

The DEAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our latest edition of the eNewsletter. We are only four weeks into the school year, but we already see the beginnings of an exciting and eventful semester.

With each new semester comes an ever-growing number of students participating in our invigorating programs, courses, and clubs. This fall has brought us the largest group of majors that we have had in the college, and we hope that our new incoming students are adjusting well and feeling at home. They are already working hard and cultivating their interests in the physical and mathematical sciences. We also extend a warm welcome to all of our returning students.

We are grateful to continue working with our talented faculty and staff this semester. Their accomplishments, recently highlighted at BYU's Annual University Conference in August, are highly commendable. Our personal congratulations go to all of our faculty members who received awards for their outstanding achievements.

Several of our departments have received new additions to their faculty this fall. We are confident that the new faculty will uphold the high faculty standards that we hold here at CPMS. We already enjoy working with them.

Another exciting change this semester is with the College website. It has recently undergone a significant overhaul, improving the design and making it more user-friendly. We invite you to visit the new website at cpms.byu.edu.

Thank you for your continued support!

.....→ **Scott Sommerfeldt, Dean**

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The Business of Binary

For BYU alumnus Dan Olsen III, computer science isn't just a passion — it's a family tradition.

"My father was a [computer science] professor at BYU so I just grew up with it," Olsen said. "As I got into computers, I enjoyed being able to build things and see them work. I kept going down that path and I'm still doing it today."

Olsen received his bachelor's and master's degrees in computer science from BYU in 2005 and 2006 respectively. Recently, he started his own business.

"Right now I . . . contract my time out to people, but at the same time I'm building an online product," Olsen said. "I work anywhere from requirements-gathering to actual programming, and project and team management. Just about anything."

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