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Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society

**C. Holmes MacDonald Outstanding Electrical and
Computer Engineering Teacher Award**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Each fall HKN invites all chapters to nominate an ECE professor for the Outstanding Teaching Award. A committee selects the winner, and the award is presented during the Annual Meeting of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Heads Association (ECEDHA).

Criteria

The Award is intended to recognize the central and crucial role of college professors in training and motivating future electrical and computer engineers. The program attempts to identify and give national recognition to electrical and computer engineering professors who have demonstrated, early in their careers, special dedication and creativity in their teaching responsibilities. Thus it is, in part, a counter-balance to the significant pressure for research and publication performance on young professors, and a re-affirmation of the basic and essential need of excellence in teaching. While faculty who are "early in their careers" will be given particular attention, there is no maximum or minimum for age or experience.

Process

The nomination process consists of submission of the nomination form to the chair of the Selection Committee by the published deadline date. The nomination must be accompanied by a statement of qualifications from the nominator, and additional letters of support may be submitted. The selection committee will contact the nominator if more information is needed.

History

This award was created in 1972. Instrumental in starting the award was C. Holmes MacDonald. Mr. MacDonald, a Bell Telephone engineer, was a long time member of the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter and a past national director of HKN. After his retirement from Bell Telephone, Mr. MacDonald, pursuing his love for teaching, became a professor at Drexel University. It was at this point that Mr. MacDonald became aware of the need to recognize and encourage young EE teachers. Shortly after Holmes' death in 1975, the award took his name - The C. Holmes MacDonald Outstanding Teaching Award.