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[MSE welcomes students for 2015-16 academic year](#)



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The 2015-16 academic year is in full swing in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, and the beginning of a new year brings new students to the department. About 45 freshman and transfer students have arrived, and that number could continue to grow as the semester unfolds.

One new student to the department is Zachary Fuessley. Fuessley is a graduate of Center Point-Urbana High School in Center Point, Iowa who was selected as one of the *Des Moines Register's* 2015 Academic All-State Team.

Fuessley said he has been an Iowa State Cyclone since birth, as his father is a graduate of the university. He decided to pursue materials engineering during his junior year of high school after completing a job shadow and some engineering classes. He began researching engineering programs and decided Iowa State had one of the best programs based on his research interests.

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- A farewell reception for Chitra and Krishna Rajan was held July 29 in the Campanile Room of the Memorial Union. They will be heading to the University of Buffalo-State University of New York, where Krishna will be the chair of a new department in Materials Design and Innovation. They are pictured here with MSE Department Chair Kristen Constant and Sarah Rajala, Dean of the College of Engineering.



- Team PrISUm, Iowa State University's solar car team, [earned its first overall victory](#) at the 2015 Formula Sun Grand Prix. The team, which includes a number of materials engineering students, was the only team to reach over 200 laps in 24 hours of racing.

- Steve Martin, Distinguished Professor, was recently selected as one of two U.S. representatives from the American Ceramic Society's Glass and Optical Materials Division for membership on the Council of Members of the International Commission on Glass.

- Students enrolled in the introductory materials engineering courses this fall are utilizing [a new series of pre-lab videos](#).



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