Alumni Award for Distinguished Service

The College of Engineering Alumni Award for Distinguished Service consists of a medal and a certificate for superior accomplishments. The medal was designed by Frank Gallo, professor of art at Illinois. The award is given to alumni who have distinguished themselves by outstanding leadership in planning and direction of engineering and scientific work, by fostering professional development of young engineers and scientists, or by their contributions to knowledge in the fields of engineering and science. Each recipient must attend convocation to receive this award. There is no restriction on the number of nominees, but each department typically submits one or two nominees.

It is important for the nominators to stress the noteworthy facts, position, awards, or accomplishments of the nominees. Nominations are judged on the following points.

Record of Accomplishments in Engineering, Science, or Other Fields. Nominees should be strong in one or more of the following areas:

Contributions to knowledge (cite one or two specific examples and explain impact and uniqueness). Examples: experiments; research accomplishments; applications of knowledge; books; leadership in professional organizations; other.

Leadership accomplishments (for one or two outstanding accomplishments, specify scope in terms of people, budget, resources, outcome, impact on profession and society). Examples: projects; devices; networks; systems; government agencies; military; administration; other.

Creativity and entrepreneurship (give some specifics such as impact or scope). Examples: patents; inventions; founding a new enterprise; other.

Fostering the development of young people (cite a specific contribution with indication of scope and impact). Examples: educator; mentor; volunteer work; other.

Record of Service in Engineering, Science, or Other Fields. Nominees may be strong in one or more of the following areas:

Service to professional community. Examples: membership in organizations; offices or committees (if possible, cite one or two accomplishments); other.

Service to the university, college, and department. Examples: service to Alumni Association or constituent group; service to UI Foundation; other service to department, college, or university.

Public service. Examples: community service groups; charitable organizations; political organizations; other.

Solicitation: late Spring. The Engineering Awards Committee Chair will send a memo to department heads and the college awards committee members. Nominations are requested months in advance to allow time for advance notification of recipients, who must promise to attend the college convocation to meet one of the criteria for receiving the award.

Due: September 19, 2014 - Nomination should be submitted to Engineering Awards Committee, using the online form Alumni Nomination.

Selection: September - Nominations are ranked by the full college awards committee. List is transmitted to dean by October 10, 2014 for final selection.

Publication: Recipients are informed of their selection by letter from the dean, who also sends a letter of thanks to the nominator with a copy to the department head. When the response is received from each recipient that he/she will attend the convocation, copies of the response are sent to the following:

Kay Kappes, Undergraduate programs office for convocation program and arrangements

Associate dean for Undergraduate Programs for convocation program and arrangements

Editor in the Engineering Communications Office for convocation booklet publication

Director of Advancement for social planning

Logistics: The editor in the Engineering Communications Office prepares the College of Engineering awards convocation booklet, which will carry photo and biosketch of each recipient and a listing of all past recipients of this award. A dinner is planned for them the evening before the convocation by the Advancement Office, and they are invited by associate dean for Undergraduate Programs to have lunch with the dean on date of convocation.

A listing of past Alumni Award for Distinguished Service Recipients can be found here. http://engineering.illinois.edu/engage/distinguished-alumni-and-friends/distinguished/