



## A CLOSE STUDENT CONTACT MADE CARL HENRIK EK TEACHER OF THE YEAR AT KTH!

THS has elected Carl Henrik Ek as Teacher of the Year 2015.

Carl Henrik is an Assistant Professor in Computer Science at KTH. He was nominated by the students in the Chapter of Industrial Economics for his contributions, and the nomination highlights his ability to engage and enthuse students. The chapter also lifted up his concrete examples and innovative methods to use Raspberry Pi computers and memes in his teaching.

The Nomination Committee's motivation:

Carl Henrik puts the main focus on student learning and understanding in the education, and stresses the importance in knowing why rather than how teaching methods are implemented. He does not like the term "teaching", since it suggests that he as a teacher will give out knowledge. He argues instead that the teacher should encourage learning by arousing interest and to focus on the deeper understanding.

He wants to motivate and engage students, but points out that all students are there because they want to learn and that his real task lies in working as a guide to support students in understanding what they actually learned. He wants the students to feel secure in trying something new and testing themselves, and wants to create an environment where students don't have to worry about their learning.

Carl Henric believes it is important to have a close contact between teacher and student, and wants to be available and approachable. He wants to be a role model for the students and do not think teachers should be stressed over the risk of making mistakes or try new things. "It's more important to be human than to be perfect."

Teacher of the Year is an award since 1985 awarded annually by the student union Tekniska Högskolans Studentkår in cooperation with Ericsson. The prize consists of a trophy in the shape of a silver apple and a prize of 25 000 SEK.

The prize will be awarded in conjunction with a diploma at Stockholm City Hall on 17 December.

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