

**Student Working Group**

# GRADUATION NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2021



## *Message from the Chair*

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To the 2020 and 2021 informatics graduates, allow me to be one of many who offer my congratulations on this momentous accomplishment! Informatics is a challenging field, and it is worthy of note that many of you had to face additional obstacles while navigating your path towards a degree. You now join the larger AMIA community, no longer as a student, but a fully-fledged informatics professional! While there are many paths towards earning a degree, even the most traditional was thrown a curveball in 2020. One of the collective sacrifices we made in 2020 was giving up large gatherings, which cost many of you the opportunity to physically walk across the stage to receive your diploma. Nobody envisioned ending their academic journey via Zoom, and so this was the reason we wanted to create a special edition to help celebrate your accomplishment. Nothing we as the Student Working group can make up for that, but we can at least do our small part. The one consolidation I can offer is that while reaching the summit of your academic journey received a smaller fanfare than your peers in the past, it is just the first summit. The exciting thing is that you have the potential and skill to replicate that feat in new and innovate ways going forward. It will become a pivotal milestone for all of you but trust me when I say that the best is yet to come! I can't wait to see what you are able to accomplish, and I'm honored to welcome you as peers in our informatics tribe!

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**-SCOTT MCGRATH**

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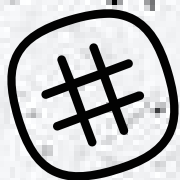


## Message from the Chair-Elect

“AMIA Student Working Group (STWG) is proud to celebrate the achievement of graduating students. As a chair elect of STWG, I would like to congratulate everyone on their graduation and wish best for your next adventure! AMIA Student Working Group is there to support you as you start your career in the field of Informatics, and we look forward to your accomplishments in the days to come. I would encourage you to stay connected with the AMIA STWG as it will give you an opportunity to learn, connect and network with experts in the field of Informatics. Congratulations, and I wish you all the success in future.”

-ZUBIN KHAN

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JUNE 30

CALL FOR SCIENTIFIC  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE  
SUMMIT 2022

JUNE 30

AMIA WORKING GROUP  
LEADERSHIP  
NOMINATIONS

JULY 7

9TH ANNUAL STUDENT  
DESIGN CHALLENGE

JULY 27

AMIA ANNUAL  
SYMPOSIUM LATE  
BREAKING SUBMISSION



# CONGRATULATIONS!

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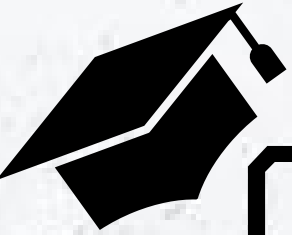
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