ILLINOIS TECH

College of Computing

Department of Information Technology and Management

Outstanding Student Awards
Academic Year 2024–2025

May 13, 2025
Siegel Hall Room 118
Illinois Institute of Technology
Mies Campus in Chicago, Illinois

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Department of Information Technology and Management

Outstanding Student Awards Ceremony for Academic Year 2024-2025

Introduction and Welcome

Industry Professor Ray Trygstad

Associate Chair

Remarks

Professor Gurram Gopal, Ph.D.

Chair

Presentation of Awards

Industry Professor Ray Trygstad

and

Members of the Department of Information Technology and Management Faculty

*Each awardee will receive an
Illinois Tech Information Technology
and Management medallion
suspended from a ribbon to be
worn with academic regalia
and a Certificate recognizing
their accomplishment*

Concluding Remarks

Industry Professor Ray Trygstad

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*Following the conclusion of the ceremony we ask all award recipients to please come
to the front of the room with their certificate and medallion for photographs.*

Information Technology and Management
Outstanding Student Awards, Academic Year 2024-2025

The Outstanding Student in the Master of Cyber Forensics and Security degree
Ivan Zziwa

The Outstanding Student in the Master of Information Technology degree
Zeng Hao

*The Outstanding Student in the Master of Information Technology and Management
Data Analytics and Management curriculum*
Pratik Padmakar Bhojkar

*The Outstanding Student in the Master of Information Technology and Management
Information Technology Infrastructure curriculum*
Kaushal A. Nai

*The Outstanding Student in the Master of Information Technology and Management
Information Technology Entrepreneurship and Management curriculum*
Cristina Valero De Urquia

*The Outstanding Student in the Master of Information Technology and Management
Management Information Systems curriculum*
Naga Krishna Chaitanya Sajja

*The Outstanding Student in the Master of Information Technology and Management
Software Development curriculum*
Aditya Pradhan

*The Outstanding Student in the Master of Information Technology and Management
Web Design and Application Development curriculum*
Rupak Pradeep Potdukhe

*The Outstanding Student in the Master of Information Technology and Management
General Program of Study curriculum*
Rahul Nagaraju

*The Outstanding Student in the Bachelor of Information Technology and Management /
Master of Information Technology and Management Co-Terminal degrees*
Kevin A. Aguilar

*The Outstanding Student in the Bachelor of Information Technology and Management /
Master of Cyber Forensics and Security Co-Terminal degrees*
Bisma Khan

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The Outstanding Student in the Bachelor of Science in Applied Cybersecurity and Information Technology / Master of Cyber Forensics and Security Co-Terminal degrees

Azzam M. Abu Hamdan

Azzam has also been selected as an Illinois Tech Spring 2025 Commencement Speaker

The Outstanding Student in the Bachelor of Science in Applied Cybersecurity and Information Technology / Master of Science in Computer Science Co-Terminal degrees

Tyree J. Spears

The Outstanding Student in the Bachelor of Science in Computer and Cybersecurity Engineering / Master of Cyber Forensics and Security Co-Terminal degrees

Robert John M. Soler

The Outstanding Student in the Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems / Master of Information Technology and Management Co-Terminal degrees

David A. Halmy

The Outstanding Student in the Bachelor of Information Technology degree

John Dandrea

The Outstanding Student in the Bachelor of Information Technology and Management degree

Alexander E. Medina

The Outstanding Student in the Bachelor of Science in Applied Cybersecurity and Information Technology degree

Ali M. Makhlouf

In recognition of outstanding service to the university, our department, and to their fellow students, the following students are awarded the **Angela Jarka Service Award**

Anthoinette Ilolo

Bhuvan Kumar Panduranga

Astha Sharma

This is our only annual award given to both students and to faculty or staff members.

Upon returning the university after a 12-year break in his studies, having completed 129 additional hours of full-time study which included 93 hours of ITM courses, 42 hours of graduate courses, and 15 of 17 possible Cybersecurity courses, all while employed full time,

Joshua Lau

is named a Department of Information Technology and Management

Distinguished Graduate