



# THE NPU GLOBE



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## CAMPUS MAKEOVER

### Student Lounge

Keeping up with the tradition of providing a new and better environment for students, faculty, and staff, the facilities group remodeled the Student Lounge and the courtyard between the Library and the School of Engineering buildings.



Students can relax between classes with a steaming cup of coffee or tea, or perk up their spirits with a tall glass of juice. All

this can be done while reading a book, or challenging each other in a game of Wii or X-Box. Yes, we have it all at the lounge. It's becoming the most happening place on campus!



### The New NPU Website

Kevin Oskovich

We're very excited to roll out the new NPU website. Because our web development team has been focusing on the development of the Campus Management System (CAMS) and the CAMS II pro-

ject, we've gotten a lot of mileage out of our old NPU website. Actually, that site was an excellent website over the years. It was highly functional and, in its early days, was a very sophisticated design. Times and technologies change fast in Silicon Valley though, and web technologies have outpaced that old design.

The new design incorporates all the latest in web technologies – html 5, CSS3, banners, photo sliders, custom fonts, JQuery drop-down menus, integrated social media sites, RSS feeds, real-time maps, .php contact forms, blogs, galleries, search, and a translation engine that improves with user feedback. The new website is very user friendly as well. The site is designed to be compatible in everything from Internet Explorer to Safari, from your desktop PC to your iPhone.



Keep an eye out for the new features we'll be adding in the near future. A Student Association subweb will allow club presidents to create their own pages and post them. An Alumni subweb will add services and support to our NPU graduates who are in the job search or just want to network with each other. All in all, I think this will be a very productive and useful tool for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. I hope everyone enjoys the next generation website from NPU.

## SPOTLIGHT

In this issue, our Spotlight is on Priyanka Rao, our graduate who recently landed a job at Intel.

**NPU Globe Team:** What encouraged you to select NPU to pursue your studies?

**Priyanka:** While looking for schools in Silicon Valley, I found NPU's courses were very industry-oriented and the faculty is a knowledge powerhouse. This was just the right combination that I was looking for and I am very happy that I learned so much by interacting with a lot of professors from the industry as well as other school faculty and peers.

**NPU Globe Team:** How did the program help you in your career?

**Priyanka:** Since I am from an Electrical Engineering background, NPU courses helped me tremendously because the courses are designed by professors working in the industry. Since they know

what the current trends are, I was exposed to so many new areas. This helped me a lot during all my interviews and eventually helped me get a job.

**NPU Globe Team:** What are your future goals?

**Priyanka:** Not sure yet. Right now, I want to learn as much as I can and hone my technical skills.

**NPU Globe Team:** Any advice for current NPU students?

**Priyanka:** You are in the right place, with the right people showing you the right direction!



**Ms. Priyanka Rao**  
MSEE Alumna, 2011 Fall,  
CAD Cooptimization  
Engineer, Intel Corp.

# ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

The past few months have been busy with delegations from various Universities from China visiting NPU.

Dr. Guoliang Wu, Executive President, Zhejiang Yuexin University of Foreign Languages, led the delegation and an academic collaboration was signed between the two Universities. Around 20 students are expected to join NPU from their university in the coming fall semester.



A six-member team from Chengdu University was also on the NPU campus. Academic collaboration and sharing of resources through online mode are in the works. A webinar with students from Chengdu University was recently held.



Ningxia University of Arts and Science delegation, led by Dr. Huie Zhao, reciprocated the NPU delegation's visit last December to their campus. The collaboration continues to grow.

# IT'S NOT JUST A CLUB

*Sandeep Gill*

We all need to market ourselves in this ever changing, fast-paced and evolving world. We need to think and understand how the job market works, and also be able to foresee what new technologies and trends are hitting the market.

NPU's Marketing Club (NPUMC) is the place to make friends who share the same interests and passion as you do. Our goal is to provide real-life marketing scenarios for you to apply your academic learning in a realistic and practical manner. What you learn and get out of NPUMC is an expansion of valuable skills and experiences which you may not find from just reading textbooks. Having an active role in NPUMC will provide you with a variety of new skills, an opportunity to meet new friends, and a precious aid in your efforts to reach your potential in the marketing field!

This club is entirely student-led, under the guidance of Dr. Nik Tehrani. In our weekly meetings, we have touched upon topics like "How to Market Biodiesel", "Rebuttals to the Global Warming Theory", "Marketing Strategies for Green Transportation" and many more. So if this sounds like something you would like to get involved with, come join NPU's Marketing Club. For the summer semester, the Club meets every Monday at 5:00 PM in the Administration Building (Conference Room "C").



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# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

NPU's shining star— Ms. Jiaqi Zheng, recently won the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) "Female Athlete of Year" award. During the past two years, Jiaqi has won several local and national competitions. Way to go, Jiaqi!!



Competitions in badminton, soccer, and table tennis were also held.



The NPU Student Association (NPUSA) organized visits to Napa Valley and Intel Museum.



The EZ-English club took a trip to the Oakland Museum of California, where they learned about the art, history, and natural science of California.



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