CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY LOU SOFFA

Professor and Chair of the Department of Computer Science

2011 Anita Borg Technical Leadership Award Winner

Honored by the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology for inspiring the women’s technology community through outstanding technological and social contributions
Mary Lou Soffa, Owen R. Cheatham Professor and chair of the Engineering School's Department of Computer Science, has dedicated herself to technical achievements and encouraging women to succeed in computer science.

In recognition of her dedication, Soffa was presented with the 2011 Anita Borg Technical Leadership Award from the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology. She received this award for her technical achievements and leadership that impact and inspire women in computing.

Soffa is a Fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery and co-founder of the Computing Research Association’s Graduate Student Cohort and the Cohort for Associate Professors. In addition, she is an active research mentor. Of the 26 Ph.D.s that she has graduated, 50 percent are women; nationally, 13 percent of Ph.D. graduates are women.

Soffa won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring in 1999 and, in 2005, the CRA Nico Habermann Award for outstanding contributions aimed at increasing the numbers and/or successes of underrepresented members in the computing research community.

Visit Us Online: www.seas.virginia.edu