

30TH ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED AWARD OF MERIT

1997 • John B. Jung
1998 • Leroy D. Loy
1999 • Italo V. Mackin
2000 • Raymond M. Best
2001 • Ronald J. Drnevich
2002 • Edward M. D'Alba
2003 • Robert C. Burns
2004 • Ralph W. Gilbert, Jr.
2005 • Ramesh M. Khona
2006 • Calvin E. Levis
2007 • Eric L. Flicker
2008 • G. John Kurgan
2009 • Bob Rodgers
2010 • George Rettew, Jr.
2011 • Joseph P. McAtee
2012 • Kenneth R. Nadler
2013 • Donald V. Gennuso
2013 • Michael M. Ryan
2014 • Barry J. Schoch
2015 • Sandra Loy Bell
2016 • David S. Lowdermilk
2017 • Barry A. Epley
2018 • Chris Borton
2019 • Steve Bolt
2020 • Tom Riester
2021 • Matthew Cummings
2024 • Eric Frary
2025 • Janet B. Cunningham
2026 • Roseline Bougher



The 30th annual ACEC/PA Distinguished Award of Merit will recognize an individual in or related to the engineering profession who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the consulting engineering profession and support to ACEC/PA.

The award will be presented to a recipient who has shown leadership and resolve in the engineering industry. A principal member of any ACEC/PA member firm must make the nominations for the award. The Award of Merit panel, consisting of past recipients of the award, will select the award recipient.

The criteria for the 2027 Distinguished Award of Merit are as follows. Has the nominee:

- Been an outstanding person in the business of or support of consulting engineering?
- Served to influence decision-making on issues of importance to consulting engineers?
- Been an outstanding individual who has been involved in community service and has demonstrated a sustained commitment to his/her community?

Also,

- What do you think distinguishes this person from the other nominees?
- Why should he/she be selected to receive this award?
- Members of the Award of Merit panel are not eligible to receive the award.
- The nominee may not be a current officer or director of ACEC/PA.

The 2027 Distinguished Award of Merit will be presented to the recipient in person at the ACEC/PA Diamond Awards Banquet on Jan. 28, 2027, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

A nomination form for the 2027 Distinguished Award of Merit is included.

Nominations must be received by noon Nov. 23, 2026 ([electronic submissions only](#)).



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Name of Award	Distinguished Award of Merit
Purpose	The purpose of the award is to recognize an individual in or related to the engineering profession who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the consulting engineering profession and support to ACEC/PA.
Nominations	Only a principal member of an ACEC/PA member firm can submit a nomination.
Selection of Candidate	The Award of Merit panel will be the past recipients of the award and selects the award recipient.
Criteria for Award	• The nominee shall be an outstanding person in the business of or support of consulting engineering. • The nominee shall have served to influence decision-making on issues of importance to consulting engineers. • The nominee shall be an outstanding individual who has been involved in community service and shall have demonstrated a sustained commitment to his/her community. • Members of the Award of Merit panel are not eligible to receive the award. • The nominee may not be a current officer or director of ACEC/PA.
Presentation Award	The award will be presented to the recipient in person at the Diamond Awards Banquet on Jan. 28, 2027, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The award will be of a prestigious nature as developed by the ACEC/PA Awards Committee.
Deadline for Nominations	Noon Nov. 23, 2026 (electronic submissions only)
Supplementary Information:	Supplementary information may be submitted but none is required.



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