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What is your favorite Madison/campus memory?
I have so many favorite memories – I was there for 13 years, it’s hard to pick just one. Graduating with my PhD is a favorite, because my parents were there, it was a great ceremony and I was so happy for the accomplishment.

What has helped you achieve success in your career?
Having wonderful colleagues and professors who became colleagues. All the people I’ve worked with have helped to make me successful.

Outside of class, what experiences did you find most meaningful?
All the friendships. The friendships with fellow students made my time more meaningful. Friendships that I still have today.

What excites you about the future of Engineering?
I love engineering and where we are going to go. There have been and will continue to be dramatic changes in computer technology. It’s exciting to be a part of the advances taking place.

Besides engineering, do you have another passion you have pursued or would have liked to pursue given the time?
I’m in the right profession because engineering is also my hobby!

Who was an influential peer/professor from your time at UW-Madison?
My advisor Chris DeMarco. Also Fernando Alvarado. Both were very influential to me.

What are you most proud of in life? What is your greatest achievement?
My family and my faith.

What would be your advice to current students? What do you wish you had known?
Make sure you always go to class. It always amazes me that people don’t go to class and then they don’t understand what’s going on. Get to know your professors and for undergraduates, get to know the graduate students. Also, get to know your peers. They will become lifelong friends.