

COMPUTER SCIENCE

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The CS Department will produce an Undergraduate Newsletter each quarter highlighting key dates, social and academic functions, and changes within the department. Look for the CS Undergraduate Quarterly in the common area and the Advising Office every quarter!!

CS Undergraduate Quarterly

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What's Happening this Quarter?

Add/Drop Week:

September 3rd - September 10th

Last Day to Withdraw from a Course:

Friday, October 26th

Now in the 8th week of classes!

Prospective Student Open Houses:

Monday, October 8th

Saturday, October 27th

Saturday, November 10th

Fall Student Meeting (Halloween Costume Party):

Monday, October 29th

Winter Registration Dates:

October 16th - Year level 6

October 17th- Year levels 5 & 4

October 18th- Year level 3

October 22nd- Year level 2

October 24th- Year level 1

Fall Co-op Orientation Session:

Friday, September 14th - 11:50am-12:50pm

Tuesday, September 18th - 3pm-4pm

Transfer Co-op Orientation:

Friday, September 21st - 11:15am - 12:50pm

Changes with Course Withdrawals

Starting fall quarter the Course Withdrawal deadline and procedure to withdraw from a course have been changed. The Course Withdraw deadline has been moved to the 8th week of classes. The last day to withdraw from a course is now **Friday, October 26th**.

Along with the change to the 8th week, the procedure to withdraw from a course has also changed. A student is not required to meet with an Advisor to turn in a course withdraw form. However, it is strongly encouraged that a student still meets with an Academic Advisor to discuss any special circumstances of a Course Withdraw. The new procedure to submit a course withdraw form is now on-line. Once you have submitted the on-line form, the student, the instructor of the course you are withdrawing from, the student's advisor and the student's home department head will be notified.

The on-line submission to withdraw from a course can be found on SIS under the link "Withdraw from Courses."

If a student wants to withdraw from a course AFTER the 8th week of classes, the student must obtain a signature of the Professor teaching the course, the Academic Advisor's signature, the Department Chair's signature and the signature of the Dean of the College. A request for a Course Withdraw after the 8th week must be submitted in writing. The on-line submission will no longer be available. A Course Withdraw after the 8th week is based on extenuating circumstances and will not be approved without proof of this along with the required signatures.

Coordinator Corner

New CS Mentoring Center

The CS Tutoring Center is now called the CS Mentoring Center. The Mentoring Center is attached to the tutoring center and is directly next to the Tutoring Center. The goal of the Mentoring Lab is for students to have a place to work on projects, hold group meetings, do homework, or just to relax. There will be 6 work stations available on a first come first serve basis and also plenty of room to hook up your laptops. The money for the Mentoring Center was donated to the CS Department by CS Alumni. Stop by and enjoy the space.

Halloween Costume Party

Once again we are planning our annual CS Halloween Costume Party on Monday, October 29th. Join us in dressing up for Halloween, pumpkin painting, caramel apples, dance dance revolution, and much more fun and excitement. Prizes will be awarded for scariest, funniest, and most original costumes.



New CS Graphics Lab

The CS Graphics Lab (70-3405) is a new lab dedicated to projects in Computer Graphics, Visualization and Virtual Reality. It is also the home of the Virtual Theatre Project, a project with the goal of enabling a theatrical performance in a distributed virtual space.

The lab consists of several graphics workstations, both Windows machines and Macs, equipped with high end graphics cards (Radeon X1600, nVidia Geforce 7900GT series), AGEIA physics accelerators and Audigy 2 audio processors. The lab also houses a variety of VR devices including a Shape Wrap II, full body motion capture suit, two data gloves, a Flock of Birds single node motion capture device, and a stereo head mounted display. For audio work, the lab contains a CASIO MIDI keyboard and a MOTU mk828 audio mixing unit.

Students interested in pursuing a graphics project in the lab should contact any faculty member in the graphics cluster (Reynold Bailey, Hans-Peter Bischof, Warren Carithers, Joe Geigel, Sean Strout). For more information on the lab, visit <http://www.cs.rit.edu/~graphics/lab> or contact Joe Geigel (jmg@cs.rit.edu).

Student Spotlight

Kurt Kluever

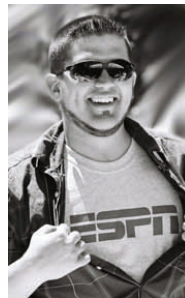


Kurt is a fifth year CS student who is originally from a small town in Connecticut but moved to Cape Cod right after high school. While at RIT, he has done many positive and rewarding things such as teaching CS courses, being a grader and even being a co-author for a paper that he wrote with Professor Reznik on methods for improving accuracy in sensor networks. In his free time Kurt plays intramural football, likes to play soccer and enjoys biking. Kurt has

also had a great opportunity working for Google through the co-op program at RIT. Kurt says, "Google is truly an amazing company to work for." A detailed description of his experiences at Google will be in an upcoming co-op student newsletter. He also said, "A huge piece of advice that I can give other students is to try to get to know your professors. Having a personal relationship with your professor makes the class that much more interesting. Make sure they learn your name. Go talk to your professors during office hours if you don't understand the material. They are all willing to help you and would love to chat with you."

Alumni Spotlight

Erik Haddad



Originally from the small town of Ovid, NY located in New York's Seneca County, Erik is a graduate of the CS program. He co-oped at the CBORD Group, Inc. which is located in Ithaca, NY. CBORD is "the world's leading provider of campus and cashless card systems, and food and nutrition service management software." Erik also co-oped with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield of Rochester, NY. Excellus BCBS is New York State's largest nonprofit health plan. Erik is now working

full-time for ESPN, located in Connecticut and he works as a Software Engineer for the back-end of ESPN.com. For four years, he was an Orientation Assistant and served in various leadership roles at RIT. He was a note taker for the NTID/College of Liberal Arts and attended a full year of RIT Sign courses. For fun, Erik participated in RIT Intramural Basketball and worked at Petals Restaurant in the RIT Inn & Conference Center. Erik says, "RIT's diverse, knowledgeable, and challenging Computer Science faculty members helped me to grow throughout my undergraduate career and teach me the foundations for success in the workplace."