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Graduate Student Receives Prestigious 2010 Google-Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship Award

East Carolina only University listed in North Carolina along with Princeton, MIT, and Brown

GREENVILLE, N.C. (May 3, 2010)—Boya Xie, graduate student in the College of Technology and Computer Science, has received a prestigious national award from Google Inc. Xie, a computer science student, was honored with the Anita Borg scholarship for 2010 in the amount of \$10,000 for her outstanding scholastic achievements. Xie is the only East Carolina University student in our region and state to receive the distinction. East Carolina University has been named in the company with other esteemed universities such as, MIT, Brown, Columbia, and Princeton.

In addition to Xie receiving an academic scholarship, she along with other winners from around the world, will be invited to participate in all-expenses-paid networking retreat featuring workshops, speakers, panelists, breakout sessions and social activities at Google offices.



After receiving the news about the award, Xie had this to say, “ECU is the place where my abilities and potential get boosted. It provides me the stage to perform. I heartily appreciate the department and the professors, such as Dr. Ding, Dr. Placer, and Dr. Tabrizi, just to name a few, who always give me strong support.”

Google established the scholarship in 2004 in memory of Dr. Borg. Borg, a computer science pioneer, dedicated her life to changing the way society feel about diversity and technology. Her namesake scholarship, now in it’s seventh year, continues to support under and post-graduate women completing degrees in computer science and related areas, to encourage the next generation of women to follow in her foot steps.

Google endow scholarships like the Borg award, to support their dedication to advancing technology and computing. Their hope is to provide opportunities for women and minorities to dismantle barriers in a field that is normally not afforded to this audience.

David White, dean of the College of Technology and Computer Science, said, “The scholarship contributes to the College’s commitment to diversity and demonstrates the excellent quality of our students and the support provided to them by our faculty.”

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