

**The Department of Computer Science and
Engineering**

**Building Tomorrow,
Together:
Alumni Giving 2024**

CSE Gift Catalog



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Chairs Message

Building Tomorrow, Together: Alumni Giving 2024

Exciting things are happening in CSE, and we hope you can continue to be a part of them by giving of your time, talents, and resources. We are building the future from the new Agrusa Hall to EmpireAI and the new academic programs and research foci.

Listening to our Alumni, we understand that you would like a way to target your passions. We are doing just that this year through the 2024 CSE Gift Catalog. You will find categories of initiatives we are focusing on, but there are also many more.

Please look at the ideas below and contribute where you can. We are targeting giving from at least 50% of our alumni this year. It may seem daunting, but I hear from so many of you who are passionate about moving the department forward that I know we can do it!

If you or your company are interested in supporting the department in other ways, please contact our department representative, Deanna Abdellatif, at deannaab@buffalo.edu, and she will start the conversation!

Please visit the Building Tomorrow, Together section of our [giving page](#) and include any specific instructions in the comment.

If you need to update your contact information, you can do so [here](#).



David Doermann
Interim Chair, CSE

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A. Give Your Year: Help Us Reach Our 50% Goal!

This year, we aim to connect with 50% of our Alumni. We're inviting you to contribute according to the year you graduated! For instance, if you graduated in 2010, consider donating \$2.01, \$20.10, \$201.00, and so forth. Every contribution, no matter the amount, makes a significant difference in supporting our alumni community and the future of our institution!

Support: \$A.BC, \$AB.CD, \$ABC.D0 or your choice.

B. Honor a Professor: Celebrate Their Impact on Your Journey!

Honor a faculty member with your gift! Identify a faculty member who made a real difference in your education. For gifts \$500 or more that faculty member will get 50% of the amount into a discretionary fund and be publicly recognized with your comment on our website.

Support: \$100, \$500, \$1000 or your choice.



C. Empower Women in CSE: Support the Patricia J. Eberlein Scholarship!

An endowment is being set up to provide scholarships for women in CSE named for an influential faculty member, Patricia J. Eberlein, who was department Chair from 1981-1984. The scholarship will support undergraduates earning their degree from CSE and are either dual majors or minors in mathematics.

Support: 100 available, \$1000, or your choice. Any amount appreciated!!

D. Elevate the Celebration: Become a Sponsor for the CSE Graduate Dinner!

Your sponsorship ensures a memorable evening for our graduates as they commemorate their academic journey and look to the future! You will be recognized as a sponsor, invited, and acknowledged with a table plaque

Support: \$350 per table.



E. Transform Davis Hall Labs with Digital Signage!

Dive into the future of communication and engagement by modernizing Davis Hall labs with digital signage! Your support will enhance accessibility to information and create a collaborative environment for the UB CSE community.

Support: 10 gifts, \$500 each, or your choice!

F. Enhance Communication and Engagement!

Join us in modernizing the Davis Hall facilities by implementing dynamic digital signage to help us share our research highlights and achievements! Modern projector and current content will be added.

Support: 3 Gifts, \$6000 each or your choice.



G. Support Collaborative Art Projects Showcasing CSE!

Sponsor murals of diversity, AI-Generated art, special collections, and more! Your gift will highlight the CSE Community, with collections to be rotated across CSE locations! Bring your ideas, or let our creative students decide!

Support: Multiple Gifts, \$100-1000 each or your choice.

H. Celebrate CSE Excellence!

Elevate our space with an Awards Wall, showcasing the achievements of our faculty, students and alumni! We will replace our existing wall with an Alumni Hall of

Support: 10 gifts, \$1000 each or your choice. Any amount will help!



I. Sponsor a Glass Board for Your Favorite CSE Faculty Member!

Sponsor a glass board! Pick your favorite faculty member and help them update their office!

Support: \$250 each

J. Monitors and Chairs and Hardware, Oh My!

Revamp the CSE Lab Experience: Elevate Productivity and Comfort with New Monitors, Chairs, and Hardware! Your support allows our students to reach their full potential by providing them with modern and efficient equipment!

Support: Multiple Available, \$100 - \$1000 or your choice.

L. Support Access to Summer Learning!

CSE-Sponsored Summer Camp: Supporting Student Transportation for Greater Accessibility! Your contributions towards student transportation to the camp enable us to broaden its reach, particularly benefiting underprivileged girls who may have limited accessibility.

Support: Multiple Gifts requested, \$100 or your choice.



M. Feed the Hackers!

Support a meal for the students at the annual CSE Hackathon!

UB Hacking is the University at Buffalo's official student-run hackathon. Students are invited to gather at our event to create innovative projects within 24 hours and showcase their achievements.

Support: 250 Gifts, \$25 or your choice.

N. Celebrate the Hackers

Support a prize for CSE Hackers based on your passion!

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Support: \$500 or your choice.



O. Empower Future Generations Through Endowment!

Your endowed gift ensures sustainable support, generating approximately 4% annually in perpetuity. By establishing this scholarship, you're investing in the continual success of undergraduate students and creating opportunities for greatness. We have many ways to contribute more significantly to endowments. Many of you already have. If you are interested in supporting a student scholarship, faculty endowment, or another substantial initiative, please get in touch with Deanna Abdellatif at deannaab@buffalo.edu. She'll connect you with me or other department members.

Support: \$50,000 up, or your choice.



Make It Yours!

If you're undecided on which cause to support, this is the ideal selection for you! Opt for **Option P** to ensure that your one-time or recurring contribution can be allocated to where it's most needed, addressing our department's emerging priorities.

UB Donor Bill of Rights

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- To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
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- To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

At The Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University at Buffalo, our mission revolves around excellence in three key areas: world-class research, student education, and industrial outreach. We are internationally recognized for our groundbreaking research in Artificial Intelligence, Systems, Theory, and Interdisciplinary fields.

At every degree level, from Bachelor's to PhD, we provide quality, cutting-edge education, equipping students with strong conceptual foundations and exposing them to the latest advancements in the field. We are committed to providing state-of-the-art computer education to all UB students.

Your support will not only advance our research endeavors but also empower the next generation of computing professionals. Join us in shaping the future of computing and making a lasting impact on our community.