The Paul Michael Salmon Outstanding Engineering Design Award was created in Spring 2007 to honor Paul Michael Salmon and his extraordinary determination and spirit.

Paul was a dean's list student majoring in Computer Engineering, scheduled to graduate in the Fall. He passed away just a few days after his 24th birthday on March 1st, just one year after being diagnosed with leukemia. After treatment during Summer 2006, he took a normal course load in Fall and Spring with a strong determination to continue on his path in spite of the disease.

Just a couple of weeks before his death he wrote to the Senior Design instructor:

"Yesterday I was told that my cancer has relapsed and that I will need to be put in the hospital within the next couple of days. Firstly, I'm going to try, but I probably won't be able to attend class tonight. As you can imagine, I have a great deal of stuff to take care of in the next couple days.

"Secondly, I was wondering if there is any possibility that I could stay in CPE496 and complete it, even while going through my treatment. The only problem is, I would not be able to attend any more classes this semester, or give any more presentations. I could, however, still do much of the required work from the hospital (schematics, PCB designs, documents, etc.). If you think there is any way to accomplish this, please let me know: I'd like to be able to finish what I've started."

And he did. He continued to work from the hospital. His team, Galen Collins, Elise Haley, and Paul were working on a low-cost wireless traffic sensor. Paul was designing a controller for power management and battery recharging using solar cells. The team applied to the Alabama Launchpad competition and advanced to the second round of the competition.

The 2007 Paul Michael Salmon Outstanding Engineering Design Award was presented to Tim Fowler, Daniel Lowery, and Russ Meyerriecks for the “Motion Tracking & Targeting Platform Senior Design Project.”

The 2007 Paul Michael Salmon Outstanding Engineering Design Award 1st Runner-Up Design Award was presented to Galen Collins, Elise Haley, and Paul Salmon for the “Low Cost Wireless Traffic Sensors Senior Design Project.”

The 2007 Paul Michael Salmon Outstanding Engineering Design Award 2nd Runner-Up Design Award was presented to Charles Acker, Sreca Jovanov, and Michael King for the “SmartBottle Patient Compliance Monitoring System Senior Design Project.”

This engineering design award competition will be held each Spring as a lasting tribute to Paul. If you would like to contribute, please send your donation to the UAH Office of Development, Shelbie King Hall, Suite 300, Huntsville, AL 35899, Attn: Paul Salmon Scholarship.
Commencement 2006-2007, ECE Graduates

Doctors of Philosophy

Rami Abdalla Al Na‘meh........................................... Huntsville
Field: Electrical Engineering
Dissertation: "Performance Analysis of One Dimensional Fast Fourier Transform on Parallel Systems"
Advisor: Dr. David Pan

Mohammad M. Al-Shurman......................................Jordan
Field: Computer Engineering
Dissertation: "Secure Routing with Key Pre-Distribution Using MDS Codes in Mobile AD HOC Networks"
Advisor: Dr. Sam M. Yoo

Khalid Ahmad Darabkh........................................ Jordan
Field: Computer Engineering
Dissertation: "Improving TCP and UDP Performance Over Wireless Networks Using Quality of Delivery (QOD) Aware Wireless Systems"
Advisor: Dr. Ramazan S. Aygun

Yoshito Kanamori................................................ Japan
Field: Computer Engineering
Dissertation: "Quantum Encryption and Authentication Protocols"
Advisor: Dr. Sam M. Yoo

Brennon Stewart Meals........................................ Athens
Field: Computer Engineering
Dissertation: "A Hierarchical Decomposition Algorithm for Static Scheduling of Hardware and Software Components"
Advisor: Dr. Jeff Kulick

Dalton S. Nelson..................................................Jamaica
Field: Electrical Engineering
Dissertation: "Intelligent Control of Patient Ventilator Synchrony"
Advisor: Dr. Yuri Shtessel

Barbara J. Robertson.............................................Huntsville
Field: Electrical Engineering
Dissertation: "Radio Frequency (RF) Microelectromechanical Systems (MEMS) Switches"
Advisor: Dr. Fat D. Ho

Peng Zhang.........................................................China
Field: Electrical Engineering
Dissertation: "Space-Time Coding with OFDM Over Correlated Fading Channels"
Advisor: Dr. Laurie Joiner

Masters of Science in Engineering (continued)

Clarissa Nicole Byrd............................................Huntsville
Field: Electrical
Thesis: "Fabrication of a Flexible, Self-Healing Smart Skin"
Advisor: Dr. David Coe

Jonathan Arthur Carlson.............................. Huntsville
Field: Electrical
Thesis: "An Analysis of the Cantor Fractal Applied to Antennas"
Advisor: Dr. John M. Jarem

Robert Kyle Justice.................................Montgomery
Field: Electrical
Thesis: "A Modeling and Implementation of Insider Threats Based on Bayes Net"
Advisor: Dr. Laurie Joiner

Carol Lindsay Romine.....................................Athens
Field: Electrical
Thesis: "A Study of Higher Levels of Component Integration for Electronically Steerable Phased Arrays"
Advisor: Dr. Sam M. Yoo

Thomas C. Sullivan...........................................Huntsville
Field: Electrical
Advisor: Dr. Laurie Joiner

Master of Science in Software Engineering

Richard Keith Woodard II.............................Madison
Field: Software Engineering
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## Congratulations Graduates of 2006/2007!
Michelle Johnson graduated from UAH in May 2007 with a B.S.E. degree, majoring in Computer Engineering.

Michelle was the recipient of a four-year UAH Academic Excellence Scholarship and an NCMR scholarship in Fall 2006. The NCMR Scholars Program supports education initiatives by DIA and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). She is a member of Eta Kappa Nu, Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Kappa Phi honors societies.

Michelle is employed as a Computer Engineer at Polaris Sensor Technologies, Inc., working on a broad variety of projects such as website design and development, database design and development, user interface development, embedded programming, image processing, and algorithm development.

Michelle plans to pursue a master’s degree in Software Engineering at UAH and work on large-scale program design and development. She hopes to become a program manager or project-lead of software design and development.

In addition to her career goals, Michelle says she is passionate about building my very first home and to becoming a very successful spouse. She also loves to play the piano and sing.

Jennifer Cuzzort graduated from UAH in May 2007 with a B.S.E. degree, majoring in Electrical Engineering.

Jennifer is a 2003 National Merit Scholar and a member of the engineering honor societies Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu as well as the interdisciplinary honor society Phi Kappa Phi. She has interned at the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) for two summers and is currently working on a research project, “Finding Frequent Webpage Access Patterns”, sponsored by Collaborative Research Experience for Undergraduates (CREU) in Computer Science and Engineering. Jennifer plans to work for a few years after graduation, then get a Master’s in Electrical Engineering.

Jennifer has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and has earned a silver medal in sparring at the 2002 Kyonggi International Open Championships held in Seoul, Korea.

Her other interests include music, painting, sculpting, and reading. She also volunteers with Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). IHN is a church sponsored organization that provides food and shelter for homeless families. She attends church in Meridianville, AL and regularly help with youth age activities.

Swathi Tanjore-Gurumani was named Outstanding ECE Graduate Student for 2006/2007.

Swathi Tanjore-Gurumani is a Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Engineering who's graduate level-research has been in the areas of reconfigurable computing and parallel processing. He obtained his Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Communications Engineering from Madras University in India in 2000 and his M.S.E. Degree in Computer Engineering at UAH in 2003.

Swathi’s Ph.D. Research is in the area of hardware supported energy-efficient dynamic task scheduling in Reconfigurable System-on-a-Chip (RSOC) architectures. His graduate work involved the development of an Intellectual Property (IP) core to support communicating sequential process and in the development of parallel software representations of particle swarm optimization methodologies.

During his time at UAH, Swathi has distinguished himself in his role both as a Graduate Research Assistant and Graduate Teaching Assistant where he has taught many undergraduate courses from freshman to senior-level.

Michael (Mike) Davenport was named the Engineers Week Outstanding Student in Optical Engineering at the Engineers Week Banquet in February 2007.

Mike was awarded the UAH Presidential and the Leroy Simms Memorial scholarships when he enrolled at UAH. In Fall 2006 he was awarded a first place National Consortium for MASINT Research (MCMR) scholarship.

Mike is currently in his fourth year in the Optical Engineering program at UAH, and is set to graduate in the spring of 2008. Last fall he was invited to be a member of the Optical Engineering student advisory board, which advises the chair on the objectives and requirements of the optical engineering program. In the summer of 2006, he participated in the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, assisting Dr. Junpeng Guo in his research in surface-plasmon waves. Since then, he has continued to work with Dr. Guo as a research assistant. He plans to enter the UAH master’s degree program in Optical Science and Engineering after graduation.

Mike has been a member of the student martial arts UAH Budo Taijutsu club for four years, holding the office of secretary and later vice president. His other hobbies include snowboarding and wakeboarding.
Joshua Eliser Awarded the 2006/2007 NDIA Undergraduate Software Engineering Scholarship

Joshua Eliser was awarded a National Defense Industrial Association Software Engineering Scholarship at a ceremony at the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department in February 2007.

The Scholarship was presented by Jim Pepper, President of National Defense Industry Association, Tennessee Valley Chapter, along with Robert Darnall (incoming NDIA President) and Dr. Reza Adhami, ECE Chair.

Joshua is currently a junior majoring in Computer Engineering. He has worked three co-op semesters performing C++ software testing, development and deployment for the Joint Analysis Display Environment (JADE) project (Jan. 2005 – Aug 2006). He is currently working in the Blackhawk System Integration Lab, performing GUI application development in C using the Linux development environment.

Joshua’s list of achievements and activities include: College Academic Honor Student / Engineering Deans List; Freshman Academic Honor Society (Alpha Lambda Delta); IEEE Student Branch Member of the Year in 2006; 3 year officer in IEEE Student Branch as the 2006 - President/Chair and the 2004-2005 - VP of External Affairs; participated in the regional IEEE SoutheastCon hardware autonomous robotic competition; participates in collegiate intramural sports; and was a High School Honors Scholar.

Joshua says his goal is “to obtain a job supporting the defense intelligence community in which he can apply the skills and knowledge acquired during my studies as a computer engineer.”

National Defense Industrial Association Space & Missile Defense Post Graduate Fellowship Award

Ronen Adato was awarded a National Defense Industrial Association Space and Missile Defense Post Graduate Fellowship Award by the NDIA Tennessee Valley Chapter during a ceremony at the Marriott Hotel in Spring 2007.

Ronen graduated from Duke University in four years with a B.S.E in Electrical Engineering and a B. S. in Economics in May of 2005. After graduation, he had the opportunity to work as a research assistant at the Fitzpatrick Center for Photonics at Duke. Through his work, Ronen was able to contribute to research being done for a high resolution thin imager as part of the DARPA MONTAGE Project with Dr. Junpeng Guo. Dr. Guo’s move to the UAH ECE Department and the excitement of working on cutting edge research at a top university is what ultimately led to his decision to pursue graduate study at UAH.

Ronen is currently pursuing a master’s degree in Electrical Engineering with a focus on Optics and Photonics Technology. He plans to complete his degree, including thesis, by the end of this 2007 summer semester, after which I hope to begin doctoral study, continuing in Electrical Engineering. The focus of his research is in the field of nanophotonics and near field optics. Within that specialization, he concentrates his work in the exciting new field of plasmonics. The work has led to two papers by Dr. Guo and Ronen. The first appears in Optics Express, and the second has been accepted by the same journal, pending revisions. Both papers focus on theoretical calculations of the properties of a new type of waveguide. In the near future they hope to verify the theory with experimental results. Ronen has also been working in the UAH clean room to learn the nanofabrication techniques that will allow him to build and test these new plasmonic waveguides.

In addition to research work Ronen teaches a Digital Logic Design Lab. The experience of teaching allows him to develop communication skills through explaining technical concepts to a variety of different types of students who each learn in different ways. Developing this skill will help greatly in future work, as effectively communicating and sharing ideas is an important part of work in industry or academia.

He has recently been working with several other students to reinvigorate the UAH SPIE Student Chapter. Our work in promoting the organization and actively encouraging students to join has paid off and we have seen an immediate jump in membership. Ronen currently serves as president of the UAH SPIE student chapter. His other extracurricular interests and hobbies include running regularly and fly fishing.

The majority of these activities have been chosen and completed with his ultimate career goals in mind. Ronen says he hopes to find himself leading a research team at a major lab, one that is specifically involved with advanced photonics and nanotechnology.

“I know that such a goal will require me to make significant contributions to research in my chosen field over the next few years. The NDIA fellowship award will allow me to focus more of my time on research. I may also use the money to attend research conferences more frequently, Ronen said. “This would help me to improve my ability to give technical presentations far beyond what I may learn in teaching a laboratory class, as well as allow me to interact with other researchers in the field and gain exposure to other interesting work. This award will be a great help in my pursuit of a doctoral degree and career goals.”
Dr. Brian J. Smith

Dr. Brian J. Smith received the College of Engineering Distinguished Engineer Alumni Award in 2007 for his outstanding contributions in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Dr. Smith earned a Bachelor of Science, a Masters of Science, and a Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from The University of Alabama in Huntsville in 1985, 1990, and 1998, respectively. Dr. Smith earned a Master of Business Administration from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2005.

As a Senior Research Electronics Engineer for the U.S. Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command (RDECOM) and Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center (AMRDEC), Dr. Smith leads research and development efforts in advanced Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), millimeter wave tactical seekers, and Air Defense Systems. Dr. Smith is currently leading a project that he initiated to develop a SAR model for tactical missiles and small UAVs. As part of this effort Dr. Smith hosted two conferences at Redstone Arsenal which were attended by the leading researchers in the field of imaging radar. Dr. Smith is a member of the AMRDEC Patent Review Panel which evaluates and recommends inventions for patent prosecution. Dr. Smith is the AMRDEC Deputy Activity Career Program Manager (DACPM) for Career Program 16, Engineers and Scientists Non-Construction. In this role he mentors the AMRDEC’s young technical professionals in career path choices and education.

Over his 21-year career with the Army, he has worked in modeling and simulation of Air Defense Systems, Anti-Radiation Missiles, SAR/ISAR systems, data compression, and battlefield communications systems. He has conducted extensive research in localized computed tomography for medical imaging and defense related areas. He was a Sloan Fellow at MIT in 2004-2005. Dr. Smith has 51 technical publications and 4 US patents.
Professor Emeritus
Dr. Alex Poularikas

Professor Alexander Poularikas retired from UAH in May 2007. He has been a member of the UAH faculty for more than two decades and has contributed to the field of electrical engineering through publishing scholarly books, journal articles, research and teaching.

Dr. Poularikas joined the UAH ECE Department in the fall of 1985. He served as ECE Chair in the first four years. He has been involved for many years in research related to space applications. He was a Faculty Fellow at NASA for two consecutive times, doing research on wave propagation in random media, radio-wave scintillations due to ionosphere, and the effect of ionosphere on the accuracy of satellite orbit determination. Dr. Poularikas has also been involved in image science, image detection through random media; specifically, he was involved in aero-optics research of hypervelocity vehicles. In recent years he has been involved in random digital signal processing, spectral estimation and adaptive filtering for signal processing and system identification.

Dr. Poularikas is author or co-author of over 80 publications. His book *Signals and Systems* has been adopted by more than 45 universities in the United States and abroad. He is also Editor in Chief of Electrical Engineering books for CRC Press. Here are a few of his volumes.


Dr. Poularikas will maintain his ECE department office and continue working with the MSE and PhD students he is currently advising until completion of their degrees.

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**Conference Papers**


“Graduate Educational and Research Experiences at UAH,” B. Earl Wells, Invited Presentation to the Electrical and Computer Engineering Faculty of Boise State University, March 22, 2007.


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J. M. Jarem, “Review of Rigorous Coupled Wave Analysis (RCWA) and Green’s Function Integral Equation Approaches to Electromagnetic Scattering from Isotropic or Anisotropic Material Objects: Proposed Application to Metamaterials,” *Conference on Metamaterials and Nonlinear Materials*, Sparkman Center Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville AL., April 4-5, 2007


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Dr. Robert Lindquist  
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Publications  
“Liquid Crystal Based Optical Switching” in Optical Switching, edited by El-Bawab, Tarek S. (2006) Co-authors : Michael Harris, James Webb, and June-Koo Rhee. (Book Chapter)


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Dr. Alex Milenkovic
Assistant Professor

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Dr. David Pan
Assistant Professor

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Dr. Alex Poularikas
Professor

New Book

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2007 Coop Student of the Year, Cody Mitchell

Cody Mitchell, a Cooperative Education student with a double major in Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering, has been recognized as the 2007 Co-op of the Year by the Alabama Association of Colleges and Employers (AACE). AACE is a consortium of employers and professionals in Cooperative Education and Career Services that provides information on employment opportunities for students and graduates of Alabama colleges and universities.

Cody’s Co-op assignment was in the Huntsville division of Mentor Graphics, a technology leader in electronic design automation. He works as a Quality Assurance Engineer and his primary responsibility is testing and troubleshooting ExpeditionPCB, one of Mentor’s software products. In addition to numerous duties and responsibilities, he has run and evaluated more than 2,000 test cases using multiple computer platforms, requiring an in-depth understanding of numerous technologies. He continually exemplifies the “can do” attitude so important to Co-op in his work at Mentor. Asked to execute a daily manual task by a co-worker, Cody successfully worked to develop code to automate the task. That script is now being used to automate and streamline other company tasks.

“If you were to list a description of the ideal Co-op student,” notes Chuck Mecklenburg, Cody’s supervisor at Mentor Graphics, “I think it would look something like this: hard-working; quick learner; great personality; leader; punctual; excellent student. This description fits Cody Mitchell perfectly! Since Cody has joined the Co-op Program, he has exhibited a standard of excellence at work and in the classroom that is second to none.”

In addition to being an outstanding student, Cody is an active campus leader. He is the UAH Chapter President of Eta Kappa Nu, the Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society, and has also served as Chapter Secretary. As the 2007 UAH Co-op Student of the Year, Cody is an advocate for Co-op, and works to recruit new students into the program. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Tau Beta Pi, and has been recognized on the UAH College of Engineering Dean’s List. Cody is also an Honors Scholar and was awarded the prestigious UAH Foundation Presidential Scholarship.

While dedicating his focus on academics and his Co-op assignment, Cody also recognizes the importance of community action. He is a long-time volunteer for Madison Cross Roads Elementary School. Since 1998, he has offered his services in developing their computer systems, and has also assisted the teaching staff with coordinating lesson plans to improve the flow of information to students. In his “spare” time, Cody also serves as a substitute teacher, allowing him to offer guidance and advice to the college students of the future. He is an active member of Community Missionary Baptist Church, and serves as Director of the AWANA Sparks program for K-2 children. He also donates time to serve as the church’s sound engineer and integrates audio/visual media in services and special events.

Cody was recognized as the UAH Co-op Student of the Year after a rigorous judging process including submittal of the personal statement, a poster presentation and panel interviews. In a decisive vote, he was selected as the winning candidate based on his superb academic performance, enthusiasm and success in his Co-op assignment, and overall outstanding qualities. He truly displays the personal characteristics of a winner, and is the UAH nominee for the 2007 National Co-op Student of the Year competition, awarded by the American Society for Engineering Education Cooperative Education Division (ASEE/CED).

Cody’s Co-op experience has provided him with many opportunities, and he understands the importance of incorporating this academic-based work experience with his collegiate endeavors. “There are some things that cannot be taught in a classroom environment,” Cody explains. “Only experience can bring about the understanding needed in order to succeed. Though I have maintained a high level of success in my coursework, it is my Cooperative Education experience that truly completes my undergraduate academic career.”