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Trip To India

Under the Global Partnership Award, 2004-2005, a trip was taken during spring break to Bhavnagar University and AT & T Technology Park and Institute, Bhavnagar, India. One student from GSW (Brandon Fogerty), two students from CSU, and one faculty from each GSW (Dr. Arvind Shah) and CSU traveled to India. This trip was a part of each School's service learning course. During our visit to Bhavnagar, we met administrators, faculty and students of both Bhavnagar University and AT & T Technology Park and Institute. We discussed ways in which information technology can be infused into operational areas of the institute for the handicapped and also to identify areas of training that can be imparted to people with physical disabilities. Our mission was to learn how information technology can make a difference in the life of a physically handicapped person. The PNR society strives to rehabilitate the handicapped and provide opportunities for improving their quality of life. Our goal was to supplement their efforts by introducing information technology. During our short stay a series of activities were organized including visits to the various units of the PNR Society, which include specialized areas for handicapped individuals. We noted areas where information availability was deficient. We also stressed the need for Web Kiosk training for the handicapped as a part of their computer training curriculum.

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FALL 2004 GRADUATES

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES!

Bachelor of Science Degree:

Maty Fame Seth Walker
Albert Parham Christina Torbert
Willa Fitzpatrick Brian Campbell

Master of Science Degree:

Glenn Bailey, Jr.
Kathrina Barretto
Nithin Ramachandrappa
Alla Yemelyanova



Award Recipients

Outstanding Graduate:

Alla Yemelyanova

Outstanding Service to the School of Computer & Information Sciences:

Kathrina Barretto



Fall 2004 Award Recipients

Kathrina Barretto graduated Fall 2004 with a Master of Science in Computer Science. She received an award for **Outstanding Service** to the School of Computer & Information Sciences at the graduation breakfast on Dec. 10, 2004. Kathrina received this award for doing a great job while working for the School, along with completing her degree.



Alla Yemelyanova graduated Fall 2004 with a Master of Science in Computer Science. She received an award for **Outstanding Graduate Student** at the graduation breakfast on Dec. 10, 2004. Alla received this award because of her academic accomplishments at GSW.

Honor's Day Award Recipients

On April 6, 2005 three of our students were recognized at Honor's Day Convocation.

Brian Campbell was recognized and awarded a plaque from the School of Computer & Information Sciences. He was given this plaque because of the outstanding work he has performed with the NCR lab on the Motorola Research Project this semester.

Timothy Faircloth, Brad Wolfe, and Kenneth Nipper were recognized because they served actively as team leaders in CSCI 4900, a Web Programming class, and contributed much to the design, organization, and implementation of many interesting projects, including an interactive tank battle game and an on-line course information query system. They practiced and applied well the knowledge they obtained in other computer science classes, e.g., object oriented programming, computer graphics, system design and analysis, database system, and compiler construction. All three students are highly self-motivated, talented and hard-working.

UPSILON PI EPSILON

Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE)



Upsilon Pi Epsilon is an honor society whose membership consists of outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in Computing Science. To be eligible for membership, undergraduate students must be at least a Junior or Senior with a minimum GPA of 3.0, or a graduate student with at least 18 hours and a minimum GPA of 3.5.



To find out more information about UPE, or to join as an alumni member, please contact Karen Cook at (229) 931-2818 or kcook@canes.gsw.edu.

Alumni Survey

In an effort to better understand how our programs prepare our graduates for entering the work force, we are asking that all of our alumni fill out an Alumni Survey. This information will allow us to assess our programs and make changes if needed to our current standards, policies, and procedures.



We would greatly appreciate your input and comments.

Please use the appropriate link below to fill out a survey:

Bachelor of Science degrees: <http://cis.gsw.edu/home/assessment/documents/undergraduate.pdf>

Master of Science degrees: <http://cis.gsw.edu/home/assessment/documents/graduate.pdf>



ALUMNI CORNER

Jason Ormes earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems during the Spring Semester 1997. He is currently employed at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Naperville, IL as a Unix Systems Administrator. His duties include maintenance and security of the UNIX/Linux systems. Jason has been employed at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory for five years.

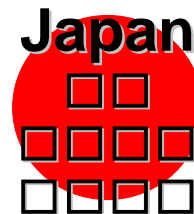
Glenn Bailey, Jr. earned a Master of Science in Computer Science during the Fall Semester 2004. He is currently employed at Darton College in Albany, GA as an Instructor of Business Computer Systems in the Business and Social Science Division. Glenn teaches the MCSE, Web, and Security certification courses and he also advises students in various programs. Glenn has been employed at Darton College for four years.

Beverly Carroll earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems during the Fall Semester 2002. She then went on to earn a Master of Business Administration degree during the Fall 2004 semester. Beverly is currently employed at STI Knowledge, Inc. in Americus, GA as a Certified Help Desk Professional. Her duties include: providing technical and customer service support to employees of the University of Chicago Medical Center and all of their outpatient clinics. Ms. Carroll has been nominated to appear on the GSW Wall of Honor from 2005-2006 and also received the 2004-2005 Presidential Service Leadership Award given by the President of the United States.

“My State My Country” Presentation

Computer Major Gives Presentation on Japan

On Friday, November 19, 2004, **Yoshiaki Ishibashi**, a Computer Science major from Japan, gave a presentation about his home country. This was a very interesting presentation, not only did Yoshiaki discuss topics such as climate, language and currency, he also taught those who attended the art of Origami!



Contract signed with **MOTOROLA**



Web-i-Tech has signed a research contract with Motorola, funding Web-i-Tech to build a prototype interactive self-service kiosk capable of dispensing wireless telephones. This kiosk will be a major element in the test of a new Motorola wireless telephone to be conducted in China next spring. Brian Campbell, a graduate student and current intern at Web-i-Tech, has joined Joao Clementi and Thays Franca in the development of the pilot application. On June 1, 2005, Joao and Brian will go to Motorola Headquarters in Chicago, IL to present the beta version of the pilot application to the Motorola Team. Web-i-Tech is excited about this opportunity and they look forward to providing updates in subsequent newsletters.

Trip To India

We held workshops on hardware and software technology about the Web Kiosk at Bhavnagar University as well as at AT & T Technology Park and Institute. Both workshops were well attended by students of the Master of Computer Applications program (MCA), faculty of Bhavnagar University, and twenty-five disabled students and faculty of AT & T Technology Park and Institute. They took part with great enthusiasm and curiosity. The students came up with many ideas on applications based on the Kiosk and suggested possible software solutions. Our students had extensive interaction with MCA students. Our students did a commendable job devoting their time to answering questions from the students and faculty. They demonstrated the use of the Kiosk with some applications they had developed. The overall visit was a successful experience for the students. In addition to the interaction and learning, we enjoyed the hospitality and the food of India.



Welcome ceremony at AT&T Technology Park & Institute



Interaction with students & faculties at AT&T Technology Park & Institute



Presentation of Web Kiosk to the students & faculty at AT&T Technology Park & Institute

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