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

Nielson, 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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