The Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering wishes all undergraduate and graduate students a most successful academic year.

Welcome:
- Dr. Siyuan He, who joined the Department in August, 2006, as an Assistant Professor in Mechanical Engineering.
- Dr. Kouroush Jenab, who joined the Department in August, 2006, as an Assistant Professor in Industrial Engineering.
- Dr. Mohamed Wahab Mohamed Ismail, who joined the Department in August, 2006, as an Assistant Professor in Industrial Engineering.
- Dr. Krishnan Venkatakrishnan, who joined the Department in August, 2006, as an Associate Professor in Mechanical Engineering.

Congratulations:
- Dr. Liping Fang’s 2005-06 Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science (FEAS) Research Excellence Award.
- Dr. Donatus Oguamanam’s promotion to the rank of Associate Professor as of September 1, 2006.
- Dr. Ravi Ravindran’s election to serve as the 2006-07 President-Elect, Canadian Academy of Engineering (CAE).
- Dr. Ravi Ravindran’s 2006 Allan Ray Putnam Service Award from ASM International.
- Professor Frankie Stewart’s 2005-06 Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science (FEAS) Teaching Excellence Award.

Announcements:
- The Department’s Annual Awards Night will take place on Wednesday, October 18, 17:30 to 20:00 in Thomas Lounge, Oakham House.

GRADUATE STUDIES

- Dr. Greg Kawall is pleased to announce that Mr. Alireza Shirazi, who carried out his MASc thesis under the supervision of Dr. Ahmad Varvani-Farahani, has been selected as the MEGP nominee for Ryerson’s SGS 2006 Governor General’s Gold Medal (GGGM).
RESEARCH IN THE DEPARTMENT

**Publications in refereed Journals:**

**Publications in Conferences (including Presentations at Conferences):**
*This paper won the best paper award at this conference*


External Research Funding:
Neumann, W.P. ‘Strategies and Methods for Management of the Work Environment’, Research agreement with Sweden’s National Institute for Working Life 47,425 CAD, 1-year to cover participation in the following three projects:


External Research Funding:
Neumann, W.P. “Integrating Human Factors in Virtual Design Tools” Ryerson Research Assistant Program, Ryerson University & The Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities, 1,500 CAD, 1 year, 2006.

AWAY

- Dr. Ahmad Ghasempoor is on sabbatical from July 1 to December 31, 2006.
- Dr. Marcello Papini is on sabbatical from September 1, 2006, to August 31, 2007.
- Dr. Farrokh Sharifi is on sabbatical from September 1, 2006, to August 31, 2007.
- Dr. Saeed Zolfaghari is on sabbatical from January 1 to December 31, 2006.