor, Electrical & Computer

John Sobanjo
Professor, Civil & Environmental

Zhibin Yu
Assistant Professor, Industrial & Manufacturing

Chengying Xu
Associate Professor, Mechanical

Donte Ford
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Kimberly Hunter
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Chase Pedersen,
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“Excellence in Research and Service”
Did you know?

Starting with the new fiscal year, July 1, 2017, the College of Engineering will require all FSU employees to use “self-service” time entry in OMNI.*

* http://hr.fsu.edu/PDF/publications/training/ReportingElapsedTime.pdf

Electrical Engineering says farewell to Donna Butka

Like Barnum & Bailey, this is the year Donna Butka says goodbye. Donna served fifteen years as Program Assistant in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Encouraged to move up to a Sr. Fiscal Rep position, she was happy to remain in place. In large part because she liked everyone in the ECE Department so much she did not want to leave. We wish you all the best, Donna. This “circus” you’re leaving behind won’t be the same without you!