The Zachry Department of Civil Engineering’s Distinguished Graduate Award was established to recognize and honor former students’ excellence in professional leadership and their significant contributions to society. This award allows the department to highlight achievements of outstanding former students and promote closer association between current civil engineering students and outstanding alumni.

Selection Criteria & Eligibility

Nominees must be graduates of the department who have:
- attained prominence and made significant contributions to the profession of civil engineering,
- made significant contributions toward improving the department’s educational program quality,
- demonstrated leadership in service to professional societies or the community, and
- exhibited the highest standards of integrity and character.

Members of the department Advisory Council, members of the selection committee, and current faculty members are not eligible. Emeritus members of the faculty or the department Advisory Council are eligible.

Source of Nominations

Nominations may be made by any of the following individuals:
- Any graduate, both undergraduate and graduate, from the department
- Any member of the faculty or staff of the department
- Any Texas A&M University former student

Nomination Package

Nomination package must include: a current resume of the individual that is being nominated along with their mailing address, telephone number and email address; three letters of support that provide an assessment of the leadership, service and professional accomplishments of the individual; and a letter of nomination no longer than 150 words. Nomination packages are due by August 1, 2016. Nominations received after this date will not be considered. Packages may be mailed to the Zachry Department of Civil Engineering at Texas A&M University | 3136 TAMU | College Station, TX 77843-3136, attention to Kay Choate, or emailed to kchoate@civil.tamu.edu.

Method of Selection

The selection committee typically consists of two emeriti faculty members, two faculty members, and two active members of the profession. This anonymous committee, appointed by the department head, will review nominations and will rank recommendations by confidential ballot. Those recommendations and supporting citations are submitted to the department head for final approval. If determined that there are no qualified applicants, the committee will have the option to recommend to the department head that no awards be made. Committee support for award winners must be unanimous. Nominees not selected will be retained for further consideration for two years. To protect the integrity of the process, all information regarding the selection committee and nominations are kept confidential.

Notification

The award recipients will be contacted by the department head. The recipient must agree to attend the annual Distinguished Graduate Award dinner in order to receive this award, where it will be presented by the department head. A news article will be released on the department website following the award dinner.
2000 Award Winners
Harold J. Haynes ’46
Robert M. Collie ’38
Robert L. Nichols ’46
Davis L. Ford ’59
Carl F. Raba, Jr. ’59
C. Darrow Hooper ’53
James E. Wiley ’46
Willy F. Bohlmann, Jr. ’50
Daniel D. Clinton, Jr. ’52
Tommy E. Knight ’61
H. Bartell Zachry, Jr. ’54
Bill W. Klotz ’46
Dionel E. Aviles ’53
Dick Birdwell ’53
A. C. Burkharter, Jr. ’52
James M. Goldston ’42
C. Jack Keese ’41
Wilton N. Hammond ’48

2001 Award Winners
C. Keller Reese, Jr. ’29
Teddy J. Hirsch ’52
Charles W. (Wes) Heald ’59
James R. (Bob) Jones ’69

2002 Award Winners
Wayne A. Dunlap ’51
William W. Hanna ’58
George A. Kennedy ’49
Charles I. McGinnis ’49
James D. Pitcock, Jr. ’49
L. Anthony Wolfskill ’53

2003 Award Winners
Douglas E. Flatt ’53
E. Walter LeFevre ’53
Richard W. Kistner ’65
Joseph E. Minor ’59
James R. Nichols ’45

2004 Award Winners
Michael W. Behrens ’70
Byron C. Blaschke ’60
John L. German ’62
D. Wayne Klotz ’74
Robert F. Pence ’72

2005 Award Winners
Raul B. Fernandez ’59
Captain Troy Marceleno ’60
Albert W. Rollins P.E., ’51
Maj. Gen. Andrew P. Rollins, Jr. ’39

2006 Award Winners
Lawrence A. DuBose ’42
Peter C. Forster ’63
George C. Hoff ’81
Alvin H. Meyer ’59
Bob M. Gallaway ’43

2007 Award Winners
Debra L. Anglin ’77
W. Ronald Hudson ’54
William A. Kinney ’76
Frank Lane Lynch ’60

2008 Award Winners
Bruce L. Crager ’75
Mark G. Goode, Jr. ’42
James “Bud” Porter ’51
A. Dwain Mayfield ’59

2009 Award Winners
Conrad L. Dudek ’65
Mark B. Puckett ’73
Dr. Ned. E. Walton ’63
Alberto Alemán Zubieta ’73

2010 Award Winners
Leonard S. “Pat” Brown, Jr. ’54
Dr. Samuel H. Carpenter ’68
Carlos P. Cotton ’73
Dr. James D. “Don” Murff ’70
Dr. Lee L. Lowery ’60
Paul Haskell Motheral ’52

2011 Award Winners
Edwin C. Friedrichs, P.E. ’76
Richard I. Mueller, P.E. ’77
Patrick “Pat” H. Wood, III ’84

2012 Award Winners
Terry L. Kohutek ’73
Jes D. McIver ’51
Dennis W. Sander ’62
Alan G. Young ’69

2013 Award Winners
William H. Hanson ’79
Mary Kay Jackson ’83
Roy L. Wilshire ’62

2014 Award Winners
John A. Barton ’86
Gene R. Birdwell ’59
Jimmie L. Bratwell ’63
Paul E. Redmon ’76

2015 Award Winners
Robert C. (Bob) Lanham ’81
Stephen H. Lucy ’82
Leslie W. (Les) Pittman ’74