

## [University of Florida Distinguished Alumnus Award \(DAA\)](#)

to

[Dr. Anil K Rajvanshi](#)

Dr. Anil K Rajvanshi the Director of [Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute \(NARI\)](#) was conferred the highest award - [the Distinguished Alumnus Award by University of Florida \(UF\)](#) on 3 May 2014 in Gainesville Florida, USA. UF is one of the top 15 public universities of USA.

Dr. Rajvanshi is the first Indian to be so honored by UF. This news was extensively covered in mass media and some of the stories appeared in [IBN news](#), [Indian Embassy newsletter](#), [American Bazaar](#), etc. The UF engineering put out a [story on this award at their website](#). IIT Kanpur – **Dr. Rajvanshi’s alma mater** put the [story on their website](#).

Dr. Rajvanshi was given this award during the commencement ceremony. His [award acceptance speech is here \(You Tube\)](#).

There is a tradition in UF Engineering that DA awardees are interviewed by the Dean of Engineering regarding their views on leadership. [The interview \(You Tube\) can be watched here](#). The interviews of past awardees are at [this site](#).

A cover story on this award in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (UF) Spring 2015 Newsletter is [available here](#).

### [HOME](#)

May 2014;  
revised October  
2015



AKR giving his acceptance speech



Plaque presented by Dean Abernathy

## UFDAA photos



Dinner reception at the University of Florida's president's house to honor distinguished UF alumni from varying academic fields. The event was held in conjunction with UF's spring 2014 commencement ceremonies.

AKR giving an after-dinner speech at President Machen's house



AKR and Nandini with the Gator trophy at President's house



Engineering Dean Abernathy giving AKR the Gator trophy



Please join  
***President J. Bernard Machen***  
***and Mrs. Chris Machen***  
at the University of Florida  
Spring 2014 Commencement Dinner honoring

***Distinguished Alumnus Recipients:***

*Angelo Anaclerio*  
*Willis Holcombe*  
*George Kirkland*  
*Anil Rajvanshi*  
and

***Distinguished Achievement Recipients:***

*Samuel Hope*  
*Nicholas Kontaridis*  
*William Truettner*

**Friday, May 2, 2014**

**7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**University of Florida President's House**

2151 West University Avenue

Gainesville, Florida

Business Attire

RSVP: (352) 392-1311 or [donnas@ufl.edu](mailto:donnas@ufl.edu)

Parking is available in the circular drive at the President's House



## UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



**GEORGE L. KIRKLAND**

*University of Florida  
Distinguished Alumnus Award*

Vice Chairman of the Board  
at Chevron Corporation and  
Executive Vice President  
of Upstream



**ANIL K. RAJVANSHI**

*University of Florida  
Distinguished Alumnus Award*

Director of the Nimbkar  
Agricultural Research  
Institute (NARI)

## ALMA MATER

Florida, our Alma Mater,  
Thy glorious name we praise.  
All thy loyal sons and daughters,  
A joyous song shall raise.  
Where palm and pine are blowing,  
Where southern seas are flowing,  
Shine forth thy noble gothic walls,  
Thy lovely vine clad halls.  
Neath the orange and blue victorious,  
Our love shall never fail.  
There's no other name so glorious,  
All hail, Florida, hail!



College of Engineering

# COMMENCEMENT

Spring 2014

**UF** UNIVERSITY of  
**FLORIDA**

# PROGRAM



CAMMY R. ABERNATHY, Ph.D.  
Dean, College of Engineering

## PRELUDE

### BRASS QUINTET

Gainesville Brass Quintet — William Dishman, Trumpet;  
Joe Jamerson, Trumpet; Miranda Morris, French Horn;  
Charles Propper, Trombone; and Kurt Zeigler, Tuba

## PROCESSIONAL

Brass Quintet

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Led by Lynnea Rhodes,  
UF Student Double-Majoring in Business  
Administration and Vocal Performance  
Brass Quintet

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Cammy R. Abernathy, Dean, College of Engineering

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Cammy R. Abernathy, Dean

### UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA STUDENT AWARDS

Candidates Presented by Rahul Patel,  
President, UF Alumni Association

#### Outstanding Four-Year Scholar Award

Cody Kunka, Mechanical Engineering

#### Outstanding UF Leadership Award

Megan Harmon, Industrial Engineering;  
(Minor Sales Engineering)

James K. O'Connell, Environmental Engineering

### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING STUDENT AWARDS

Candidates presented by Angela S. Lindner, Ph.D.,  
Associate Dean for Engineering Student Affairs

#### Outstanding Four-Year Scholar Award

Shannon Brown, Agricultural and Biological Engineering

### Outstanding Two-Year Scholar Award

Alicia Mata, Environmental Engineering

### Dean Joseph Weil Award

Andrew Schwarz, Civil Engineering

### Dean Jonathan F.K. Earle Award

Sumrah Iqbal, Mechanical Engineering

### Outstanding M.S. Scholar Award

Emily Hester, Biomedical Engineering

## PRESENTATION OF COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING FACULTY AND STAFF

Mark Law, Ph.D., Associate Dean for  
Engineering Academic Affairs

### ADVISER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nancy McIlrath-Glanville, Engineering School for  
Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment

### TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Tuba Yavuz-Kahveci, Ph.D., Computer and  
Information Science and Engineering

### TEACHER/SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Fan Ren, Ph.D., Chemical Engineering

## RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

### INTRODUCTION OF AWARD RECIPIENT

Kirk Hatfield, Ph.D., Director, Engineering School  
for Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment

### REMARKS FROM DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

George L. Kirkland, Vice Chairman of the Board at Chevron  
Corporation and Executive Vice President of Upstream

### INTRODUCTION OF AWARD RECIPIENT

David Hahn, Ph.D., Chair, Mechanical  
and Aerospace Engineering

### REMARKS FROM DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Anil K. Rajvanshi, Ph.D., Director of the Nimbkar  
Agricultural Research Institute (NARI)

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Cammy R. Abernathy, Dean

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

### INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jennifer Curtis, Ph.D., Associate Dean for  
Engineering Research and Facilities

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Subroto Bagchi, Co-Founder and Chairman, Mindtree

## RECOGNITION OF ROTC STUDENTS

Capt. Carl Bush, Commanding Officer,  
U.S. Navy, Navy ROTC

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REMARKS

Claudia Sotomayor, Materials Science and Engineering  
James K. O'Connell, Environmental Engineering

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR MASTER'S DEGREES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Cammy R. Abernathy, Dean and David Norton, Ph.D.,  
UF Vice President for Research

### INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION OF MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES

## RECOGNITION OF FIRST GRADUATING UNDERGRADUATE BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING CLASS

Bruce Wheeler, Ph.D., Professor, J. Crayton Pruitt  
Family Department of Biomedical Engineering

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Cammy R. Abernathy, Dean and  
Angela S. Lindner, Ph.D., Associate Dean

### INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE GRADUATES

## CLOSING REMARKS

Cammy R. Abernathy, Dean

## ALMA MATER

Led by Lynnea Rhodes  
Brass Quintet

## RECESSIONAL

Brass Quintet

*PHOTOGRAPHS — The university requests that all commencement guests remain in their seats while taking photographs, no guests are permitted in the graduates' seating area. Photographs of the graduates as they cross the stage are available through companies that have contracts with the university. Color photographs are available from University Photography, PO Box 2454, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403-2454, 205-391-9500*