Texas ECE graduate student, Amritesh Rai, was awarded the IEEE Region 5 Outstanding Individual Achievement Award at the 2019 IEEE Region 5 Annual Conference & Business Meeting held earlier this month in Lafayette, LA. Amritesh was awarded in recognition for his role as the IEEE Region 5 Young Professionals Chair, for helping with the regional logistics during the 2018 IEEE-USA Future Leaders Forum that was held in Austin, and for establishing the first-ever graduate student-led Chapter of IEEE in the whole of IEEE Region 5.

Amritesh was also recently recognized by the IEEE Young Professionals (YP) group. He was featured in a Volunteer Spotlight Article published online on the IEEE YP IMPACT Blog.

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