Reinvigorating VLSI Design
NSF Integrated Circuits Research, Education, and Workforce Development Workshop

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Recruitment and Retention Efforts at Faculty-Level

- Make IC Design fun and accessible
  - Game-driven approach to teach IC design at early stages of education
  - Interactive design frameworks to teach fundamentals of IC design in introductory courses
  - Establish a highly diverse research laboratory by performing research that encourages participation from students from different disciplines
- Offer research experiences to
  - Undergraduate students during early years of their degrees
  - High-school students through programs such as Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science

Outreach Efforts

- Reached out to more than 800 undergraduate students and more than 500 K-12 students through engaging demonstrations and hands-on activities

- Conducted outreach events for elementary, middle and high school students including Title-I schools by participating in programs such as STEM@thePark, Girl Powered, Digi Girlz, Mindbender Academy, Girl Power Huddle, Navy JROTC, and I-STEM

- Organize laboratory open-house events for middle and high school students

Recruitment and Retention Efforts at Department and University-Level

- Project-oriented curriculum throughout the degree

- Recruitment talks

- Dual degree program

- Grad-track program

- Interdisciplinary degree programs

- Interdisciplinary research opportunities by organizing Research Showcase

Thank you!!