**2015**

**School of Engineering and Applied Science Outstanding Young Engineering Graduate Award**

*(Benton H. Calhoun)*

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An award to recognize alumni who have made significant achievements and contributions in the early phase of their careers. Eligibility is for alumni who have graduated from the School of Engineering and Applied Science and are 40 years of age or younger. This year we are presenting this award to Professor Benton H. Calhoun.

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- Ben Calhoun came to UVa and received his Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical Engineering in 2000…and from there he rocketed to Full Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering in our very own Charles L. Brown Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Of course along the way he took a break from us to receive his MS in 2002 and PhD in 2006 from MIT.

- By the time he graduated from MIT and decided to apply for a faculty position in SEAS, he had established a reputation as a prodigy and one of his faculty recommendation letters to SEAS acknowledged him as the best Computer Engineering PhD graduate from MIT in the past decade.

- Ben has quickly established one of the top research programs in low-power electronics in the world. To date, he has been PI or co-PI of 56 grants, contracts, and gifts totaling more than $14M dollars…and at present he is advising 15 PhD graduate students.

- His publication record includes 2 books, 5 book chapters, 36 refereed Journal articles and 92 refereed conference proceedings. Keep in mind that he is still not 40 years old!

- Professor Calhoun has established himself as an outstanding educator evidenced by his 2010 All University Teaching Award, a tribute to his teaching excellence.
A highlight of his service to our School is his founding of the SEAS Peer Mentoring Groups where he organizes monthly meetings at which senior faculty lead discussions with new faculty on various topics related to professional development.

To quote one of his departmental colleagues, “Ben has not been content to reside in an academic ivory tower. He is one of the founders of a recent start-up company, PsiKick. This company located in Charlottesville has won the Charlottesville Business Innovation Council’s 2015 Start-Up of the Year Award.” And, to add further recognition, Professor Calhoun was the co-winner of the 2015 Edlich-Henderson Innovator of the Year Award.

The Engineering School is very pleased and shows its pride in awarding Benton H. Calhoun the 2015 School of Engineering and Applied Science Outstanding Young Engineering Graduate Award.