

National Engineers Week 2012 OCEC Annual Awards Banquet

The Engineers Week (E-week) is celebrated each year during the month of February throughout the United States. The Orange County Engineering Council (OCEC), which is an umbrella organization representing numerous engineering, scientific and technological societies and corporations in Orange County, also celebrates the E-Week with a grand event. OCEC organizes an awards banquet and recognizes outstanding individuals and projects for their exceptional professional engineering performance and accomplishments.

In order to select the most qualified candidates and projects, OCEC is inviting nominations from all engineering professionals and engineering organizations of Orange County to recognize the most accomplished individuals and projects for their exceptional professional achievements, performance and qualities. Following are the award categories:

- ◆ James E. Ballinger Engineer of the Year
- ◆ Outstanding Engineering Merit Award
- ◆ Engineering Project Achievement Award
- ◆ Outstanding Service Award
- ◆ Distinguished Engineering Educator Award
- ◆ Young Engineer Award
- ◆ Outstanding Engineering Student Award
- ◆ OCEC President's Award

The general qualifications for these awards are:

James E. Ballinger Engineer of the Year: This person must have outstanding professional qualities and have a reputation for engineering accomplishments and leadership. The complete career of this nominee including, but not limited to: technical experience, community service, engineering accomplishments, and ability to motivate and lead others, shall be considered.

Outstanding Engineering Merit Award: This award is given to an individual who has achieved significant expertise in a particular field or area of engineering or science. This person's engineering experience must excel that of his or her peers and he/she must stand out in the engineering/technological/scientific community. More than one award may be presented.

Engineering Project Achievement Award: This award is presented to the Orange County public and private engineering organizations and firms for their outstanding projects. The projects nominated must have been completed within the past three years and they shall be worthy of a special recognition because of their complexity, scope, or unique engineering accomplishment. Multiple awards are presented under this category, including a Project of the Year award selected from all nominations.

Outstanding Service Award: This award honors an individual who has performed exceptional public service in or for the engineering profession. Through this person's dedicated effort, a direct contribution must have been made toward the goals of promoting the engineering profession at and beyond local levels. Candidates may include legislators, public relation officials, media professionals, et al.

Distinguished Engineering Educator Award: This educator should have been committed to professional engineering activities outside of the normal scope of the teaching profession. Involvement in student extracurricular activities and scientific achievements with industry applications shall be considered.

Young Engineer Award: This award is given to an engineer with ten or less years of experience, without any age limitation. This applicant must show high potential in the engineering profession with at least one recent, significant engineering accomplishment during the past few years of experience. More than one individual may be recognized with this award.

Outstanding Engineering Student Award: This award is given to one or more exceptionally talented students in any field of engineering. The nomination for this award must be made by a faculty member.

OCEC President's Award: The recipient of this award is nominated by the current OCEC President, based on his/her evaluation of a certain individual's special abilities, service to the engineering profession, contribution to society and any other extraordinary qualities.

The deadline for submitting the completed applications is December 24, 2011. If you have questions about a potential candidate or project to be nominated, please call Ann-Marie Connolly at 562-797-1850 for details of application procedure and possible extension of the deadline. Our objective is to promote and publicize engineering as a rewarding and honorable profession.
