



## **Montana State University (MSU) Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering (NACOE)**

### **Academy of Distinguished Alumni (ADA)**

The Montana State University (MSU) Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering (NACOE) Academy of Distinguished Alumni (ADA) was created in 2013 by Montana State University, the Montana State College of Engineering, and the Montana State University Alumni Association. This award is one of the highest honors bestowed by the College and University and was established to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of alumni who have made significant contributions to the field of engineering, Montana State University, and/or through their community involvement. These individuals are inducted into the MSU NACOE's ADA and also receive the MSU Alumni Achievement Award at the annual Homecoming ceremony in the Fall. MSU is proud to honor alumni who have inspired their country, state, community, and MSU. The incredible story of these individuals enriches the tradition and reputation of MSU and serves as inspiration to current and prospective NACOE students.

### **Nominations**

The MSU NACOE ADA Award program recognizes alumni who have made significant impacts on this world in their lifetime, either through personal or professional achievement or outstanding community service, and whose accomplishments bring honor to the school and pride to all MSU alumni.

The following criteria are considered:

- Engineering degree from Montana State University
- Advancement of the value of the engineering profession
- Professional innovation and/or leadership
- Contributions to Montana State University
- Significant contribution to the advancement of community, the arts, education, social, or government service

Honorees are chosen by a committee comprised of representatives from the MSU NACOE ADA, MSU NACOE Engineering Advisory Council (EAC), MSU Alumni Foundation, and MSU NACOE Engineering Faculty with final election approved by the MSU NACOE Dean of Engineering.

Nominations may be submitted at any time and can be made by any Alumni or member of the MSU community by the end of April of the year of recognition. To submit a nomination, please email the attached form including nominee's qualifications to [elizabeth.varnes@montana.edu](mailto:elizabeth.varnes@montana.edu).



**Montana State University Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering  
Academy of Distinguished Alumni (MSU NACOE ADA)**

Nomination for Membership  
(Must be submitted by April 30)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Membership in the Montana State University Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering Academy of  
Distinguished Alumni (MSU NACOE ADA). I have read the qualifications for membership and believe  
the nominee to be fully qualified.

By \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Business Title (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

The Nominee received the following degrees from Montana State University:

BS \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

MS \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Ph.D. \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees received from other institutions (indicate university, degree, and date of degree award):

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Election citation (*example: for contribution to the advancement of semiconductor engineering OR for advancing dynamic characterization of mechanical structures, community support, engineering job creation, etc.*):

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Please include the following and limit the submission to 5 pages.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ A professional chronology including names of organizations, business titles and dates of significant engagements.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Organizational memberships, including offices held, significant honorary titles.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Civic activities, community contribution/support.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Significant awards and honors conveyed on the nominee by his or her peers, professional organizations, civic groups, etc.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ A separate statement that summarizes the particular achievements, recognition, and/or contributions, which, in the opinion of the nominator, qualifies the nominee for election to the Academy of Distinguished Alumni.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ A copy of Nominee's CV (résumé).

Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_



## Qualifications

Nominees shall be limited to living individuals and subject to the following conditions and considerations:

1. Each Member shall hold a BS, MS, or Ph.D. degree from Montana State University Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering (or Montana State College of Engineering) granted at least fifteen (15) years prior to election and meet the requirements of one or more of the following categories.
  - a. An outstanding engineering innovator/practitioner and/or possesses recognized expertise in one or more fields of engineering.
  - b. An outstanding and recognized leader who has achieved distinction in the chosen field.
  - c. An outstanding and recognized academician, scientist, technical business leader or researcher in engineering or related field.
  - d. Contributor to Montana State University.
2. Each Member shall be a person worthy of emulation and someone the community sees as a leader and a role model for young people with recognition based on the following attributes:
  - a. An exceptional leader of people and/or an engineering project(s) of unusual scope or concept, or a business that has achieved outstanding success.
  - b. Active in professional or career organizations.
  - c. A recipient of honors in the nominee's profession or career.
  - d. Active in the community by involvement in public service, service organizations and/or charitable causes.
  - e. Be an active lecturer or writer on subjects related to the nominee's chosen field.
3. Each new Member shall be determined with input from members of the MSU NACOE ADA, MSU NACOE EAC, MSU Alumni Foundation, and MSU NACOE Engineering Faculty with final election approved by the MSU NACOE Dean of Engineering.
4. Ideally, a Member is present for induction at the first induction ceremony held after election. A close family member or friend may also receive the award for the recognized members. A new Member who accepts but cannot be present at this induction ceremony may elect to be inducted at the next annual induction ceremony.



## Selection Process & Induction

1. MSU NACOE ADA Selection Committee:
  - a. The MSU NACOE ADA Selection Committee will consist of 1-3 volunteers from the MSU NACOE ADA and 1-3 members of the NACOE Leadership Team (consisting of members from the MSU NACOE EAC, MSU Alumni Foundation, and MSU NACOE Faculty), all appointed by the MSU NACOE Dean of Engineering. This Committee will oversee the annual process with responsibility for successfully identifying new candidates and assisting with coordination of the award ceremony each Fall.
2. Nominations:
  - a. Alumni, Alumni Foundation, staff, faculty, MSU NACOE ADA, MSU NACOE EAC, MSU students, and other interested parties may make nominations. Nominations may be submitted online through the provided link. Letters of support are highly encouraged.
  - b. Nomination forms may be submitted at any time; however, they must be completed in their entirety and be received by the MSU NACOE ADA Selection Committee by April 30<sup>th</sup> of the year of recognition.
3. Selection:
  - a. Each new Member shall be determined by the MSU NACOE ADA Selection Committee with input from members of the MSU NACOE ADA, MSU NACOE EAC, MSU Alumni Foundation, and MSU Faculty. Final election will be approved by the MSU NACOE Dean of Engineering.
4. Timeline:

Annually:

  - January – The MSU NACOE ADA Selection Committee meets with the MSU NACOE Dean to review and update the process and goals for the year ahead.
  - February – Call goes out broadly to Alumni and other interested parties for nominations.
  - May – MSU NACOE ADA Selection Committee meets to review and determine members to be provided to the Dean for approval. Three to five members are selected each year.
  - June – Selected award winners are notified so travel and attendance can be planned.
  - July – MSU NACOE ADA Selection Committee works with MSU NACOE staff to plan venue, attendees, speeches and special guests. Awards are ordered.
  - Fall – Award ceremony held in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend with a guest speaker (MSU NACOE ADA Member, MSU NACOE Dean, MSU President, etc.). The MSU NACOE ADA will meet before the ceremony to discuss status of selected Academy projects (i.e., scholarships). Past inductees will be invited to the meeting and the award ceremony.