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Arie E. Kaufman's Remarks

Ribbon Cutting for the new Computer Science Building, July 1, 2015

Thank you **Dean Shamash** for your kind introduction.

Today is a very happy day. Actually, it is the happiest day in the 46-year history of the Computer Science Department. With such an amazing new facility, we can now forge forward to fulfill our grand vision for Computer Science, and to further excel in our teaching and research missions.

The new building is home to many research labs and research centers, which occupy almost 40% of the space. Today, you are all invited to tour the building, enjoy the culinary delights on the second floor, and specifically visit our **Center for Visual Computing** on the first floor, and our **National Security Institute** on the third floor. During your tour, you will see the innovative and pioneering research we are conducting in the fields of cyber-security, operating systems, virtual reality, and medical imaging.

I join **President Stanley** in thanking everyone who moved this building from the virtual stage to a reality. And on behalf of the Computer Science department, I'd like to thank **President Stanley, Provost Assanis** and **Dean Shamash** for their unwavering and strong support for Computer Science.

Thank you all for joining us today at this historic event. Thank you.

At this time I invite the following individuals to join me, as we officially cut the ribbon and celebrate the opening of the new Computer Science building:

1. Senator Ken LaValle
2. Assemblyman Steve Englebright
3. Assemblyman Mike Fitzpatrick
4. President Dr. Sam Stanley
5. Provost Dennis Assanis
6. Dean Yacov Shamash
7. Vice President Matt Whelan
8. Associate Vice President for Facilities Louis Rispoli
9. Project Architect - Adams Pinckney (from Mitchell Giurgola)