



University of
Pittsburgh®

School of Computing
and Information

2025 Graduation Ceremony

Friday, May 2, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Fitzgerald Field House

Honoring those who have graduated from our undergraduate and graduate programs.

**Indicates a student graduating with honors distinctions.*

This program includes all graduates from the Spring 2025 semester.

Together transforming lives for a better digital future, from our community to the world.

2025 Spring Ceremony - Schedule

Procession of Faculty and Graduating Students

Opening Remarks

Bruce R. Childers, Dean and Professor, School of Computing and Information

Invited Speaker Remarks

Jonathan Hanobik (SCI '18, '23G), Software Engineer II, DICK'S Sporting Goods

Recognition of Graduates

Announcing Graduates

Wesley Lipschultz, Senior Director of Student and Academic Affairs

Amy Vaught, Assistant Director of Student and Academic Affairs

Bachelor's Degrees

William (bill) C. Garrison, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies; Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Computer Science

Master's Degrees and Graduate Certificates

Panos Chrysanthis, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies; Professor, Department of Computer Science

Doctoral Degrees

Rosta Farzan, Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Professor, Department of Informatics and Networked Systems

Additional Faculty

Dmitriy Babichenko, Clinical Professor; Director, Undergraduate Programs, Department of Informatics and Networked Systems

Mary Kay Biagini, Chair; Associate Professor, Department of Information Culture and Data Stewardship

Peter Brusilovsky, Director, Intelligent Systems Program

Adriana Kovashka, Chair; Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science

Balaji Palanisamy, Associate Professor; Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Informatics and Networked Systems

John C. Ramirez, Teaching Professor; Director, Undergraduate Program in Computer Science

Closing Remarks

2025 Spring Ceremony – Our Graduates

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Gavin M. Abramowitz

Benjamin M. Adams

Ram Adesara*

Jamie Affour

Owen M. Aherne

Maxm A. Akins*

Julian V. Alamo-Rosas

Andrew R. Amilcar

Uday Atragada

Nathaniel S. Balkaran

Kenneth T. Barrett

Nathan Barta

Jevaria Bashir

Benson J. Beck

Tobias A. Beidler-Shenk*

Maya E. Blackburn

Narek Boghosian

Mark A. Bosco*

Allison A. Briggs*

Branden J. Brown

Samuel L. Brunacini

Rachel L. Buege

Alexandra M. Butler*

Rui Cao

Ian C. Carrillo

Anna R. Cavanaugh*

Rachel J. Chang

Emma T. Chau

Daisy Chen*

Zachary A. Chen

Elijah K. Cohen

Domenic J. Colangelo

Jacqueline G. Colmenares

Richard Conrad

Andrew T. Cook

Elisa C. Covitz

Wabona Dandi

Lucas B. Daniel

Vaageesha Das*

Dominick A. Dellecave

Thomas J. DeMarco

Brian J. Donaghey*

Katelyn C. Donaty

Aidan P. Dougherty

Derek J. Eppinger

Daniel J. Evans

Emily N. Ewing*

Katelin G. Fierens

Lukas E. Finn

Peter M. Ford

Aaryan Gaikwad

Matthew A. Garvey

Adam J. Gimbel

Robert S. Gold

Hayden Goughenour-Hughes

Sarah E. Gould*

Adam D. Gould

Benjamin V. Gradeck

Connor B. Gramling

Jeongwoo Gwon

Miles Hamilton

Ding Wen Han*

James R. Hathaway

Maximus C. Hayes

Joshua R. Hellauer

Vibha Hodachalli

Nicolas E. Hodgson

Alyssa Hoffecker

Brandon C. Hoover

Joshua J. Horan

Haiwei Hu

Zhiyuan Hu

Claire A. Hughes

Victoria J. Hutchison

Ashley N. Ingenito

Hasaan Ismaeli

Steven R. Johns

Benjamin J. Jupina*

Humeyra Kacar

Tobias M. Kaczka

Kendal C. Kalanish

Anita Kaul

Benjamin J. Kiddie

Michelle A. Kilgallen

Russell L. Kirkpatrick

Todd Kocher

Kristel M. Kouatchou

John J. Kretzing

Julianne Kruse*

Ryan M. Kusmierz

Madeleine Lasky

Julie A. Lawler

Alon Leshem

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Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (continued)

Christian C. Lester	Niccolo Nobili	Xingyu Song
Xiang Li	Thomas F. Noto	Owen Spencer
Tyler C. Liberatore*	David A. Obaro	Siddarth Surana
Branden C. Lientz	Seongmin Oh	Grace D. Sweeney
Nicolas J. Lininger	Seán K. O'Rourke	David G. Teklea
Yu Liu*	Nij P. Patel*	Enyinna Ukattah
Sean A. Lord	James S. Perreault	Nick Usme
XiaoCheng Ma	Nicholas J. Phillips	Henry Uz
Baiyen Mahmoud	Anna Tillie Plazek	Brenden J. Vaccaro
Alexander M. Malfregeot	Benjamin M. Radovic	Jack T. Veith
Huma Mamnoon	Kritika R. Ravichander	Magda M. Videva
Timothy O. Marshall	Lucy E. Reilly*	Akshitha Viswanadhula
Gabrielle J. Martin	Evan R. Reiner	Jason H. Vo
Sloane A. McCensky	Lauren R. Rose	Nikhita Vysyaraju
Mason J. McGinnis	Rohan Sama	Rohan Walia
Corey J. Medve	Kory T. Sanchez	Samuel Wang
Cole A. Metrick	Ashutosh Sangar	Hao Wang
Cameron A. Mickey	Samika P. Sanghvi	Ethan J. Whittaker
Jonathan J. Miller	Kavin Sankar	Jason M. Woo
Ojas Mishra	Gabriel O. Schmidt	Roy Wu
Christopher I. Mohri*	Zachary J. Schultz	Brayden Yan
Kareem Mohsen Mohamed	Scott D. Schwartz	Shizhen Yang*
Brandon Moretti	Joseph Secosky	Brandon T. Yasin
Dave Morfaw	Chirag Sehgal	Zixin Ye*
Elijah D. Morgan	Roma Reddy Sekhar	Ian T. Yench*
Maliki N. Mwangi	Jordan A. Shopp	Mark A. Zarroli
Olivia Hahn Neights	Christopher A. Sidarous	Roger Zeng
Ethan T. Nerone	Ayaan R. Siddiqui	Justin Zeng
Miles D. Newland	Antonij Simonovski	Jiahang Zhang
Quinn M. Newman	David B. Simpkins	Jeffrey Zheng*
Nhu T. Nguyen	Aleksandar D. Smith	Yuxuan (Alex) Zhou
Niam Noaman	Matthew A. Smith	

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Bachelor of Science in Computational Biology

Kittrick J. Danzeisen

Niam Noaman

Ian T. Yench*

Bachelor of Science in Computational Social Science

Marko Melishchuk

Bachelor of Science in Data Science

Noah A. Blayney

Sean A. Lord

Hafsah Shahzad

Everett J. Cannon

Areej Mohsin

Christopher A. Sidarous

Lucas B. Daniel

Veer Patel

Owen Spencer

Teresa I. Davison

Ryan W. Quinlan

Abigail H. Swan

Casey D. Dinan

Ankita Raj

Nikhita Vysyaraju

Katelyn C. Donaty

Vince Sangpachatanaruk

Rohan Walia

Ding Wen Han*

Kavin Sankar

Brayden Yan

Maximus C. Hayes

Chirag Sehgal

Jeffrey Zheng*

Bachelor of Science in Digital Narrative & Interactive Design

Susana Alvarez

Lauren E. Jablunovsky

Bella T. Quattrucci

Heath M. Arroyo

Julianne Kruse*

Tyler J. Ryan

Emmanuelle N. Brent

Le Lin

Xingyu Song

Richard Conrad

Langston McArthur

Grace D. Sweeney

Rhythm A. Desai

Christopher I. Mohri*

Olivia R. Terry

Erin J. Dougal

Sofia-Marie F. Morello

Patrick W. Walsh

Aaron O. Escobar Medina

Anne M. Norris

Samuel Wang

Evan L. Fuccio

Seán K. O'Rourke

Henry O. Wilson

Benjamin V. Gradeck

Benjamin A. Orr

Neo W. Xiong

Kyle C. Harwick

Bonsu Osei Tutu

Yuxuan (Alex) Zhou

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Bachelor of Science in Information Science

Moshood I. Adebule	Yutong Liu	Sreeha N. Reddy
Laiba Shahzad Awan*	Johanna Luke	John E. Segebart
Hanzhang Bao	Ahmad S. Mamnoon	Simran R. Sharma
Robert L. Buffler	Matthew J. McClenahan*	Patrick A. Smelt
Cameron M. Curley	Marko Melishchuk	Jerek J. Stegman
Shannon N. Gorny*	Mubashir Mia	Scott Styslinger
Jiayi Huang	Judge W. Murwin	Jackson C. Taylor
Lauren E. Jablunovsky	Ohenmaa Ofosu-Mensah	Austin D. Throop
Kaden G. Jackson	Chiamaka D. Okpara*	Charles H. Tran
Nathan E. Janero	Benjamin A. Orr	Alexander S. Viarpoulos
Cameron E. Klosky*	Manjiri Jayawant Palayekar	Kyle J. Visintainer*
Max F. Lasky	Anjali N. Patel	Jennifer Li Wang
Brendon S. Lee*	Ozzie E. Perkins	

Master of Science in Computer Science

John E. Bowen	Ayush Malik	Hongtao Wang
Pruva Chaudhari	Chonghao Qui	Yuanxiang Wang
Pengyu Chen	Maanya Shanker	Yuelong Xu
Ming Jiang	Na Tang	Jiyuan Yang
Haoyu Li	Trung Bao Tran	Yingtao Yang
Yuning Luo	Chuming Wang	Shuhao Yu

Master of Science in Information Science

Shuruq Alghamdi	Yi-Hsin Chiang	Abhigyan Kishor
Ripudaman R. Amireddy	Che-Hsuan Cho	Daegeun Koo
Prithviraj Bandyopadhyay	Bhavana Devulapally	Jeeva Krishnasamy
Harshitha Batta	Wei Dou	Logan Lee
Aishwarya Bhargava	Yongjin Du	Tianxia Leng
Anurag Chaturvedi	Hehua Fan	Shuangvi Li
Sai Vivek Chava	Yifan Feng	Yue Li
Pei-Chieh Chen	Xuxin Han	Zhuoju Li
Zhiyun Chen	Yi He	Ransheng Lin
Jiani Cheng	Pratibha Jallu	Xinyang Lyu

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Master of Science in Information Science (continued)

Ge Ma	Yiming Tian	Xianglong Xu
Xiaocheng Ma	Indra Kumar Vaddella	Jiacheng Xue
Naveena Nagaraju	Arun V. Vavilakolanu	Peng Ye
Neha Sharad Navarkar	Ganesh Venkattaraman	Azib Zahid
Anusha Shiva Kumar	Shusrita Venugopal	Peiyuan Zhang
Kiran Shridhar Alva	Tiantong Wang	Sijie Zhang
Shravanth Srinivas	Yishan Wang	Zihao Zhao
Jiayi Sun	Jiazhe Wen	Yu Zhong
Guofeng Tang	Si-Lian Wu	Xiangan Zhu
Sai Rohith Tanuku		

Master of Science in Intelligent Systems

Mustafa Cagri Gungor	Deyasini D. Mitra	Aparna Srinivasan
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Master of Library and Information Science

Randa O. Almeahmadi	Brianna E. Cronin	Alexa R. Spaventa
Zuhur Alqahtani	Flannery Pillion-Gardner	Julianne M. Stealey
Anne Biedermann	Megan C. Pitz	Aliyah Symes

Master of Science in Telecommunications

Hubert O. Asare

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Shengyu Chen	Sabit Hassan	Muhammad Talha Khan
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Doctor of Philosophy in Information Science

Maryam Aldairi	Yongsu An	Behnam Rahdari
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Doctor of Philosophy in Intelligent Systems

Sanya Bathla Taneja	Kushboo M. Thaker	
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Graduate Certificates of Advanced Study

Knox Coulter	Abirami Murugan	Shijie Teng
Huiming Li		

2025 Spring Ceremony – Our Speaker

Jonathan Hanobik (SCI '18, '23G)

Software Engineer II, DICK's Sporting Goods

Jonathan is a two-time graduate from the University of Pittsburgh - earning both a bachelor's and master's in computer science. He attributes his love of technology and Pitt to his father - a fellow Pitt alumnus and technology professional. Jonathan currently works as a Software Engineer II at DICK's Sporting Goods here in Pittsburgh. Prior to this role which he began in 2024, Jonathan spent five and a half years working in the financial industry. Within the growing sector of tech, Jonathan enjoys application development, artificial intelligence, and coding best practices. In his free time, Jonathan enjoys traveling, playing disc golf, and spending time with family and friends.



Since graduating, Jonathan has been dedicated to giving back to the Pitt community. Through career fairs, networking events, and mentorship programs, Jonathan has continued to maintain a presence on campus well after being a student. In the summer of 2024, Jonathan became a member of School of Computing and Information (SCI) Alumni Board. In this position, he looks forward to advancing the initiatives of the school as well as assisting the next generation of technologists and Panthers!

Remain an active part of the alumni community!

Please keep us updated on your careers and amazing accomplishments by scanning this code, or learn more at www.sci.pitt.edu/alumni.



2025 Spring Ceremony - Our School

Transform. Connect. Empower. Innovate.

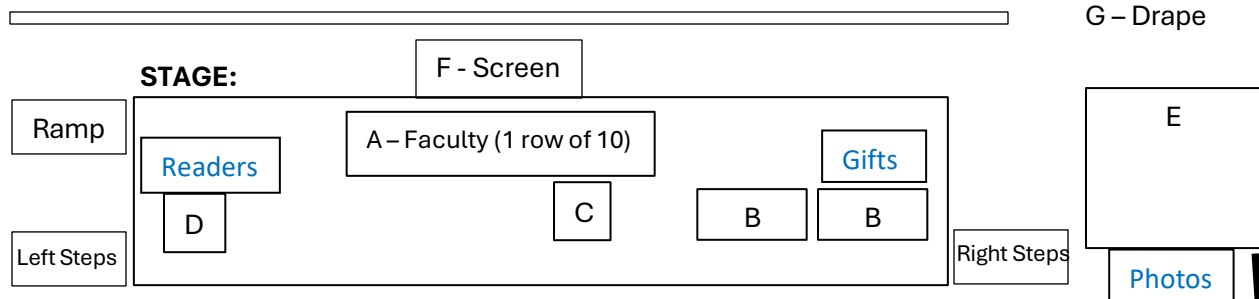
The University of Pittsburgh School of Computing and Information (SCI), founded in 2017, is together transforming lives for a better digital future, from our community to the world. SCI builds on the results of more than a century of progress, preparing leaders for the accelerated world of next-level collaboration, inquiry, insights, and solutions in areas such as artificial intelligence, data, library and information sciences, computer science, machine learning, and beyond. Our community brings together learners of various disciplines based on a shared investment in innovation and technology.



FLOOR LAYOUT

University of Pittsburgh School of Computing & Information Spring 2025 Graduation Ceremony

Friday, May 2nd at 4:30 p.m., Fitzgerald Fieldhouse



Stage Set-Up:

A – Platform-Faculty Seating – 1 row of 10 chairs

B – TWO 6ft skirted table for diploma holders and student gift

C – Podium – (Chancellor Podium) – for the platform party speaker (the Deans and the invited speaker)

D – Podium for the name Reader

E – Photography Staging Area

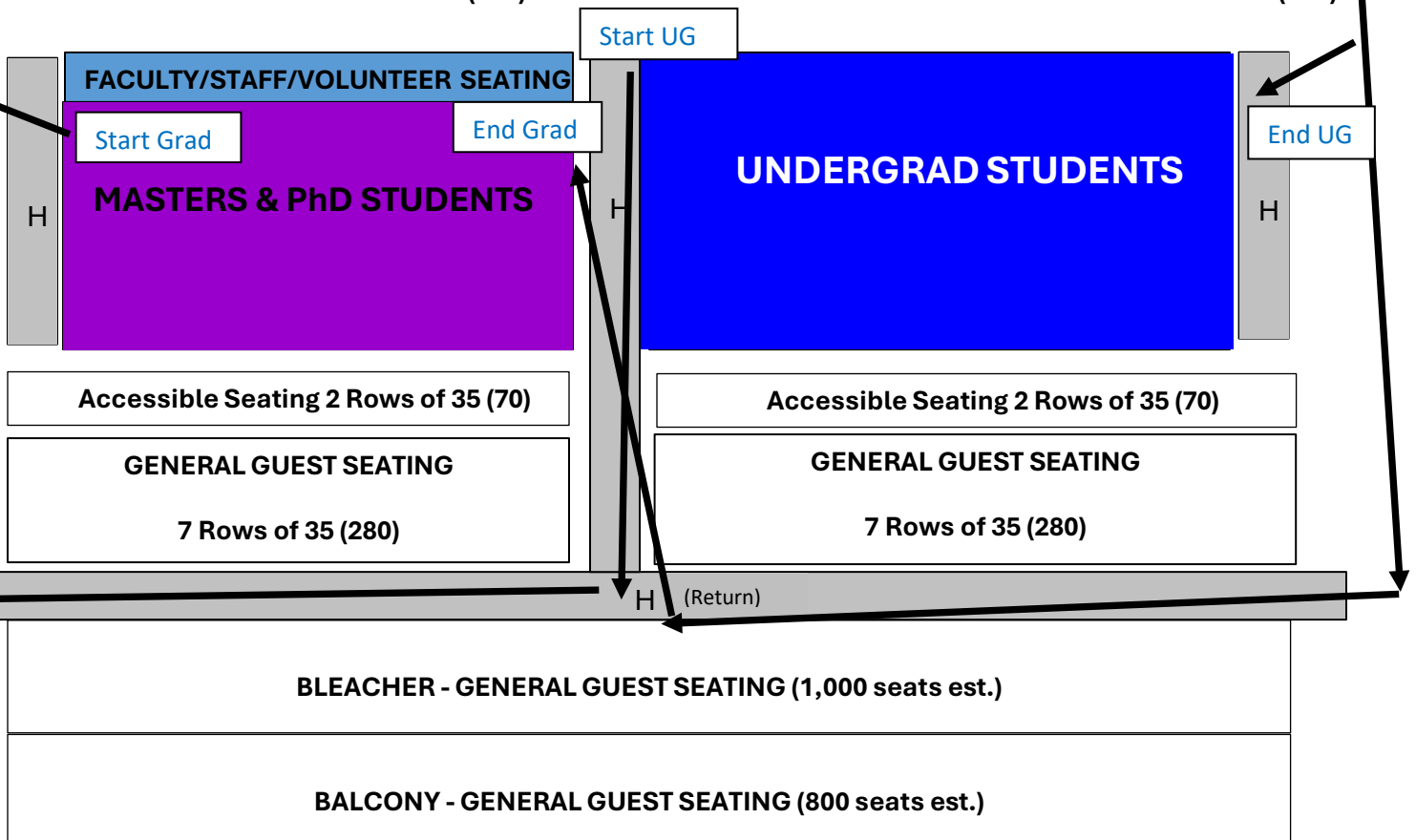
F – 9' x 16' Screen for slideshow, projection from rear (will need 10' behind screen for Projector)

G – Pipe and drape between stage and reception

H – Pathway/Walkway for students (middle section should be wide enough for two students to walk side-by-side). Students line up and enter the stage by the left steps. After exiting the stage, they take a photo (E) and walk back along the H pathway marked "return"

STUDENT SEATING – 6 ROWS OF 25 (150)

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INSTRUCTIONS

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- Dress for this ceremony is business casual, regalia optional for graduates. If you wear your regalia, tassels for graduate degree candidates are worn on the left. For doctoral graduates, wearing regalia will allow you to be hooded during the ceremony. If you choose no regalia, you will not be hooded!
- This event begins with a food reception between 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., and **Graduates** can **check-in during the reception, between 4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**, right inside the front doors. Graduates will receive a card with their name and degree information. **PLEASE KEEP THIS CARD – STAFF WILL ASK FOR YOUR CARD WHEN IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO WALK ACROSS THE STAGE.** The **faculty (platform party)** can check-in inside the front doors as well.
- **Graduates** will be seated according to degree type. Our Masters and PhD students on the left (if you're facing the stage) and our Undergraduate students on the right (please see attached map).
- **Family and friends** should also use the main entrance. After the food reception, they can sit anywhere behind the designated seating for our graduates (again, see attached map).
- At 5:45 p.m., SCI staff will cue **the graduates and faculty (platform party)** to take their seats for the ceremony. **The faculty (platform party)** will go to the stage and find their seats near the podium, facing the audience.
- Graduates will be called by row and staff ushers will direct graduates when to stand and present their card to be read. Staff ushers will also direct graduates where to walk across the stage when their name is called. **Each will walk to Dean Childers on stage when the speaker calls their name**, and then they will receive a faux- diploma (not the actual diploma, that is mailed later) shake hands with the faculty, receive a gift, and pose for a photo as they are leaving the stage. They will then walk back to their seats.

Additional notes:

- For directions to **Fitzgerald Fieldhouse**, please use this address: 3526 Allequippa St, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
- The closest parking lot is the **OC Lot** (3537 Allequippa Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213). **We will also be offering free shuttle service before and after the ceremony from Soldiers and Sailors Garage located on lower campus** (4390 Bigelow Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15213). Shuttles will run between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. and again from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Faculty not part of the platform party and staff/volunteers should sit in the first row on the Masters and PhD student side.
- **Photos are encouraged** during the ceremony, but some vantage points may be blocked by students when they stand. Please be respectful of student traffic when positioning to take pictures.
- Graduates should **not** throw out the box containing their gift! There is a sticker on the outside of the box with a QR code that leads to an online folder with the pictures we take at graduation!