



It's all over but the scrolling.

The tassels have been turned and so has the page on the 2023 U-M graduation, but we want to take a moment today to relive all the exciting highlights from our MSE Graduation Awards Dinner on April 27, complete with a complete roll call of all our BSE, MSE and PhD graduates and a run-down of all our awards winners.

Ready, set, scroll!



Class of 2023 members Erdem Ozdemir, Harrison Biggs, Megan Klein, Krystal Quinn, Konnor Walter, Elliott Gorishek and Jonah Berman at the Graduation Awards Dinner April 27. Click [here](#) to see more photos.

Special Announcements

Steven Ceccio named interim dean of CoE

Steven L. Ceccio has been appointed to serve as interim dean of the College of Engineering, effective June 1. He succeeds Alec D. Gallimore, who is stepping down to become Duke University's next provost. Ceccio is currently the associate dean for academic affairs in the College and also a professor of mechanical engineering and of naval architecture and marine engineering.

U-M announces new AI guidelines

As artificial intelligence technology continues to rapidly increase its capabilities to impact (and disrupt) our daily lives, the university has laid out some preliminary guidelines. [Read more](#).

U-M rolling back COVID-19 protocols and policies

Citing the stabilization of Covid outbreaks over the past several months and in light of the federal government ending its Covid public health emergency declaration on Wednesday, U-M officials announced today that several pandemic-era policies will be changing and/or ending. [Read more](#). Even with the roll-back, U-M officials caution that the virus is still around and thus ask that you still stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations as recommended by the CDC, use face coverings for enhanced personal protection in areas of high transmission, and keep a supply of rapid antigen tests on hand.

Upcoming Events

Anshul Kamboj PhD defense May 17

A member of the Marquis group, **Anshul Kamboj** will present his dissertation defense, "Microstructure evolution in dilute and concentrated multi-component alloys under irradiation" on **Wednesday, May 17** at **12:00 p.m. in 1005 H.H. Dow** or

via

Zoom: umich.zoom.us/j/8359582690

(Passcode: 264276)

Good luck, Anshul!



Special seminar with Drexel's Joshua Agar May 26



Join us for a special seminar with Drexel Professor **Joshua C. Agar**, who will present "Practical deployment of machine learning for high-velocity science" on **Friday, May 26, 1-3 p.m., in 3158 H.H. Dow (Pod Room).**

Research highlights

Alan Taub tapped to lead new \$130M EV Center



MSE Professor Alan Taub has been charged with steering a new \$130 U-M Electric Vehicle Center. A former auto industry executive with both Ford and GM, Taub has a track record of successfully launching public-private partnerships. [Read more.](#)

Graduation Awards Dinner Recap

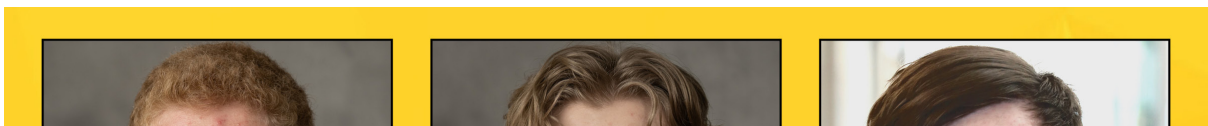


Nearly 100 people attended the 2023 Graduation Awards Dinner held in the Ford Motor Company Robotics Building Thursday, April 27 to celebrate the MSE Class of 2023, which consisted of 41 undergraduates, 21 master's graduates and 23 Ph.D. graduates. After the awards presentations, 2023 Distinguished Alumni Lecturer Christopher Soles offered words of wisdom to graduates. The festivities were capped off by the taking of the traditional group MSE photo. Click [here](#) to see more

photos. **CONGRATULATIONS** to all our amazing graduates and best wishes for a bright future!



Duncan Greeley, Kyle Bushick, Jonathan Schwartz, Julia Lenef, Paul Chao and Juwon Lim, all 2023 PhD graduates, pose together after the Graduation Awards Dinner on April 27.

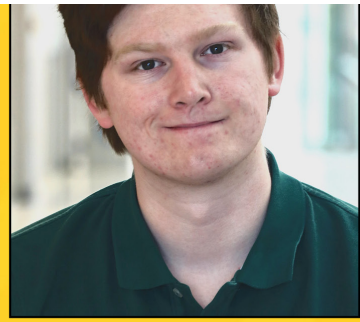




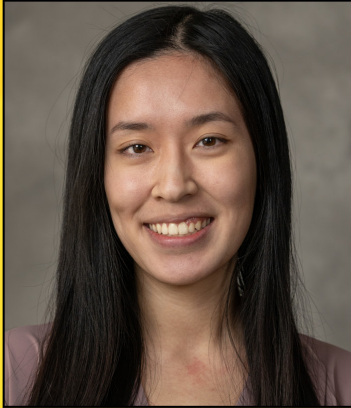
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Kameron Betz



Harrison Biggs



Jenny Chong



Kellie Chu



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Aaron Cooke



Alia Cummings



Mackenzie Darling



Alexandra Dewey



Leah Fleming



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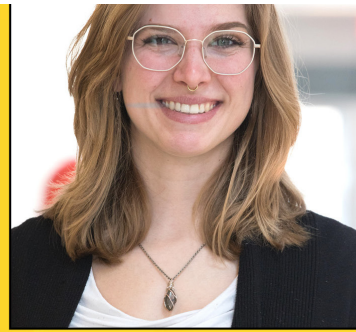




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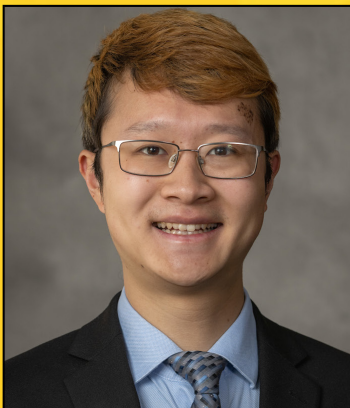
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Jason Landini



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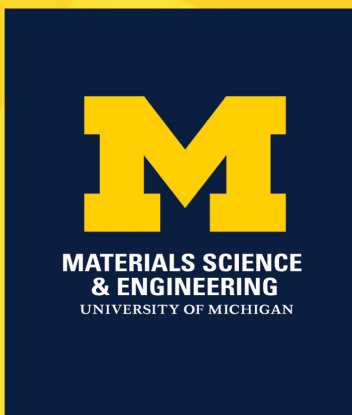
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Alexander Mensah



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Nina Perry



Rachel Rajkumar



Andrew Ray



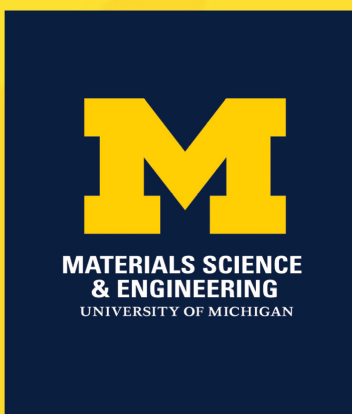
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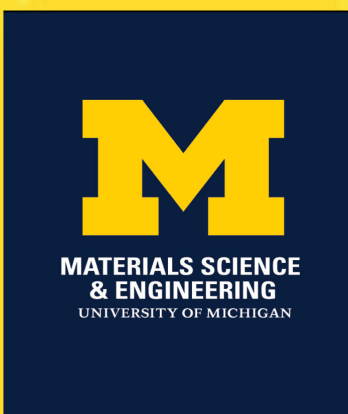
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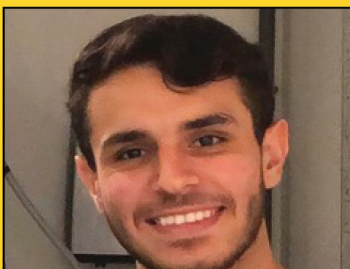
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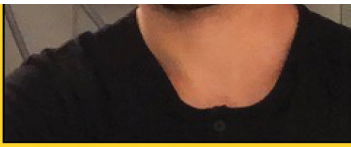


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Master's graduates





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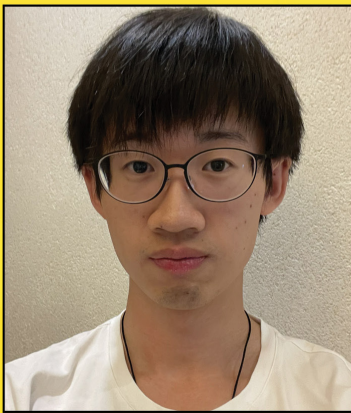
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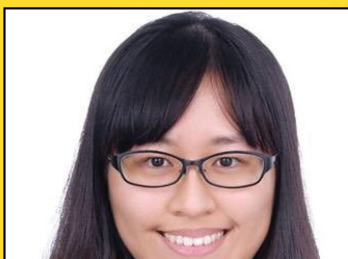
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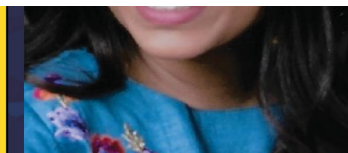




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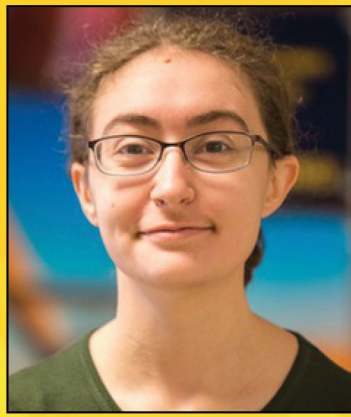
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Ph.D. graduates



**Kyle Bushick
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**Veronica Caro
Millunchick**



**Brandon Carter
Millunchick**



**Paul Chao
Shahani**



**Randy Cheng
Taub**



**Vishwas Goel
Thornton**



**Duncan Greeley
Allison**



**Guanglong Huang
Thornton**



**Yiqiao Huang
Poudeu**





Anshul Kamboj
Marquis



Kamruzzaman Khan
Ahmadi/Hovden



Amy Langhorst
Taub



Julia Lenef
Dasgupta



Anita Li
Taub



Juwon Lim
Reddy



Hongling Lu
Goldman



Boning Qu
Forrest



Jonathan Schwartz
Hovden



Anshul Singhal
Taub



Suk Hyun Sung
Hovden



Ray Watkins
Bassis



Daniel Yin
Misra



Ziaoyang Zhong
Lahann



James P. Lettieri Award: Jason Landini



Brian Worth Prize: Virgil Watkins



Alpha Sigma Mu Distinguished Member: Alex Dewey



Anvil Award: Denise Schlautman



MMS Distinguished Member: Elliott Gorishek



Graduate Recognition Awards

Graduate Student Council (GSC)



2022-23 GSC board: Avinava Roy, Forrest Wissuchek, Hailey Lovelace, Julia Leneff, Alex Moy, Catherine Haslam, Tolu Lawal, Tathya Shinde, with MSE chair Liz Holm and Prof. John Allison. Not pictured: Loulou Batta, Tiernan Baucom and Emily MacInnis.

Graduate Recruiting



Organizers of 2023 Graduate Recruiting Visit: Nicholas David and Ellery Hendrix, with MSE chair Liz Holm and Prof. John Allison. Not pictured: Tiernan Baucom.

First to Publish: Zijing Zhang



First to Publish (2021 cohort): Zijing Zhang (Laine group) published "Further Proof of Unconventional Conjugation via Disiloxane Bonds: Double Decker Sesquioxane [vinylMeSi(O0.5) 2 (PhSiO1.5) 8 (O0.5)2SiMevinyl] Derived Alternating Terpolymers Give Excited-State Conjugation Averaging That of the Corresponding Copolymers" in *Macromolecules* on Sept. 13, 2022.

Distinguished Alumni Lecture: Dr. Christopher Soles



MSE chair Liz Holm presents the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Lecture Award to Dr. Christopher Soles (PHD '98), a materials research engineer at the National Institute of Standards & Technology. Saying he definitely "bleeds blue," Soles encouraged the 2023 graduates to take advantage of the vast and valuable Michigan network. The next day, Friday, April 28, Soles presented the Distinguished Alumni Lecture, "How Materials Science & Engineering at Michigan Has Made a Difference in Semiconductors, Membranes and Ballistics," which you can watch [here](#).





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