Class of 2020, this one's for you

This issue is bursting with congratulations and best wishes for you, MSE graduates! We've pulled out all the stops: a special video with messages from faculty and staff, a digital graduation program that includes heartfelt wishes and advice from alumni around the world...even this week's trivia quiz has a graduation theme! Suffice it to say, the cancelation of your graduation has tugged at the heartstrings of the entire MSE community. So, wherever you are today, if the temperature feels warmer, it's all the MSE love emanating from Ann Arbor. So, ready, set, scroll...
Class of 2020!

We're proud of you and wish you all the best!
From left to right, starting at top: Ellen Kampf (administrative assistant), Sahar Farjami (engineering technician), Shelley Fellers (administrative assistant), Cassandra Franklin-Smith (HR assistant), Amy Holihan (research process manager), Todd Richardson (department administrator), Ellen Hou (contract and grant specialist), Chris Cristian (intermediate desktop support specialist), Kathy Kuhn (contract and grant specialist), Tina Longenbarger (executive secretary), Ying Qi (senior research project engineer), Keith McIntyre (senior facilities engineer), Renee Hilgendorf (graduate program advisor), Patti Vogel (undergraduate program advisor), and Kevin Worth (senior IT specialist).

**OUR DIGITAL GRADUATION PROGRAM** features pictures of all the 2020 graduates, notes on their time at U-M, and messages from MSE alumni eager to share their graduation advice. Click on the button below to open the program.
MSE Graduation Awards

James P. Lettieri Award: David Allen
The James P. Lettieri Award recognizes an exemplary student who has attained high academic achievement within the Materials Science & Engineering Department.

The Brian Worth Prize: Kayla Byrd
Brian Worth was an MSE alum (BSE '89, PHD '94). This prize is awarded to the MSE student who best demonstrates his qualities: academic excellence, plus meaningful involvement in research, MMS, and a broad range of university life.

Alpha Sigma Mu Distinguished Member Award: Nathan Ng
This award recognizes an undergraduate who has achieved academic excellence and made significant contributions to Alpha Sigma Mu.

The Anvil Award:
Evan Raeker

The Anvil Award recognizes exemplary MSE students who have committed their service to the shaping of the MSE department and community.

MMS Distinguished Member Award: Rishav Choudhury

This award recognizes undergraduates who have excelled both academically and in their involvement with Michigan Materials Society.

Graduate - First to Publish: Kyle Bushick (Cohort 2018)


Upcoming Virtual Events

Ruiming Lu PhD defense

A member of the Poudeu group, Ruiming Lu will present “Novel Composite Strategy to Optimize Thermoelectric Performance" on May 12, 10 a.m.-noon. To join in: https://umich.bluejeans.com/1385729503 Read abstract.
This is the third and final installment of trivia quizzes. In keeping with our graduation theme, the answers to all the questions are MSE alumni. (Hint: You might want to check out the MSE website for help.) Please submit your responses for this round by Tuesday, May 5 at 9:00 p.m. EST. Prize winner(s) and answers to all three quizzes will be announced next week. To answer this week’s questions, click on the button below. Best of luck and have fun!

#1 In 1973, she became the first woman to receive a Ph.D. from U-M in metallurgy/materials engineering. Her research focused on electron microscopy studies of dental materials.

#2 She is the first woman in U.S. history to lead the Department of Energy’s Office of Nuclear Energy. Who is she?

#3 Based on his generous endowment, a Michigan Engineering building on North Campus is named after him. Who is he?

#4 A well-known diffusion phenomenon is named after him. Who is he?

#5 He served as the 12th director of the National Science Foundation (NSF). Who is he?
Show your U-M pride

Celebrate on Social
Add a celebratory frame to your Facebook profile, send a Snap with our graduation filters or join your next Zoom call from the commencement stage. Celebrate graduation virtually.

Share your U-M memories
Share your favorite photos, videos and stories that capture your most memorable moments as a Michigan Wolverine. Share your story.