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Three CEE students win NSF fellowships for graduate study

Three CEE students won prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowships this year. They are Artin Laleian, Jill McClary and Samuel Rivera. A record 43 students were awarded NSF fellowships for graduate study at the University of Illinois this year, the most in one year since the program was established in 1952. Of those, 34 are current U of I students, a 100 percent increase from last year. Three other CEE students won Honorable Mention: Anahid Behrouzi, William Hunnicutt and Hanting Wang. [More about the students](#)

Structural engineering M.S. degree now offered online

Structural engineering and mechanics courses will now be offered online as part of the department's online master's degree program, and students will now be able to pursue the M.S.C.E. degree in the area of Structures. Online course offerings now include 45 classes across a range of CEE areas. Program applications for fall 2013 are being accepted through June 1. [More about the online programs](#)



Golparvar-Fard wins ASCE Croes Medal

Assistant Professor Mani Golparvar-Fard is a recipient of the

James R. Croes Medal from the American Society of Civil Engineers. Golparvar-Fard was honored for the paper “Integrated Sequential As-built and As-planned Representation with D4AR Tools in Support of Decision-Making Tasks in the AEC/FM Industry,” published in the December 2011 issue of the Journal of Construction Engineering and Management. [More about the honor](#)



Ellingwood named Engineering Distinguished Alum

Bruce R. Ellingwood (BS 68, MS 69, PhD 72) received the Alumni Award for Distinguished Service by the College of Engineering on Saturday, April 20, 2013. He was recognized for his leadership in the development of reliability-based design standards for structural codes, development of the new field of structural reliability and probabilistic approaches, and participation in educating generations of engineers and professors. [More about the award](#)



García honored as ASCE Distinguished Member

Professor Marcelo García has been elected a Distinguished Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Distinguished Members have “attained acknowledged eminence in some branch of engineering or in the arts and sciences related thereto,” according to ASCE. García will be officially inducted in October. [More about the honor](#)



Illinois to host concrete canoe national competition

This year, the 2013 National Concrete Canoe Competition will make its return to the place it first began: the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. More than 20 teams of college students who have designed and built concrete canoes will gather at Illinois June 20-22 to showcase the finished results of their nine-month projects. The three-day event, most of which is open to the public, will culminate in concrete canoe races on Homer Lake in nearby Homer, Ill. [More about canoe nationals](#)



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