# COMPUTER SCIENCE

Introduction to Computer Science at Stony Brook





# **Topics for Today**

- Stony Brook Undergraduate Computer Science program
  - Academics
  - Career options
  - Questions on any aspect of Stony Brook Computer Science are welcome





# Stony Brook CS Department

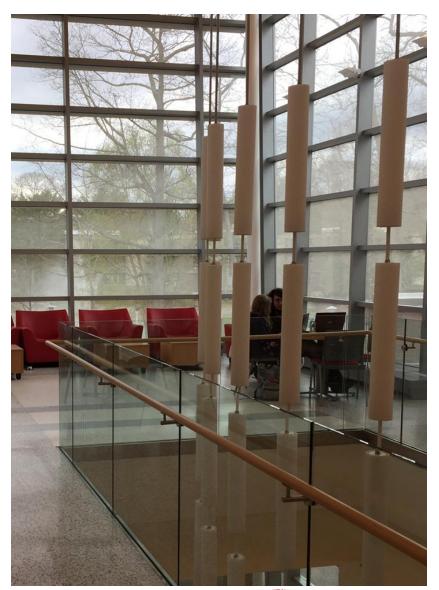
- Highly ranked program
- Large department (50+ faculty members and about 800 UG majors)
- National recognition in many areas (security, visualization, logic, wireless networks, etc.)
- Honors program
- Degrees
  - BS, MS, PhD Computer Science
  - BS Information Systems





### New CS Building

- Opened Fall 2015
- State of the art classrooms, labs, conference rooms, and offices
- Student lounges and work areas
- Designed for faculty/student interaction





### Computer Science Careers

- High demand for Computer Science grads
- Typically ranked as a top-paying job for new BS grads
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) predicts computing-related occupations will grow about 24% per year

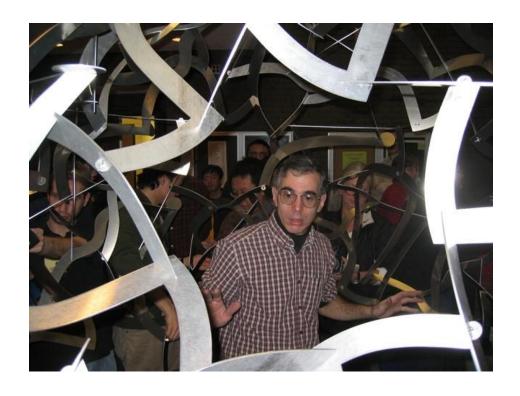
Causing large increases in enrollments





# Teaching Vs. Research University

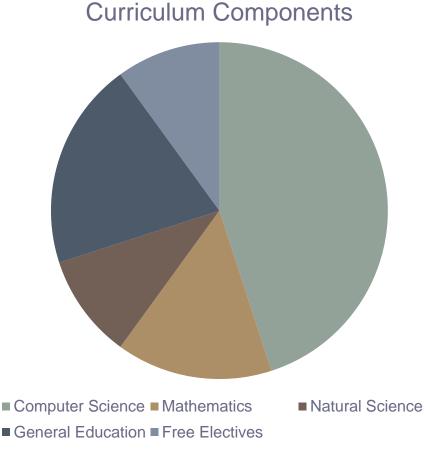
- Programs tend to be very similar in first 2-3 years
- Opportunity for undergraduate research at a research university





#### Curriculum Overview

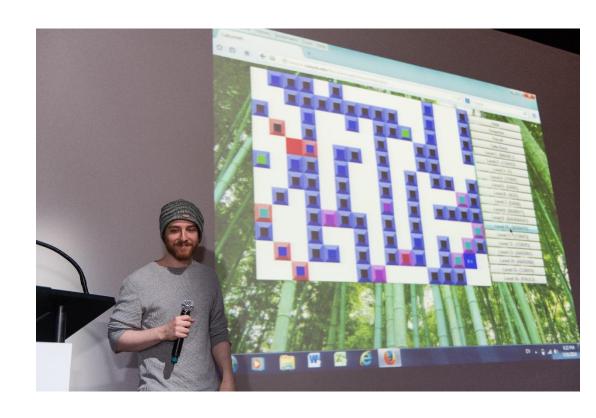
- Computer Science (45%)
- Mathematics (15%)
- Natural Science (10%)
- General Education (20%)
- Free Electives (10%)





# Specializations

- Computer Security
- Game Programming
- Human-Computer
  Interaction
- System Software Development





# Game Programming Contest





# Computer Science Honors Program

#### Accelerated research oriented program for our top students

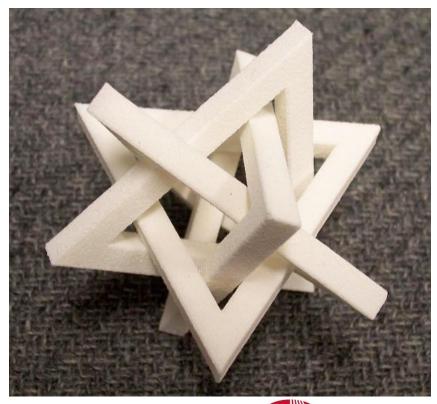
- Specialized honors courses
- Small classes
- Accelerated program
- More upper division electives
- Senior research projects
- Scholarships
- About 80 students total
- About 20 freshman each year
- Strong support from faculty and university
- Faculty involvement with students especially in small classes





#### Honors Curriculum

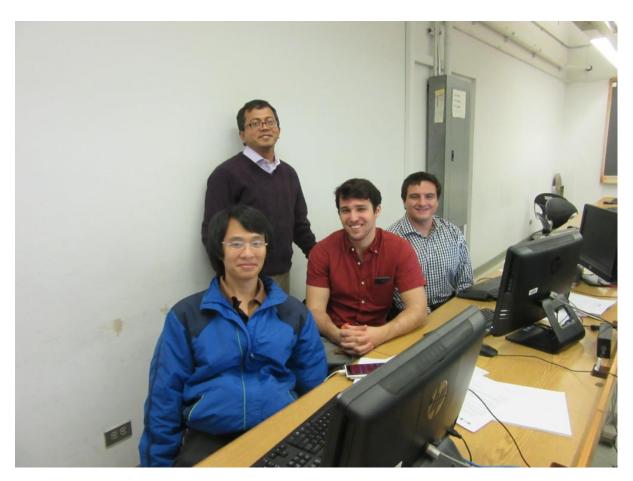
- Accelerated introductory sequence
  - Programming
  - Mathematical Foundations
- More time to explore advanced CS topics
- Example Honors Courses
  - Algorithms
  - Database Systems
  - System Fundamentals
  - Theory of Computation





# Undergraduate Research Project

Honors program students complete a 2-semester research project with a faculty mentor





### Internships

- Virtually all internships are paid (typically \$12/hour to \$38/hour)
- Option to take for credit
- Overall GPA is important Companies
  - National (e.g., Google, Microsoft, IBM, Apple)
  - Financial (e.g., Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase)
  - Long Island software (e.g., Applied Vision)
  - On-campus (department IT support)



Summer internship between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year is important



#### After Graduation

- Graduate School
  - Top CS schools
- Employment
  - Software development
  - IT support
  - Security





#### Questions



