

Dr. Mims:

Thank you so much for your response to my email, for your kind words, and for sending the link to your Hall of Fame. I knew you were brilliant but didn't realize quite how accomplished you were! I am so impressed by your list of achievements and truly feel honored to have met you and worked with you scheduling visits for prospective Computer Science students at UIS.

Something that always impressed me about you was your kindness and compassion for everyone. Do you know how many upper level administrators deans and faculty rushed by the front desk in Admissions without ever acknowledging us or speaking to us as if we were so far beneath them? You were the exception and always greeted us with your wonderful smile and made us feel important.

I knew you were instrumental in singlehandedly growing the Computer Science Department but i never realized that I was standing next to a well known giant in the computer science field. That fact alone makes me appreciate even more all the ways you showed you cared about UIS, your career and your students. You always made time to meet with students and some departments hardly responded to my calls to set up appointments

I'll never forget the day I called you to see if you could meet with a student and you were almost home and turned clear around to come back to campus to meet the student and their family! And even as important as you were on the way in you stopped to pick up some trash someone had left on the front sidewalk because you cared about UIS.

Thank you for sharing the video. I loved your speech and laughed and cried all the way through it. Congratulations on your award. You totally deserved it and I'm so happy they recognized you.

I hope you have an incredible day!!

Lori

