

School of Engineering and Applied Science Outstanding Student Award Ceremony Thursday, April 28, 2011 – 4th Year Garden Party

The 2011 SEAS graduating class is a special and remarkable class.....among you are some amazingly high achieving students in academics, leadership, and service to our school and community.

Once again this year's nominations for the SEAS Outstanding Student Award were numerous and remarkable.....and unlike past years we could not select just 2, nor 3, nor 4.....but we selected 6 awardees! YES 6!

To review all of their accomplishments would take an hour or 2.....so I am going to tell you some of the achievement highlights of the entire group prior to announcing their names.

- They come to us from several high schools in VA, perhaps you have heard of these:
 - Langley in McLean, VA
 - Lake Braddock in Burke, VA
 - And Salem in Salem, VA
- They come to us from out of state high schools:
 - Bishop McNamara in Forestville, MD
 - Livingston in Livingston, NJ
 - And Newman Smith in Carrollton, TX
- Their GPAs range from 3.7 to 3.95
- 2 are majoring in Civil Engineering and one each in Aero Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Engineering Science
- They are members of Tau Beta Pi, the Raven Society, and other professional honor societies
- One is a Jefferson Scholar and many are Rodman Scholars
- Many have conducted significant research and have published or patented their work
- Most are minoring, some are second majoring and one is already in a 5th year Masters program
- All have given of their time and talent in leadership and volunteering activities ranging from E-Council to serving in Madison House, Engineers without Borders, and UVa's Sustainability Program

- One is a Lawn resident
- One is a University wide Entrepreneurial Cup winner and has started his own business
- They have a wide range of interesting and exciting extracurricular activities such as:
 - The University's Judiciary Committee
 - Intramural Sports
 - Rock Climbing
 - Hoos Flying experiential team
 - And journal editorships

These are outstanding and remarkable students....and many of us have been fortunate to know and work with them. Some of them will go on to work, some to graduate school, and some to medical school.....all, I am sure, will do well!

The 2011 SEAS Outstanding Student Awardees are:

Rachel Babij
Anthony DeGennaro
Ethan Heil
Borna Kazerooni
Kelly Laustsen
Kenneth Tran

Would you all please step forward to receive your awards.