Andrea J. Culumber Student Award

Andrea J. Culumber, BS ME 1997, was deeply involved in student activities within the College of Engineering and throughout the campus. Her creativity, enthusiasm, and positive attitude had a profound impact on all those who interacted with her. She was an excellent role model for students, and her intelligence, outgoing personality, and leadership style set a high standard for leaders on this campus.

On August 11, 1998, she was killed in an automobile accident. In memory of her enthusiasm, dedication, kindness, and leadership, the Andrea J. Culumber Award has been established by the College of Engineering, Engineering Council, the Knights of St. Pat, and TRW, Inc.

This award is given annually to a student in the College of Engineering for demonstrated ability as a leader and in recognition of dedicated involvement in student activities in the college, on campus, and in the community. Particular weight is given to personal qualities such as enthusiasm, creativity, and kindness. The recipient should be a student who not only leads but who also is innovative and encourages others to become involved. The recipient receives a certificate at the awards convocation, and has her/his name added to a permanent plaque located in the Office of the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs.

Criteria:

- Enrollment in an engineering curriculum at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, including students within affiliated departments outside the College of Engineering or the 5-year LAS/Engineering program.
- Junior/third year standing.
- Demonstrated leadership in an engineering context.
- Demonstrated outstanding character, creativity, enthusiasm, and encouragement of others in their activities. Minimum GPA of 2.5.

Solicitation: Engineering Council Awards Chair via EC meetings, Engineering Update, and through the societies that are part of Engineering Council. Nomination form can be found http://awards.ec.illinois.edu/awards/.

Due: December 5, 2015 - The online nominations must be submitted to the Engineering Council Awards Chair.

Selection: January - The selection committee (EC advisor, EC president, EC director of leadership, EC awards chair, Knights of St. Pat chair, and an assistant dean from the College of Engineering) will review applications. Applicants will be notified in February about their status in the selection process. Finalists will be interviewed and final notification will occur in late February. Recipient is informed by a letter from the associate dean for undergraduate programs. The award recipient will be asked to attend the College of Engineering Awards Convocation.

Logistics: February/March - The editor in the Engineering Communications Office prepares the college awards convocation booklet, which will carry a photo and biosketch of recipient. The associate dean for academic programs will invite recipient and family to the awards luncheon.

Previous Recipients:

2016: Emily Chao, CS
2015 Yik Tung Tracy Ling, ME
2014 Asha E. Kirchhoff
2013 Supriya Hobbs
2012 Laurie DeHaan, CEE
2011 Kelsey Erickson, BIO
2010 Brian Roehl, ME
2009 Joseph Gonzalez, AE
2008 Casey Roth, GE
2007 Patrick Sykes, CS
2006 Gregory R. Schuh, AE
2005 Meena Babu, MatSE
2004 William T. Macfadden, GE
2003 Caroline S. Fabbrini, ECE
2002 Katharine Thompson, CEE
2001 Rene Passaglia, GE
2000 Brent Schwoerer, MIE
1999 Catherine A. Marton, GE