

2026 CEED

Award Winners



Lou Takacs Award
Edward Fox
Marathon Petroleum

Edward Fox is a Naphtha Reforming Technologist at Marathon Petroleum Company in Detroit, MI, where he has served for over 30 years. A committed advocate for experiential education, his involvement in cooperative education began as a student employee in Michigan State University's Cooperative Education office.

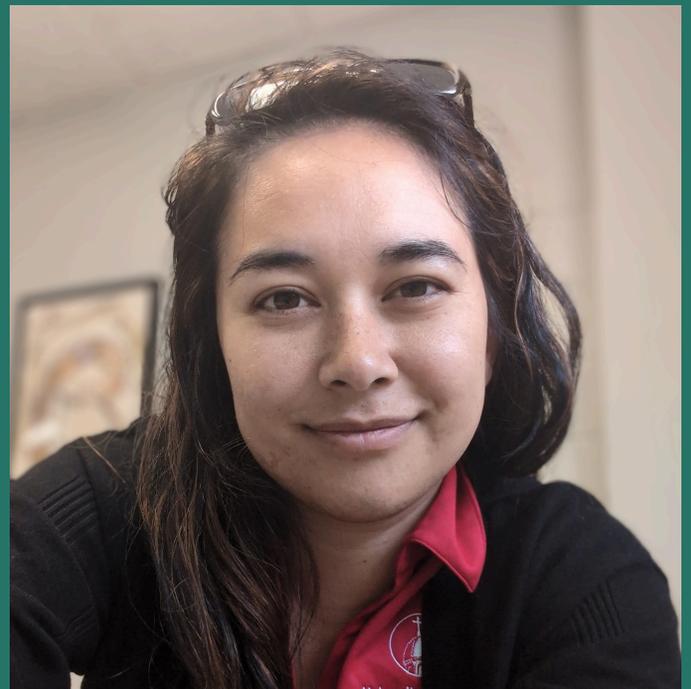
Ed champions co-op programs that integrate real-world projects, ensuring students gain hands-on exposure to Marathon's operations and culture. He has also played a key role in launching initiatives that promote inclusion and expand access for students from diverse backgrounds. His ability to adapt programs to evolving industry needs while maintaining a student-centered focus supports meaningful professional growth.

Unlike many recruiting professionals, Ed remains engaged beyond the hiring process and has positively impacted countless students with his proactive and dedicated mentorship.

Daisy Aspiras is an Engineering Co-op & Internship Project Analyst at the University of Dayton School of Engineering Co-op & Internship Office, where she has served since 2018. In her role, Daisy works closely with students interested in or actively participating in semester-long work experiences. Her commitment to student success and professional development makes her an invaluable asset to the higher education community. Under her leadership, the School of Engineering has achieved its highest level of co-op participation since the program's inception.

Daisy's innovative use of AI, engaging instructional methods, and dedication to student development have had a lasting impact on engineering cooperative education. She also leverages data analytics to identify industry trends and adapt the co-op program, while maintaining a strong focus on the student experience.

Through her work in experiential learning, Daisy has contributed to the professional development of the workforce by connecting employers with a pipeline of well-prepared engineering graduates.



Alvah K. Borman Award
Daisy Aspiras
University of Dayton