Lots of cups of tea!

Heartiest congratulations to Rahul Rehki, senior bioengineer, who has been named a 2013 Marshall Scholar. Rahul will be completing an M.S. in bioengineering at Oxford and one in international health policy at the London School of Economics. This scholarship was created by an act of the British parliament and it supports up to 40 American students while they study at Britain’s best universities. You can read more about Rahul and his many accomplishments at http://engr.rice.edu/rahulmarshall.

Triple the recognition from the Triple-AAA-S

Three engineering faculty have been elected to the American Association for the Advancement of Science A³S: Kathy Enor and Marina Vannucci, both professors of statistics (Kathy is also department chair) and Lydia Kavraki, the Noah Harding Professor of Computer Science. AAAS fellows are elected by their peers and are selected for distinguished work advancing science or scientific applications. Congratulations to all of you! There’s a story about these and this year’s other three Rice AAAS fellows at http://news.rice.edu/2012/11/29/six-rice-university-professors-elected-aaas-fellows-4/.

Taking Engineering Designs to Market

A great set of previous and on-going engineering design projects that address health and educational issues in the developing world have been the basis for a group of MBA students in the Jones School to write business plans. The event, called 2012 Business Solutions to Global Health & Education, will feature the engineering projects that can impact the developing world. It starts at 6pm tomorrow in the Shell Auditorium. Business plans will be presented for: BabaLung Apnea Monitor, the DoseRight Syringe Clip, the I-slate, Bubble CPAP and Rice mobileSpiro. The U.S. ambassador to Nigeria, Terence McCulley, will open the program with remarks about opportunities for businesses in Nigeria and the region. Everyone is invited to attend. See http://business.rice.edu/BSGHE2012/ for more information.
The Word on NanoJapan

Freshman engineers, if you’re interested in applying for NanoJapan (go to Japan next summer, do nano research!), don’t miss the NanoJapan study break and info session tonight at 6pm in Martel College classroom 103. Mika Tabata, NJ alum, will tell you about the program and her rockin’ experience this past summer. That’s Mika on the far right at a festival in Kyoto.

Photo of the week
I think the OEDK may contribute to the happiness of engineering undergrads (#1 for happiest engineers?). This was spotted on a white board in the OEDK last week.

It’s going to be quieter around here for a little while. I hope everyone makes it through finals in a good state of mind, then have a safe and restful winter break and happy holiday—then come back refreshed and ready to go again!
Here are the events scheduled for this week:

**TODAY**
**Kennedy Institute for Information Technology**
Ken Kennedy Institute Distinguished Lecture Series
“What Lies Ahead for Devices and Interconnects”
4 p.m.  Duncan Hall McMurtry Auditorium
[http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18161](http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18161)

**TUESDAY**
**Rice Engineering Alumni**
REA Fall Social
6:30 p.m. at St Arnold Brewery (Registration required)
[http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18337](http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=18337)

**Jones School and Engineering Design Students**
Business Solutions to Global Health & Education
6pm in Shell Auditorium
http://business.rice.edu/BSGHE2012

**WEDNESDAY**
**CS**
COMP 410 Final Presentation
4 p.m. in 1064 Duncan Hall
[http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19222](http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19222)

**FRIDAY**
**ECE**
Binboga Siddik Yarman, Istanbul University
“Design of Wideband Power Transfer Networks for Communication Systems via Real Frequency Techniques”
4 p.m. in 1049 Duncan Hall
[http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19086](http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19086)

These are some of the major events are scheduled in the coming weeks and next semester:

**Tuesday, December 18, 2012**
School of Engineering and School of Natural Sciences Faculty and Staff Holiday Party

**Wednesday, February 13, 2013**
“Computing in the 21st Century”
[http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19214](http://events.rice.edu/index.cfm?EventRecord=19214)

**Thursday, April 11, 2013**
2013 Engineering Design Showcase and Poster Session
http://oedk.rice.edu/events

Have a great week!
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