

May 2023 / An issue dedicated to our newest graduates



[OU Engineering Salutes New Engineering Graduates](#)

OU conferred more than 10,200 degrees to students at the 131st Commencement ceremony on May 12. The event celebrated students who completed their coursework during the spring 2023 semester, as well as summer and December 2022 graduates. This semester, more than 465 OU Engineering students were eligible to [cross OU's commencement stages](#).

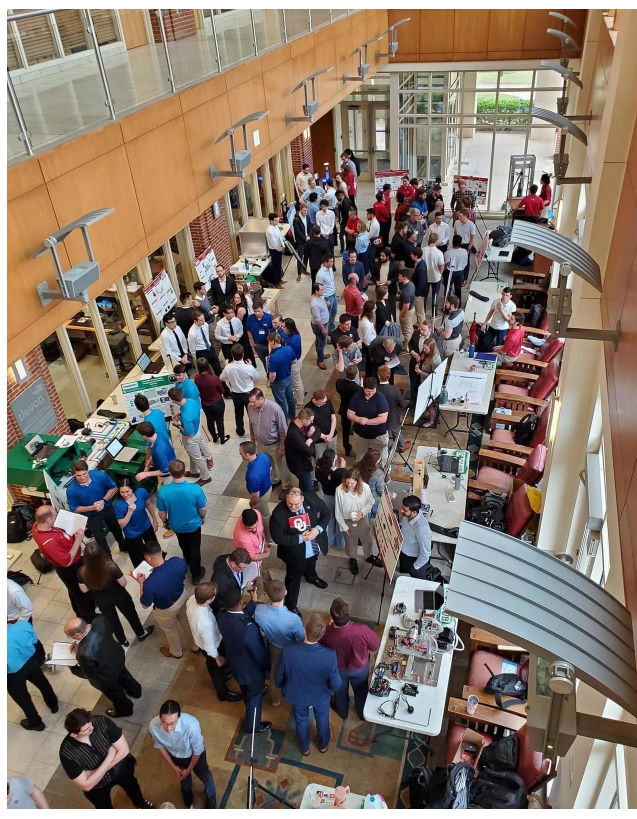
[Wall Street Journal: OU Top College for Dream Career in Engineering](#)

The Wall Street Journal's inaugural ranking of "Best Colleges for Your Dream Career" in Engineering was released May 4. OU was the only university in Oklahoma to make the Top 20 list. The WSJ listed the Top 20 public colleges for engineering salaries noting that graduates from these universities earn higher pay than the median graduate in engineering. WSJ subscribers can [access the report](#).



[Drone Leak Hunter? One-handed Wheelchair? Industry Projects Impress at OU Engineering's Capstone Showcase](#)

Hundreds of OU Engineering seniors presented their impressive, high-tech projects at the Gallogly College of Engineering Capstone Design Showcase in May. The teams of students work throughout the year to solve real-world challenges faced by industry partners. "OU Engineering capstones get better every year," said Zahed Siddique, associate dean for research. "Our students gain industry-specific skills and experience working in these interdisciplinary teams. They also network with industry professionals, which broadens their world of job possibilities." [Win-win video](#) and [photo album](#)



[Best of the Best: Outstanding Engineering Seniors Named](#)

Each year, the Office of Leadership and Volunteerism at OU hosts or contributes to a variety of opportunities to recognize excellence and commitment. Events include the Outstanding Senior Ceremony each fall and the Campus Awards Program each spring. [Find out who was honored](#).

[Q&As with OU Engineering Graduate Students:](#)

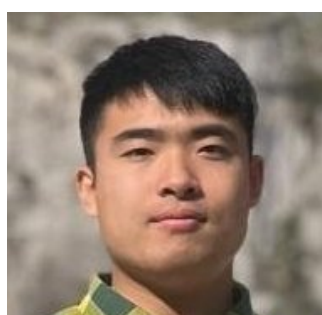
The OU Graduate Student Senate has awarded [Himadri Sen Gupta](#), a Ph.D. student in the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, with the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant award. Gupta assisted his adviser, Andrés González, in a class focusing on quality and reliability engineering.



[Andrea Tavera Paredes](#), a master's student in the School of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science, received the Graduate Dean's Distinguished Thesis Prize. Her journey has taken her from Colombia, South America, to Norman, Oklahoma.



The OU Graduate Student Senate awarded [Feng \(Lucas\) Yan](#), a Ph.D. student in the Stephenson School of Biomedical Engineering, with the Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant award. In a Q&A, he praises his adviser, Qinggong Tang, for the continued support.



[Finish Line in Sight! Our Newest Dissertation Award Winners!](#)

Ten OU Engineering students were selected to receive this semester's Engineering Dissertation Award, a \$5,000 award created to encourage doctoral students to graduate with excellence. The award helps scholars who are near completion of their Ph.D. [Learn about their research](#).



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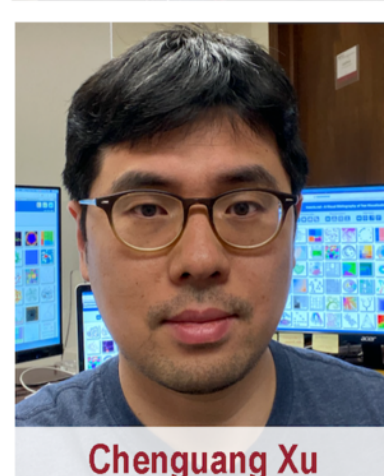
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In June 1909, Charles Lewis Kaupke received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering becoming the first graduate in the newly formed college, the College of Engineering at the University of Oklahoma. Mr. Kaupke, of Fresno, California, would go on to become known as the "Water Master" for his efforts to improve irrigation water in the San Joaquin Valley.

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