June 2015

Iowa State University’s Commencement weekend took place May 8 and 9, 2015. The MSE Department saw degrees conferred upon 36 undergraduates and three graduate students.

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MSE Highlights

- Hanzheng Guo, an MSE graduate and former Ph.D student under Dr. Xiaoli Tan, was selected as the Zaffarano Prize winner for 2015. The Zaffarano Prize is awarded to a student who demonstrates superior performance in publishable research and is the highest award given for an ISU graduate student.

- Karl Gschneidner and his team’s work on the creation of an improved and cheaper magnetic alloy was featured in the *Ames Tribune*. The improved magnet uses the rare-earth metal cerium rather than the more expensive dysprosium, marking it as a potential replacement to the traditional permanent magnet currently used in car engines and wind turbines.

- Kristen Constant, Wilkinson Professor in Interdisciplinary Engineering and MSE department chair, was recently named a Morrill Professor.

- Rachel Philiph, a spring 2015 Mat E graduate, had her presentation selected as the best among engineering students at the 2015 Honors Symposium. The award included a monetary scholarship.

- Spring 2015 Mat E graduate and former Ames Lab Science Undergraduate Laboratory Intern (SULI) William Robin Lindemann was awarded a scholarship from the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP). Lindemann was one of three current and former ISU students to receive the prestigious honor this year.
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