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Media Advisory

NPS graduation Friday

Date/Time:

Friday, September 27
11 a.m.

Media Response Deadline:

Thursday, September 26
3 p.m.

Location:

King Hall
Naval Postgraduate School

Marine Corps Lt. Col. David Brannon and Indian Army Maj. Raj Mohan will receive top academic honors during NPS graduation ceremonies Friday. Brannon, a computer science student, earned the Navy League Award for Highest Academic Achievement and Mohan, an information systems technology student who played a key role in the 2002 Cyber Defense Exercise conducted by NPS and the service academies, earned the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for International Students. In addition to Brannon and Mohan, 15 other students will receive awards for academic achievement in special categories. A total of 202 students in 28 academic programs will receive Master of Science, Master of Arts and Ph.D. degrees. Nine officers are earning dual degrees.

The Richard W. Hamming Teaching Award, which recognizes a faculty member for excellence in instruction and thesis advising and is named in honor of the late Dr. Richard Hamming -- legendary computer scientist whose career spanned the nuclear age to the information age -- will be presented to meteorology Prof. Phil Durkee.

Vice Adm. Michael Mullen, deputy chief of naval operations will be the keynote commencement speaker.

Media wishing to cover the service or arrange interviews must contact Lt. Cmdr. Joe Navratil, NPS Public Affairs Officer, at 656-3649 or 277-1251 (cell), or John Sanders, at 656-3346/277-4299 (cell) to be placed on an access list. Deadline for media response is 3 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 26.

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