Welcome Ivonne Avila to CSE!

Please welcome our new CSE Undergraduate Adviser, Ivonne Avila to the CSE Department! Ivonne will be responsible for advising undergraduate majors and course scheduling. For the intake office, she will be responsible for recruiting, training, and supervising our student employees to play a more active role in general advising and administrative support for our undergraduate and graduate programs. Ivonne brings a wealth of experience and a broad perspective to the position. At San Jose State, she worked in the Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach office where she advised prospective students and evaluated files for admissions decisions. At UCSD, she has been an undergraduate and a graduate program coordinator as well as the student affairs director in History. She also has been a senior academic counselor at Roosevelt College. CSE is fortunate to be able to expand our Student Affairs team and recruit someone of Ivonne’s caliber.

The 4th Annual Yahoo! Excellence Awards

5 exceptional undergraduate students were selected to receive this year's Yahoo! Excellence Awards for their achievements in teaching, leadership, research, external affairs, and other relevant categories. The 5 recipients this year are Ayelet Bitton, Theresa Calderon, Derrick McMillen, Marjori Pomarole, and Kristina Thai. They were nominated by Gary Gillespie, Hovav Shacham, Jeanne Ferrante, and Rick Ord. Each student received a Yahoo! Excellence Award trophy in the shape of a large exclamation mark (bang) and a $400 cash award. Special thanks to Yahoo!, Don McGillen, and the Corporate Affiliates Program (CAP) for facilitating this generous support for excellence in our undergraduate program.

Congratulations to Andrew Huynh!

Congratulations to CSE first-year graduate student Andrew Huynh! At the annual meeting of NSF IGERT -- the interdisciplinary graduate program that includes Calit2’s project in cultural heritage diagnostics -- Andrew represented the UC San Diego project in the 2012 Video & Poster Competition with a poster and video on his crowdsourcing project with Albert Lin on "Harnessing the Public in the Search for Genghis Khan’s Tomb." Huynh earned both a Judges’ Choice award and a Community Choice award (voted on by faculty, students and staff affiliated with the 114 IGERT projects nationwide), and a $2,000 award. To see Huynh’s award-winning presentation and video: http://bit.ly/KmhSO7