Outstanding accomplishments of EECS Department individuals were celebrated at the EECS Department Awards Ceremony, organized by IEEE-HKN Epsilon Xi Chapter. For the third time the event was organized immediately after the commencement. The Department Chair Dr. John Watkins recognized the accomplishments of following awardees.

- **Ms. Alicia Keow** was recognized as the Outstanding EECS Graduating Undergraduate Student. This award is presented based on Scholarship, Character and Attitude. Ms. Keow is planning to pursue MSEE under the supervision of Dr. Zheng Chen. In addition to her excellent scholarship Ms. Keow was active in campus engagement. Ms. Keow was the Event coordinator for the Mission Student Organization and active member of the Engineering Council. Ms. Keow was an intern at Ennovar. Her research interests include ionic-polymer metal composite enabled water electrolysis for renewable energy system.

- **Ms. Nimanthis Nandasiri** was recognized as the Outstanding EECS Graduating Graduate Student. This award is based on Scholarship, Character, Attitude and Independent Learning Skills/Publications. Ms. Nandasiri completed her MSEE degree in May 2016 under the guidance of Dr. Chengzong Pang and will be pursuing her Ph.D. in our department starting Fall 2016. As an MS student she published a conference article titled “Reactive Power Management of Co-Located Residential PVs for radial distribution Systems” at the 7th International Conference on Industrial Automation for Sustainability. She played a key role in reviving the IEEE-HKN Epsilon Xi chapter at WSU.

- **Mr. Anton Hettiarachchige-Don** was recognized as the Outstanding EECS Graduate Research Assistant. This award is presented based on the instructor nomination. His dedication, organization, punctuality and willingness to assist students were recognized by this award. Dr. Kumar in her nomination letter states that “Mr. Hettiarachchige-Don is very self-oriented and extremely responsible.” Mr. Hettiarachchige-Don is planning to pursue his Ph.D. starting Fall 2016.

- **Dr. Visvakumar Aravinthan** was recognized as the “Student Choice of the Faculty Member of the Year.” This award is presented based on the student feedback. Annually polling is conducted among all active EECS students. Dr. Aravinthan is an Assistant Professor in the EECS Department and he teaches power system related courses and conducts research in future distribution systems.