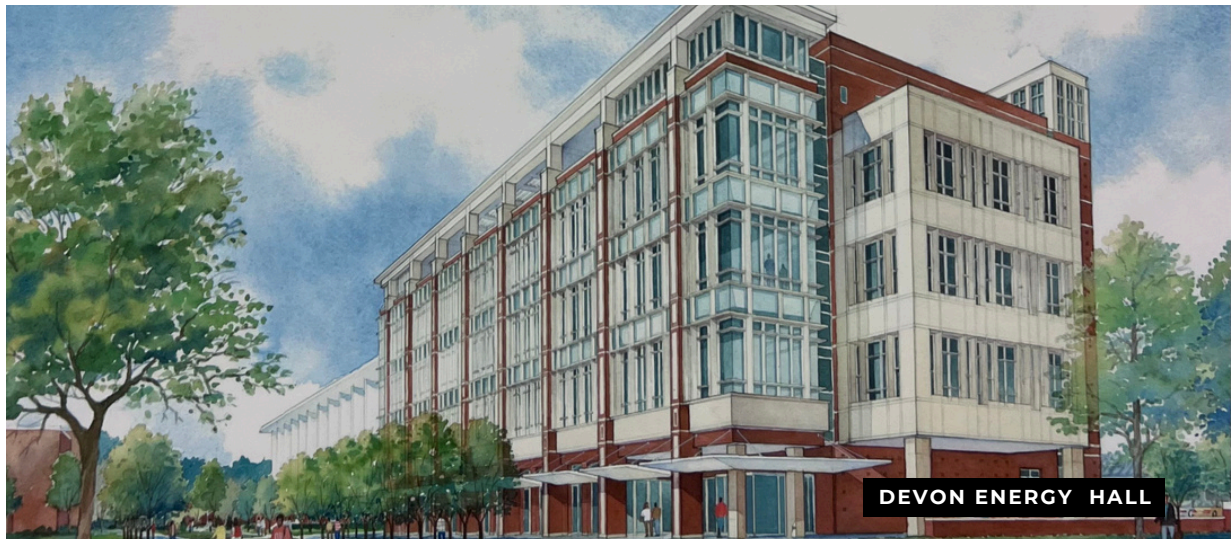# OU Computer Science Newsletter

May 2025

DEVON ENERGY HALL

HERE'S WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE LAST MONTH AND WHAT'S TO COME!

Welcome to the May Edition of the OU CS Newsletter!

As we reach the end of the academic year, campus may have quieted just a bit, but te energy hasn't faded. Finals season is almost at a close, and our students are fully locked in, powering through exams, projects, and last-minute study sessions.

To ease some stress, we hosted a series of finals week support events featuring snacks, coffee, and plenty of ways to unwind. From board games and card games to Nintendo Switch tournaments, we made sure our CS students had space to recharge during the most demanding part of the semester.

Although student org events have wrapped up for the year, we look back with pride at how much we've accomplished. This semester has been filled with incredible momentum.

From increased student involvement in organizations and outreach to well-deserved awards recognizing the excellence and dedication of our community.

It's clear the OU CS department continues to thrive because of the passion and initiative of our students, faculty, and staff.

Now, all eyes turn toward a bittersweet milestone: graduation. This Friday, we celebrate the achievements of our graduating seniors as they prepare to take the next step in their journeys. Whether heading off to new careers, graduate programs, or exciting adventures beyond OU, they leave behind a legacy of excellence and curiosity that continues to shape our department's future.

We're proud of everything the OU CS community has accomplished this year, and we can't wait to see what's next. Congratulations, Class of 2025— you did it!

In this newsletter you can expect:

Announcements & information

Student Awards

Congratulations seniors!

Notable events in the 2024-2025 academic year

Announcements & Reminders

Don't forget your course reflection surveys!

Your feedback to professors is an invaluable way to improve courses for future students. Please fill out the **course reflection surveys** if they are still open!

Apply to be a Kerber Scholar

Want to help tutor undergraduates with CS coursework? Apply for the paid opportunity to use your academic background to help others as a Kerber Scholar!

See a list of requirements **here**. Applications due June 2nd, **apply here**!

Apply to be a Kerber Ambassador

Do you have a passion for marketing and communications? Help the CS department gain recognition and keep students informed as a Kerber Ambassador!

See a list of requirements **here.** Applications due June 2nd, **apply here!**

Commencement Ceremony

See all your favorite seniors walk the stage at the Lloyd Noble Center this Friday, May 9th at 7pm. This ceremony includes all majors under the college of engineering and is expected to wrap up around 9pm. See i

First day of school reminder

YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN CLASS ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS, EACH ACADEMIC SEMESTER. *If you are not in class, the program reserves the right to withdraw you from the course after the first absence in order to enroll those who need or want the course you are enrolled in but are absent for.* Such authority is given to us by the Provost's office & Enrollment services.

Stay informed through our various forms of social media maintained by the kerber ambassadors!

Congratulations Seniors!

Daniel Jacob

Graduating with a B.S. in CS

> *"What's next for you?"*

Software engineer at Capital One

> *"Favorite CS class or project?"*

Theory of Computation

Emma Smith

Graduating with a B.S. in CS

> *"What's next for you?"*

Software Developer at Paycom

> *"Favorite CS class or project?"*

Statistics

Kaitlyn Peters

Graduating with a B.S. in CS

> *"What's next for you?"*

Working at Tinker!

> *"Favorite CS class or project?"*

Computer Organization

Kenny Bartel

Graduating with a B.S. in CS

> *"What's next for you?"*

Go through the SDET summer internship with Paycom. Then pursue my master and hopefully have a GTA position.

> *"Favorite CS class or project?"*

Theory of Computation

Congratulations Seniors!

Samuel Lupton

Graduating with a B.S. in CS and EE

"What's next for you?"

After graduation, I am going to work at Paycom as a Software Developer. I'll also continue building my iOS app, SimplyFit.

"Favorite CS class or project?"

My favorite class was my calculus, Java, and machine learning courses

Julia Ketch

Graduating with a B.S. in CS

"What's next for you?"

Traveling Italy, Greece, and Turkey for 2 months before starting a Project Management job at paycom.

"Favorite CS class or project?"

Computer Architecture with Dr. Atiquzzaman

John Cervantes

Graduating with a B.S. in CS

"What's next for you?"

Planning to work in Seattle as a Software Engineer at Microsoft

"Favorite CS class or project?"

Distributed Operating Systems

Linh Ngo

Graduating with a B.S. in CS

"What's next for you?"

I plan to travel around Asia after I graduate, then pursue my professional career as a Software Engineer. If I have a chance I want to create a scholarship fundraiser for women in engineering.

"Favorite CS class or project?"

Java II with Dr. J

Congratulations Seniors!

Kazi Priom

Graduating with a B.S. in CS

"What's next for you?"

Looking for a software developer role

"Favorite CS class or project?"

Mentored Research

Dylan Chang

Graduating with a B.S. in CS

"What's next for you?"

Small break, and then get a job.

"Favorite CS class or project?"

PDN with Richard Veras

Oluwademilade Jooda

Graduating with a M.S. in CS

"What's next for you?"

Job

"Favorite CS class or project?"

Visual Analytics

Mark Castle

Graduating with a B.S. in CS

"What's next for you?"

Return to OU to get my Masters in CS

"Favorite CS class or project?"

Compiler Construction: building an interpreter for a custom programming language

Aidan Foreman

Graduating with a B.S. in CS

"What's next for you?"

Grad school at OU for Computer Science

"Favorite CS class or project?"

Advanced Machine Learning

Student Awards

Akshay Singh, Class of 2027

Travel Stipend Award

Akshay was awarded a $1,200 Honors Travel Scholarship to present at the Stanford Research Conference (April 11–13), where they shared their project on AI-driven cardiovascular risk stratification. Their research, conducted under the mentorship of Dr. Aman Kansal and Dr. Javeed Kittur, highlights a commitment to advancing innovation at the intersection of AI and healthcare.

Aidan Foreman, Class of 2025

4.0 Medallion

Ahsan Bilal, PhD Student

Best Student Presentation Runner-up Award

Best Student Presentation Runner-up Award at IEEE DSAA'24 Student Forum.
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Ali Usman, Class of 2028

President's Honor Roll. Provost's Pace Award. Alpha Lamda Delta Membership.

Cristiana Eagen, Class of 2026

Wayne Steen Memorial Scholarship Award

Ava Batson Perez, Class of 2028

Outstanding Freshman

Nathan Stephani, Class of 2025

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Mark Castle, Class of 2025

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Student Awards

Jasmine Lim, Class of 2026

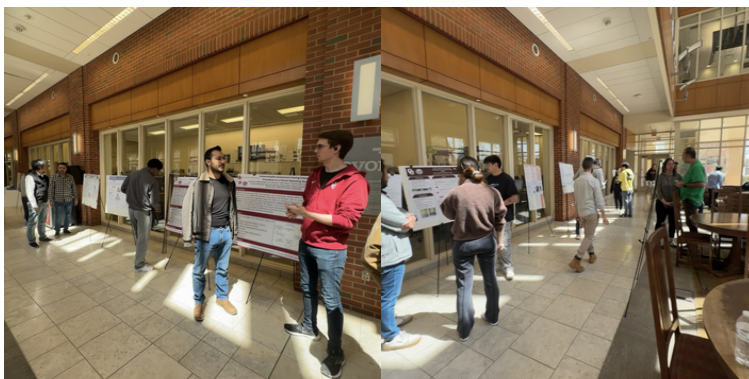UReCA Summer Fellowship

Joshua Hamilton, Class of 2025

4.0 Medallion

2024-2025 Recap

CS RESEARCH DAY

On March 31st, Computer Science Research Day showcased groundbreaking and innovative research led by students and faculty!

HACKLAHOMA

The Hacklahoma team held its annual 24-hour hackathon, during which participants from diverse backgrounds challenged their skills to develop clever and unique projects and earn prizes!

AI SYMPOSIUM

The AI/ML Club hosted their 4th annual AI Symposium, where students can demonstrate their AI projects that push the boundaries of creativity and technology, all while networking with like-minded enthusiasts and industry experts.
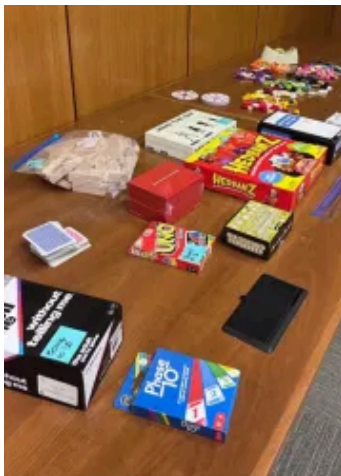
2024-2025 Recap

CAPSTONE PRESENTATION

Capstone students presented their long-term project focused on developing innovative results in an intense and collaborative environment. Congrats to everyone who completed the course!
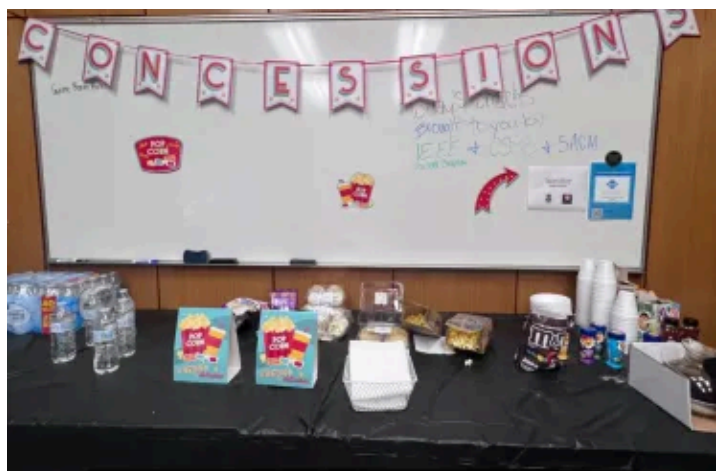
CS MONTHLY EVENTS

Throughout the school year, the School of Computer Science and associated organizations have been proud to fund monthly events for students to enjoy and take a break in Devon. These include snacks, pizza, outdoor games, and coloring pages!

Thank you for reading!

This month, we highlighted May's CS events

This newsletter was written and edited by CS Kerber Ambassadors Shiloh Sells, Emma Smith, and Jasmine Lim. If you have stories, research updates, event announcements, or anything else you'd like to see featured in future editions, please reach out to **kerberambassadors@ou.edu**
We'd love to hear from you!

Thank you for being a part of the OU CS community. Stay connected, and we'll see you in next month's edition!

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