



Matthew Morrison

Doctoral Candidate Matthew Morrison Receives Provost's Outstanding Teaching Award

TAMPA, Fla (April 10, 2013) – Matthew Morrison, '10, '12MSCP, was recently awarded the Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Teaching Assistant. Matt, a doctoral candidate in computer science and engineering, is a student of Distinguished University Professor Nagarajan Ranganathan. Morrison received the 2013-2013 award in the STEM category.

A former Petty Officer who trained at the Naval Nuclear Power School, Matt believes the rigors of that training provided him with the foundation for his teaching philosophy. In the classroom his students learn the material through practical application rather than rote memorization.

This award program was established in 1998 to recognize the exemplary contributions made by graduate teaching assistants (TAs) to excellence in undergraduate education, and is administered by the Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence (ATLE).

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