

Dear alumni, friends and colleagues,

Greetings from Rolla, Missouri! It is my honor to introduce myself as the Kummer Endowed Chair of Computer Science at Missouri S&T. I started in this role on Aug. 1, 2023, and I am proud and honored to work with such an exceptional group of alumni, students, faculty and staff.

This is an exciting time for our department. We have multiple [new faculty members](#) on board, and students are already benefiting from their expertise both in the classroom and in [research laboratories](#). Our students learn from some of the world's top researchers in areas such as artificial intelligence, cyber security, high-performance computing, quantum computing, big data, networks and much more.

Missouri S&T has been a leader in the field of computer science since the early 1960s, and countless alumni have gone on to see great success. We are now asking alumni to consider giving back to the department, as your support will help with initiatives such as student travel to conferences, laboratory equipment and scholarships, among other priorities.

Our annual Miner Phonathon will start soon. In the coming weeks, you should receive a phone call asking for your support, but you can also give online through the link below.

[Support our Miners - Click here to donate](#)

Please know that you are always welcome to visit our beautiful campus in Rolla, Missouri, and see what is new with our department. Thank you for being part of our success story.

Warmly,

Seung Jong Park

Dr. Seung-Jong Jay Park
Kummer Endowed Chair of [Computer Science](#)



Park named Kummer Endowed Chair of Computer Science

"My vision for the computer science department is to provide our students with a world-class education while also conducting research that will help shape and improve the world," Park says.

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Computer science alumna receives Award of Professional Distinction

Susan Watson-Hajjar (CS'83), owner and president of the Donald Maggi Inc. construction company, was honored with Missouri S&T's Award of Professional Distinction.

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S&T professor elected Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors

Dr. Sajal Das, Curators' Distinguished Professor and Daniel St. Clair Endowed Chair of computer science, has been elected to the [National Academy of Inventors](#) (NAI) 2023 class of Fellows.

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Algorithmic advances: S&T researcher works to improve geospatial analytics

Dr. Satish Puri, associate professor of computer science, is working with petabytes of geospatial information and finding the best ways to run queries and get useful results as quickly as possible.

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Madria's millions: Cybersecurity expert receives large federal research grants

Dr. Sanjay Madria, Curators' Distinguished Professor of computer science, has been awarded millions of dollars in federal grants in recent years to research methods to keep members of the United States military safe and improve the country's cybersecurity.

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