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Loris D'Antoni

Accomplished Computer Scientist Loris D'Antoni's Path to CSE

Associate Professor **Loris D'Antoni**, a first-generation college graduate, traveled from his small hometown in Italy, overcame barriers and won impressive awards to reach the Jacobs School of Engineering where he hopes to make computing more accessible. And less buggy.

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Student Quant Club Wins Open Source Trading Competition

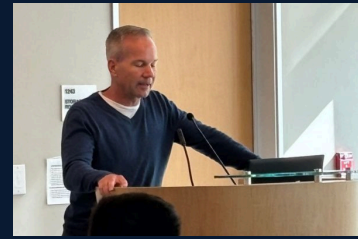
Computer science students **Peeyush Jha**, **Rudy Osuna** and **Jerry Yang** and their teammates secured first place in QuantConnect's Open Quant League for their investment strategy. The club is part of Triton Quantitative Trading, a student organization affiliated with the department. [Read More](#)



Ryan Kastner, [William Nachbar](#)
Endowed Chair



Laurel Riek, [David R. Miller](#)
Endowed Chair



Alex Snoeren, [Peter Banks](#)
Endowed Chair



Geoffrey M. Voelker



Miles Jones

Recognizing Faculty Achievements – Three Endowed Chairs and Awards

On March 18, our three newest Endowed Chairs – **Ryan Kastner**, **Laurel Riek** and **Alex Snoeren** – were celebrated in recognition of one of the most prestigious honors given to university faculty. They are among the [18 new endowed chairs](#) at the Jacobs School of Engineering created by the generosity and visionary philanthropy of Irwin and Joan Jacobs. [Read More](#)

At a faculty event, Jacobs School of Engineering Dean Albert Pisano presented awards to Professor **Geoffrey M. Voelker**, who was named this year's CSE Graduate Mentor of the Year. **Miles Jones**, a continuing lecturer, received the CSE Teacher of the Year award. [Read More](#)

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UC San Diego's graduate programs continue to shine in the 2025 U.S. News & World Report rankings. Jacobs School of Engineering rises to No. 10 for engineering schools; our computer science program holds steady at No. 13. [Read More](#)



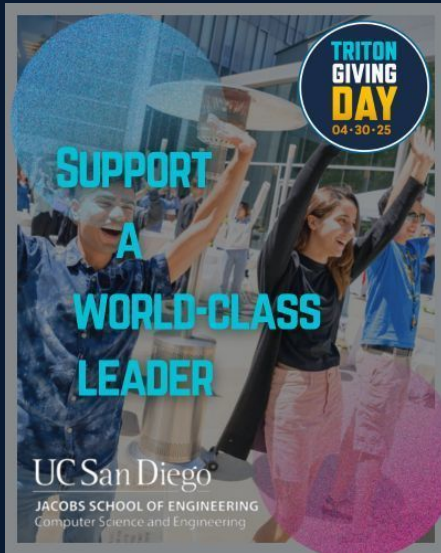
A team including Professor **Dean Tullsen**, Assistant Professor **Amy Ousterhout**, CSE researcher **Tal Garfinkel**, PhD students **Linsong Guo** and **Danial Zuberi**, and **Kazem Taram** (PhD '22), an assistant professor at Purdue University, won a best paper award for [Extended User Interrupts \(xUI\): Fast and Flexible Notification without Polling](#) at [ASPLOS 2025](#). (Read more in our next issue.)



Congratulations to **Bill Griswold** on his retirement, now a Professor Emeritus after more than 30 years with the department. Throughout a career largely focused on software engineering and design, Griswold has also worked with IBM Research, Xerox, and AppFolio.



Congratulations to **Rob Knight** – an affiliate professor in the departments of computer science, pediatrics and bioengineering – for his recognition by the ARCS Foundation, Inc. San Diego Chapter as Scientist of the Year.



Triton Giving Day Is Here! Give on April 30 to Make a Difference

Give on April 30 to have a lasting impact. Support the **Computer Science and Engineering Excellence & Innovation Fund**.

The programs and resources available to our students and faculty are sustained and expanded through the generosity of philanthropy. Your gift – of any size – will help amplify the success of our students, faculty, and programs.

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CSE EVENTS



Triton Giving Day

April 30, 2025

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Jacobs School of Engineering Research Expo

April 30, 2025

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Center for Networked Systems Research Review

May 8-9, 2025

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Applications for SPIS & CSE Tutor 2025 Programs Due Soon

[SPIS, The Summer Program for Incoming Students](#), is accepting student and mentor applications for its 5-week summer program. Apply now to receive (or provide) mentoring, connect with faculty, and explore career options.

Mentor Application Deadline | [Apply by May 6](#)
Student Application Deadline | [Apply by May 10](#)

[CSE Tutor](#) is accepting applications for Fall 2025. Want to support your peers, boost your resume, and get paid? This is your opportunity.

CSE Tutor Priority Deadline | [Apply by June 27](#)

RESEARCH CENTERS & INSTITUTES



EnCORE Inspires Low-Income Scholars to Pursue College Degrees in STEM

The [EnCORE Institute](#) hosted a high school visit day on March 26, offering students an opportunity to explore cutting-edge research in computer science, astronomy, and quantum computing. The event began at [The Preuss School UC San Diego](#) with talks by EnCORE Director and professor in computer science **Barna Saha** and graduate students. The day also featured presentations from the Heritage High School Robotics Team and Canyon Crest Academy's DataJam Project. [Read More](#)



Located on the university campus, The Preuss School UC San Diego is a unique charter middle and high school for low-income scholars who strive to become the first in their families to graduate from college. Nearly 100% of graduates of The Preuss School go on to higher education, empowering them and transforming communities.



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