

## CEED AWARD HISTORY

### **CEED Student of the Year Award**

The Cooperative and Experiential Education Division of the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE / CEED) annually recognize co-op and/or intern students for their outstanding performance at work.

### **CEED Lou Takacs Award**

This award honors Lou Takacs, a long-time employee of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, who was a co-op student at Northwestern University. At Dupont, Lou recruited and supervised co-op students for many years, overseeing the successes of many young people from various schools across the country.

Upon his retirement from Dupont, Lou joined the staff of the co-op office at the University of Kentucky where he worked until his death in 2003. Lou was a strong supporter of CEED, having served in many capacities, including Chairman and was a recipient of the **Alvah K. Borman** and **Clement J. Freund Awards**. This award began as the **Corporate Recognition Award** in 2003 and officially was re-named the **Lou Takacs Award** by the CEED Board.

### **The Alvah K. Borman Award**

This award honors Alvah K. Borman, Dean of Graduate Placement Services at Northeastern University, for his numerous outstanding contributions to engineering cooperative education over many years, including the founding and editorship of the **CEED Newsbriefs** from 1969 until his death ten years later.

The Division allows for the presentation of up to two awards each year to Division members, past or present, who have made sustained, honorable, and meritorious contributions to the promotion of the philosophy and the practice of cooperative education in engineering and/or engineering technology. Nominations are made in the fall of each year, with the award being presented at the mid-winter meeting of the CIEC. The award consists of a \$500 honorarium, a plaque, and a certificate of achievement.

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Cooperative and Experiential  
Education Division (CEED)

2012 Award Recipients

2012 Co-op Student of the Year  
Award Winner



**Melissa McPartland** is a senior in Mechanical Engineering at Clemson University. She has completed three co-op rotations with the Total Vehicle Validation Group at BMW Manufacturing in Spartanburg, SC, and is scheduled to complete two more rotations with the company in Munich, Germany this upcoming summer and fall. To date, Melissa has worked in both acoustics and assembly and one of her projects has already been recognized at BMW's research and development center in Munich.

In addition to her accomplishments in the classroom and on assignment at BMW, Melissa is a member of Engineers Without Borders, a group dedicated to resolving issues in third world countries through thoughtful and creative engineering.

2012 Intern Student of the Year  
Award Winner



**Kody Ensley** is a Descendent of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation in Pablo Montana. He is currently enrolled in the world's first and only four-year tribal Computer Engineering program at Salish Kootenai College (SKC) and is scheduled to graduate in 2012 with a B.S. in Computer Engineering and an A.S. in Information Technology.

Kody has completed over 12 months of internships at Johnson Space Center in the Software, Robotics, and Simulation Division during which he designed software for Robonaut 2 and the Lunar Electric Rovers. Once graduated, he plans to return to Johnson Space Center to continue his work, and also to start on graduate work. It has been a privilege to work with the Robonaut 2 team at Johnson Space Center. I am truly honored for their recognition of my contributions to the Robonaut 2 project.

2012 Lou Takacs  
Award Winner



**Dan Parker** received his BA in English Education from the University of Michigan ('78) and his Masters in Labor and Industrial Relations from Michigan State University ('85). He has over 25 years' experience working in Human Resources for original equipment manufacturers in the auto industry, including American, French, and Japanese companies, both in union and non-union environments.

Since 1999, Dan has worked for Trane, a division of Ingersoll Rand, in Lexington, Kentucky, serving as Manager of Labor Relations and, in his current role, as Employee Relations Manager, where he is responsible for talent development and professional recruitment.

2012 Alvah K. Borman  
Award Winner



**Susan Matney** is the Associate Director of the Cooperative Education Program at North Carolina State University. Susan has been a dedicated member of ASEE/CEED since 1989, having served in many roles of leadership. This includes being a Program Chair for the Division as well as CEED Chair in 2008-2009. In addition, she chaired the CIEC Executive Board in 2009. Susan has also supported the American Society for Engineering Education Annual Meeting in various capacities for many years. She has presented at numerous conferences at the state, regional and national level. Susan has dedicated the majority of her professional career to promoting the ideals of cooperative education. Most importantly, she has been a friend to students, employers and other administrators in the cooperative engineering education community.