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HEADLINE: **Darrin Hanna, Ph.D. Receives IEEE Computer Society's 2007 GLOBAL TEACHING AWARD**

SUBHEAD: **"You could have knocked me over with a feather," says Hanna. "It's a tremendous honor to receive this award."**

The IEEE Computer Society Computer Science & Engineering Undergraduate Teaching Award was established to recognize outstanding contributions to undergraduate education through both teaching and service and for helping to maintain interest, increase the visibility of the Society, and make a statement about the importance with which we view undergraduate education.

The award consists of a plaque, certificate, and $2,000 honorarium.

Darrin Hanna is Assistant Professor of Engineering in Oakland University's School of Engineering and Computer Science. He was nominated for this award by Dr. Ishwar Sethi, Chair, Department of Computer Science and Engineering and supported by many colleagues, students, and former students. The award was presented to him by Rangachar Kasturi, President of the IEEE Computer Society at this year's 2008 President's Awards Reception in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dr. Hanna received his Ph.D. in Systems Engineering from Oakland University in May 2003 after receiving the university's three top awards in scholarship, mathematics and engineering. A natural in the classroom, his roots in teaching start from being a supplemental instructor during his under-graduate studies. Throughout his graduate studies, Dr. Hanna taught and created many courses and interactive laboratories as Lecturer and Visiting Instructor of Engineering. His research interests include reconfigurable embedded systems, artificial intelligence, and problem-based learning in computer science and engineering. His work in the classroom emphasizes creating a curriculum, environment, and teaching approach where students engage in different types of problem-based learning. This has proven successful in undergraduate and graduate courses, both small and large. Dr. Hanna believes strongly in continuously incorporating the state-of-the-art from research and techniques used in the workplace into course materials and inspiring students to excel in communicating effectively and working in teams. Dr. Hanna is also coauthor of a new series of textbooks and textbook supplements called *Learning By Example*. More information can be found on Darrin Hanna's website http://www.cse.secs.oakland.edu/hanna.

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