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Dear Computer Science Graduate:

Welcome to the September 2009 edition of DePauw's Computer Science Department newsletter. We are pleased to share some exciting updates about what has been going on in the department.

As we first mentioned in our October 2008 newsletter, the department recently completed a self-study and strategic planning process which helped us identify several ways we could further improve our program. As a result, several initiatives are planned including the following:

- **Curricular Revisions:** Starting in fall of 2009 we will offer new courses including Computer Systems, Foundations of Computation, and Software Development. In spring 2010, Khadija Stewart will offer a new course in Web Programming and Cybersecurity and during the following academic year Gloria Townsend will offer a new course in robotics.
- **Alumni Connections:** We are interested in finding ways to better connect our alumni with the department and our students. These newsletters are a start, but we welcome other ideas you may have for becoming involved. And, of course, if you ever know of job or internship (Winter Term or summer) opportunities we would be happy to share those with our current students.
- **Equipment Updates:** We have been fortunate to receive several grants in recent years which have helped us to build first-rate computing facilities for our students. We are now looking at ways to develop a regular equipment upgrade cycle so that we can maintain and improve our facilities.

Our department web site now includes a page which reports recent departmental news items (www.csc.depauw.edu/news/news.shtml). We excerpt one particularly exciting item below for your interest.

- **DePauw Students Take First Runner-Up Prize in Microsoft Imagine Cup U.S. Finals**
DePauw senior Erin "Ed" Donahue, junior Ashley Myers, and IUPUI junior Malisa Vongskul have taken the first runner-up prize in the U.S. finals of Microsoft's Imagine Cup, held on May 2-5 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. They named their team MangoBunnies and designed and developed a mobile and Web application called Computer-Assisted Medication Regimen Adherence (CAMRA) that will help patients adhere to their medication regimen, helping save lives. Team MangoBunnies is one of only fifteen teams to advance to the U.S. finals, and is the only all-female team to compete in the U.S. finals in the Imagine Cup's seven year history.



Ashley Myers and Erin Donahue of Team MangoBunnies

If you are planning to be in the Greencastle area, please let us know as we would love to keep in touch. In the meantime, visit our department home page at www.csc.depauw.edu for more information about what we are doing in general, and follow the Newsletters link for an archive of the department's alumni newsletters.

Best,

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