Oct. 18, 2016 – Interim Dean Jagath Kaluarachchi and department heads from across the College of Engineering on Tuesday recognized 28 students for receiving the prestigious A-Pin award.

The A-Pin is one of the oldest awards at Utah State University. Initiated in 1910, it acknowledges and rewards students who achieve a straight-A grade point average while carrying 15 graded credit hours for two consecutive semesters.

The pin itself features the primary icon of Utah State University’s Old Main Tower and includes the phrase “USU Scholarship,” denoting the highest marks in scholarly achievement.

The students were treated to a catered luncheon with the dean and several department heads.

Spring 2016 Recipients:

Broadbent, Kaitlyn  
MEEN

Burton, Parker  
ELEN

Christensen, Darcie  
BIEN
Chun, Leanne  
COSC

Durtschi, Taylor  
CIEN

Fairbanks, Ember  
COSC

German, Emma  
MEEN

Gordon, Megan  
CIEN

Guymon, Nathan  
BIEN

Helzer, William  
ELEN

Kjar, Andrew  
BIEN

Lindstrom, Colton  
ELEN

Merkley, Amanda  
BIEN

Merkley, Matthew  
MEEN

Merrill, Christopher  
COSC

Mikulecky, Rachel  
COSC

Mitchell, Frost  
CMPE

Nielsen, Ashley  
MEEN

Pace, Justin  
CIEN

Packer, David  
COSC

Sorensen, Dana  
CMPE

Thompson, Seth  
CIEN

Torgersen, Taylor  
CIEN
Tousley, Jonathan  
CMPE

Watkins, Margaret  
COSC

Poulton, Samuel

Beck, Kade  
CIEN

Weller, Ryan  
CIEN

A-Pin Eligibility Criteria:

• 4.0 for two consecutive semesters.
• Fifteen graded credit hours must be carried each semester that is to be counted in the two consecutive semesters.
• "P" grades, audited courses and "I" grades, or Independent Study courses cannot be counted toward the required fifteen hours.
• Summer semester may count towards the two consecutive semesters, if at least fifteen hours are carried.
• Part-time semesters (less than 15 credits) are considered as follows:
  • Part-time semesters with any grades of less than an "A" breaks the consecutive structure, and the student must start over.
  • Part-time semesters with all A grades are not counted, but they do not break the consecutive structure.
• Individual courses can only count in any one semester, and individual semesters can only count once in this scholarship program.
• This recognition is for admitted undergraduate students. Second Bachelor and Graduate students are not included.
• W's will not count, but can be ignored as long as there are still fifteen graded credits with a 4.0.
• Split forms are all right as long as they both total fifteen credits together with a 4.0.
• Intensive English Language Institute only students are eligible as long as they meet the requirements.
• If there is an IF in the semester, the semester does NOT qualify.

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