



University of  
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School of Computing  
and Information

# 2026 Graduation Ceremony

Friday, May 1, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Victory Heights Arena

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

*\*Indicates a student on track to graduate with departmental honors.*

*This program includes all graduates from the Spring 2026 semester.*

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

# 2026 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

Huiming Qu, Vice President of Data Science, The Home Depot

## Recognition of Graduates

### Announcing Graduates

Wesley Lipschultz, Senior Director of Student and Academic Affairs

James Petraglia, Department and Graduate Support Administrator

### 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

Alexandros Labrinidis, Professor, Department of Computer Science

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

## Closing Remarks

## 2026 Spring Ceremony – Our Graduates

### Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Matthew Anderson

Jessica Baek

Greyson Barsotti

Bridget Brinkman

Colin Byrne

Jack Cetani\*

Anish Cheekala

Alex Coffman

Amanda Cotumaccio

Jack Drabenstadt

Kenechi Ezekoye

César Guerra-Solano\*

Aaron Huynh

Peter Ju

Hannah Kwee

Leo Liang

Praz Nagarajan

Nickhil Niranjana

Aidan O'Shane

Kunal Saxena\*

Riya Shah\*

Jonah Smith

Liam Sullivan

Marcus Villalba

Jason Ye\*

Hamza Al Ebousi

Aileen Alarcon

Daniel Aleardi

La Alsulaim\*

Sachit Anand

Ragull Arumugam

Mohammed Baled\*

Nico Bartello

Matthew Bartie

Xavier Bear

Elias Benbourenane

Ryan Bloch

Ben Bravo

Michael Canavan

Mitchell Caplan

Cole Caron

Zhuoyan Cen

Timothy Chang

Ezra Cheifetz

Andrew Chen

Yixuan Chen

Ket-Hwa Cheng

Daniel Cohen

Ethan Crosby

Caroline Curtis

Annie Dai

Summit Dang

William Danielson\*

Vladimir Deianov

Gabriela Diaz

Zibo Ding

Lyndsey Dippold

Paul Doherty\*

Cole Embleton

Ryan Farrar

Juniper Ferlan

Joshua Frank

Daley Fraser

Cameron Frencho

Aaron Gan

Yuna Gao\*

Siyena Gezahegn

Carson Gollinger\*

Enzo Grappone

Kieran Griperay

Wesley Hakanen

Thomas Harrison

Rand Hasan

Jagger Hershey

Grace Hines\*

Griffin Holcombe

Nathan Holmes

Michelle Hong

Samuel Houpt

Min Yi Jiang\*

Irwin Jiang\*

Austin Johnson

Krishna Katakota

Kiana Kazemi

Tassneem Khattab

Jaclyn Kim

Hiuyeung Kong

Brandon Kowalski

Akash Krishan

Titus Kurian

Chase Lahner\*

Zirui Liao

Vivien Lim

Hongyu Liu\*

Zhanpeng Luo\*

Forest Maguire

Shruti Mali

Jace Martin\*

Chris McEnroe

## 2026 Spring Ceremony – Our Graduates

### **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (continued)**

Alexa Mckee	Ryder Pham	Xiaoting Wang
Wyatt McMullen	Michael Puthumana	Yuzhe Wang
Patrick Miller	Anirudh Rajesh	Christopher White
Caden Milne*	Kee Ravindran	Ty Wilkinson
Ibrahim Miloua	Florian Reihl*	Max Wong
Ly Nguyen	Isaac Samuel	Eli Worley
Asliddin Nurboev	Sarina Saran	Zhenyu Wu
Charlotte Oberti	Eric Seymour	Gordon Wyrstek
Elizabeth O'Connell	Ethan Shilling	Yuou Xiong
Aidan O'Hara	Amyia Singh	Richard Xu
Ajay Adhithiya Ohm Nathan*	Jaiden Slifer*	Heegwon Yang
Rhonda Ojongmboh	Mofe Taiwo	Sage Yanoff
Maisie Oliver	Reuben Thomas	Helene Yao
Ifemi Olojo-Kosoko	Nolan Thomas	YANG YE*
Tracey Otgonbayar	Kevin Tong	Theo Zervos
Joe Paci*	Alexander Victoria	Xianyu Zhao
Sahil Patel	Devansh Waleacha	Steven Zheng
Danielle Paton	Hao Wang	Raymond Zong
Tyler Patterson	Zhuoran Wang*	

### **Bachelor of Science in Computational Biology**

Matthew Anderson	César Guerra-Solano*	Emma Mahoney*
Colin Byrne	Riya Shah*	Amy Mullen

### **Bachelor of Science in Data Science**

Jessica Baek	Kunal Saxena*	Neha Kotha
Bridget Brinkman	Jonah Smith	Aishwarya Krishnamoorthy
Jack Cetani*	Marcus Villalba	Luke Kryka
Anish Cheekala	Christopher Berarducci	Jingxian Liu
Kenechi Ezekoye	Noah Blayney	Diana Lysova
Aaron Huynh	Pierandrea Ferrara	Alivia Missimer
Hannah Kwee	Aaron Importico	Juli Murphy
Praz Nagarajan	Sean Jacobs	Owen O'Keefe
Aidan O'Shane	Benjamin Kasper	Michelle Star

# 2026 Spring Ceremony – Our Graduates

## **Bachelor of Science in Digital Narrative and Interactive Design**

Greyson Barsotti

Alex Coffman

Amanda Cotumaccio

Jack Drabenstadt

Peter Ju

Leo Liang

Nickhil Niranjana

Liam Sullivan

Jason Ye\*

Amy Zhang\*

Aidan Brophy

Jagr Krtanjek

Ze'mer Parr

Praj Perez

Dana Pinadella

Karlynn Riccitelli

Salimat Shonekan

## **Bachelor of Science in Information Science**

Amy Zhang\*

Justin Bailey

Emily Boyle

Isabella DeRubeis

Morgan Engel

Dominic Galatis\*

Jason Gao

Carlton Gbur

Daphne Giffin

Alexandra Hansen\*

Roja Kafle

Zachary Lehning\*

Payton Lin

Joe Lis

Sharv Mahajan

Jason Man\*

Chase Marsalko

Cynthia Maz

Jake Medica

Jacob Moretz\*

Nate Moser

Dominic Romano

Linda Schnabel Martínez

Geina Shaker

Vlad Slavskii

Ashish Subedi

Vishal Suthakar\*

Femi Toyobo

Philippe Van De Putte

Anisha Voocha

Alice Wen

Zhexi Xu

Bobby Ye

## **Bachelor of Science in Physics and Quantum Computing**

Chidubem Ifeanyi

Anshul Ramavath

## **Master of Science in Computer Science**

Jerry Chen

Tanishka Deshpande

Akshat Dhamale

Zi Han Ding

Naman Gupta

Kartik Hans

Jayati Jui

Anveshika Kamble

Sodi Kroehler

Xiaoyan Wei

# 2026 Spring Ceremony – Our Graduates

## Master of Data Science

Nomana Amjad

Phillip Barton

Nsang Titabong Bijoux Yvette

Charles Buttermore

Wenzhe Cai

BIAN YU CHEN

Samuel Chenot

Knox Coulter

Christine Covell

Corbin Curtis

Yuan Dai

Divya Darisi

Amie Davenport

Dylan DellaValle

Patrick Doyle

Erin Foster

Trevor Fuller

Hisham Galal

Xiaopeng Geng

Katherine Godwin

Adriana Gorenc

Xiaojing Guan

Nefi Guevara

Kareyna Guevara

Leonard Ha

Ben Hartner

Rafael Iglesias Novak

Ervin Jader

Edward Jeffs

Kevin John

Steven Jones

Daniel Juan

Cynthia Jung

Kristy Kang

Mohanasundaram Kattavoor

Sivakumar

Kalim Kersting

Aadil Khan

Rifat Khan

Alec Kistler

Tom Lamour

Blair Lang

Sertac Levent

Adrian Luis-Martinez

Matt Marzano

Max Marzolf

Jonathan McCabe

Lingyi Meng

Brandt Miao

Mary Miller

Amin Mokri

Devi Srijani Moturi

Amirali Naderi

Alexandra Nissen

Amy Novak

Rizaldy Nuque

Ivan Ortega

Kris Palma Cedeno

Yuanyuan Pei

Benjamin Powell

Milan Prabhu

Fatemeh Rahmatikamel

Mary Kate Richey

Travis Rogan

Megan Rogers

Atreyee Sarkar

Daniel Schoettlin

Andrey Sidelkovskiy

Andrew Solecki

Greg Spurgeon

Eric Stewart

Mason Struthers

Shadman Syed

Rebecca Szapacs

Kevin Thomas

Amy Travis

James Turkovich

Karina Vega-Garcia

John Vlahos

Jayden Vongphachanh

Matthew Walter

Jason Widenhofer

Neil Winder

Katherine Wolfe

Chang Xu

Xiaoli Yang

Adam Young

Sheng Zhang

Matthew Zourelis

# 2026 Spring Ceremony - Our Graduates

## Master of Science in Information Science

Ammar Alabboodi

Charitha Battini

Lize Chen

Nan Ding

Donat Fabian

Sushil Giri

Tailin Gong

Jiawei Guo

Yanjie Han

Monika Herbst

Xinyue Hu

Yingjing Jiang

Zijing Jin

Janarthanan Krishnamoorthy

Pengyao Li

Donghao Liu

Yifan Liu

Junsen Luo

Mohammed Misran

Oishee Nandy

Chuhan Ni

Chengxi Pan

Parusha Pradhan

Surabhi Raghavan

Anand Ramakrishnan

Lucy Romero

Akshat Sabavat

Shubham Narayan Sarvankar

Varun Shelke

Tianyu Sheng

Vinamra Singh

Gokulavasan Sivashanmugam

Eva Sung

Satvvik TANDON

Mingyang Wang

Yinqi Wang

Ruoxi Wang

Tianhe Wu

## Master of Science in Intelligent Systems

Bamidele Ajisogun

Yuya Asano

Manikya Rathna

Shravya Suresh

## Master of Library and Information Science

Linda Andress

Renad Albugami

Nahed Alsayed

Alison Beninato

Megan Bennis

Bri Darcangelo

Kelsey DeCerchio

Wren Doyle

Jeremy Gunsett

Elena Haffner

Madelyn Hamaker

Allison Knorr

Gina Morton

Nena Petrissans

Johanna Prince

Megan Rodgers

Madeleine Schirber

Matthew Shuff

Zach Snyder

Ece Ulus

Junpu Zeng

## Master of Science in Telecommunications

Pathvi Lal

Manuel Rosario

## 2026 Spring Ceremony - Our Graduates

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science**

Sina Malakouti

Brian Nixon

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Information Science**

Jordan Barria-Pineda

Zak Risha

Keyang Zheng

Pat Healy

Jingzhe Wang

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Intelligent Systems**

Maneesh Bilalpur

Cagri Gungor

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Library and Information Science**

Jamaica Jones

### **Graduate Certificates of Advanced Study**

Shannon Dunn

Akira Pinto Medeiros

## 2026 Spring Ceremony - Our Speaker

### Huiming Qu

#### Vice President of Data Science, The Home Depot

As Vice President of Data Science at The Home Depot, Dr. Huiming Qu is instrumental in turning cutting-edge technology into real-world impact. She combines deep technical execution with strategic foresight, not only deploying advanced AI to solve today's challenges but also shaping the company's long-term vision for continued competitive advantage. Her leadership enhances the end-to-end customer experience - from marketing and e-commerce to the stores and the contact centers - and drives core operational efficiencies for the world's largest home improvement retailer. In close partnership with leaders across the organization, she also spearheads The Home Depot's Responsible AI framework to ensure that innovation is developed ethically and sustainably, all while generating billions of dollars in business value. Dr. Qu's ability to deliver transformative results has been demonstrated across various industries. Prior to her role at The Home Depot, she developed high-impact solutions at technology and financial services leaders like IBM's Watson Research Lab and American Express. This deep industry experience is built upon a powerful academic foundation, including a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Pittsburgh, and is further distinguished by a portfolio of over 20 issued patents that underscore a career dedicated to tangible innovation



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## 2026 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.



Special thanks to our staff volunteers for your dedication and support in making graduation such a meaningful and memorable occasion for our students!

Emily Bennett  
Sharon Bindas  
Lynnsey Doane  
John Faulkner

Jennifer Gentzel  
Anna Hermann  
Kailyn Lukaszewski  
Emily Park

Rachel Parkes  
Kristine Pugliese  
Jackie Speake Dwyer  
Amy Vaught