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Dear Former Students and Friends of the department,

The Biomedical Engineering had a tremendously successful year in 2014 and we plan to build upon our accomplishments in the coming year. BME as a major has remained very popular amongst our students as we have had a record undergraduate enrollment of 392 students last fall. The graduate program also set new records with 61 graduate students, 53 of them pursuing a PhD, enrolled. Research expenditures increased 25% to \$4.7M in 2014, which is the opposite trend of what many programs at other schools are seeing. Our students and faculty won several prestigious awards during the last year indicating the high quality of their education and work. A summary of some of the news items from the last six months is given below:

- Department receives ABET accreditation [\[More\]](#)
- Results from Ryan Gilbert's lab on book cover [\[More\]](#)
- Ge Wang receives U01 grant from NIH [\[More\]](#)
- Leo Wan receives NIH Director's New Innovator Award [\[More\]](#)
- Seven BME students honored with Founders Award [\[More\]](#)
- Juergen Hahn elected AIChE's CAST division Program Coordinator [\[More\]](#)
- Rensselaer BME students win SWE scholarships and awards [\[More\]](#)
- Biomaterials for spinal cord injury repair at Rensselaer [\[More\]](#)
- Glenn Monastersky awarded NYSTEM grant to train teachers [\[More\]](#)
- Amanda Chin wins poster award at symposium [\[More\]](#)
- Leo Wan invited to Kavli symposium and named fellow [\[More\]](#)
- Ge Wang elected as AAAS Fellow [\[More\]](#)
- Juergen Hahn named CACHE Trustee [\[More\]](#)
- Guohao Dai receives Rising Star Award [\[More\]](#)
- Omar Abdoun selected as finalist for KAUST competition [\[More\]](#)
- Five faculty honored at 2014 Trustee Celebration [\[More\]](#)

I am excited about the recent developments and look forward to even greater achievements by our faculty and students in the coming year.

If you are planning to visit the campus, please do not hesitate to stop by and say hello.

Best regards,

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