

CEE Alumni Awards
Award Description and Criteria
October 9, 2007

The CEE Department honors its alumni with three awards.

1. Outstanding Alumni Service Award

This award consists of an honorarium and a plaque. The award is intended to recognize CEE alumni who have made sustained contributions to the engineering profession. Individuals to be considered for this award must have provided outstanding service over a period of time, such as one or more of the following:

- Outstanding service to the CEE Department, for example through participation on the CEE Advisory Council
- Outstanding service to the community of professional engineers, for example through leadership activities in a section of the American Society of Civil Engineers or other engineering society
- Outstanding service in the private or public sectors, for example by leadership activities in the management of engineering projects
- Financial contributions to the CEE Department, a professional engineering society, or engineering projects.

This award will be given at the annual CEE Dinner at Homecoming in October. All alumni and current CEE faculty and staff will be invited to submit nominations to the Awards Committee (Patty Langer, patty@andrew.cmu.edu, 412-268-1070) by September 1 each year.

2. Distinguished Alumni Award

This award consists of an honorarium and a plaque. The award is intended to recognize CEE alumni who have one or more major achievements that have improved the work of professional engineers or have improved people's lives in some way. Individuals to be considered for this award must have a noteworthy accomplishment such as one or more of the following:

- Exemplary leadership in the private or public sector by attaining a position of responsibility in a major company or government agency, or by acknowledged success in a major engineering project
- Founding of an successful engineering company
- Founding of a program in a professional engineering society
- Building a major research program at a college or university

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3. Recent Alumni Achievement Award

This award consists of an honorarium and a plaque. The award has criteria similar to the Distinguished Alumnus Award but is intended to recognize CEE alumni who have a noteworthy achievement within ten years of receiving their highest degree from the CEE Department. Individuals to be considered for this award should be role models for students, and are expected to meet students at a reception held just prior to Spring Carnival at which the award will be presented. All alumni and current CEE faculty and staff will be invited to submit nominations of individuals to be considered for this award to the Awards Committee (Patty Langer, patty@andrew.cmu.edu, 412-268-1070) by March 1 each year.

For all three of these awards, the nomination is limited to a single letter of two pages, maximum. No supplemental written materials such as testimonials from others should be submitted; rather all evidence of how the individual satisfies the criteria of the award should be described in the 2-page nomination letter. Activities outside as well as inside the Department may be included in the letter. The letter must be signed by one individual responsible for the nomination; other individuals may be co-signers of the letter. In all cases, the Awards Committee will consider all individuals suggested, and will take responsibility for selecting the winner of each award. The names of the winners will be presented to the full CEE faculty for confirmation.

The text for the three alumni awards was approved by the CEE faculty on October 9, 2007.