



COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



Established in 2004, this award recognizes an alumnus who has distinguished himself/herself as a leader in the computer science and engineering profession through professional contributions, public service, and personal accomplishments. Nominations are made by faculty, alumni, and other supporters of the department. The winner is selected by the department chairperson and advisory committee.

Julie Louis-Benaglio recently celebrated her 25th anniversary with Hewlett-Packard in Livonia, Michigan. She has provided technical consulting to HP customers across the United States, and overseen numerous customer computer system implementations. In her current position, she delivers technical support services to HP's mission critical/high availability and strategic accounts within Michigan. Her responsibilities lie in proactively maintaining a high level of technical and operational expertise while tracking industry trends. Familiarizing herself with her customers' IT environments and business goals, she plays a lead role in delivering complex solutions. Over the years HP management has honored her with Most Valuable Player and Top Performer awards for outstanding customer support.

Julie's membership in the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) began in the student chapter at MSU, and carried over to membership in the Detroit Area Professional Chapter of SWE. While a student at MSU, Julie was one of a handful of women in the College of Engineering. In her zeal to support females in technical fields, she has judged science fair experiments and spoken at several career day assemblies in local schools to encourage girls to pursue technical studies. She has also served for more than 10 years as professional field counselor to MSU's student chapter of SWE.

Julie has served on the alumni board of directors for the College of Engineering and various

advisory committees for the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. She recently established the Julie Louis-Benaglio Endowed Excellence Fund, which supports the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and the MSU student chapter of SWE.

With this endowment, which includes HP matching funds, Julie's intent is to provide scholarship funds for female students pursuing a degree in computer science and engineering and to support SWE activities such as attendance at national conferences.

Julie's husband, Jim, is an electrical engineer and University of Michigan graduate. Their mutual love of music and guitar playing brought them together in a church folk group. Their school rivalry is obvious only on MSU vs. U of M game days. Jim and Julie have two daughters, Jessie and Jamie, both of whom demonstrate strengths in math, music, and sports. Their collegiate preferences are undetermined, but Julie has made clear her allegiance to the green and white.



*Julie Louis-Benaglio,
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Past Recipient _____

2004 Kevin J. Ohl (BS '78)

