

CEE Undergraduate Student Awards
Award Description and Criteria
February 29, 2008

The CEE Department honors its undergraduate students with four awards.

1. ASCE Outstanding Civil Engineering Student Award

This award consists of an honorarium and a certificate. The award is intended to recognize a CEE graduating senior who has shown outstanding leadership.

2. H.A. Thomas, Sr. Distinguished Service Award

This award consists of an honorarium and a certificate. The award is intended to recognize a CEE graduating senior who has provided exemplary service to the Department, College, University, or the Profession of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

3. H.A. Thomas, Sr. Scholarship Award

This award consists of an honorarium and a certificate. The award is intended to recognize a CEE graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship.

4. James P. Romualdi Civil and Environmental Engineering Award

This award consists of an honorarium and a certificate. The awarded is intended to recognize a CEE graduating senior who exhibits excellence in the traditional areas of Civil and Environmental Engineering, from both academic and practical perspectives.

Harold A. Thomas (1885-1973) was a Professor of Civil Engineering at Carnegie Tech. He was an expert in hydraulics, and he was both an experimentalist and a mathematical modeler. James P. Romualdi was an alumnus (B.S., M.S., and Ph.D.) and a faculty member in Civil Engineering at Carnegie Tech/Carnegie Mellon. He was an expert in structural engineering, concrete design, failure analysis, and transportation engineering. His research led to the innovation and patent of fiber-reinforced concrete.

All faculty and staff will be asked to submit nominations for any of these four awards to the Awards Committee by March 15 each year. Each nomination is limited to a single letter of one page, maximum. No supplemental written materials such as testimonials from others should be submitted; rather all evidence of how the individual satisfies the criteria of the award should be described in the 1-page nomination letter. Activities outside as well as inside the Department may be included in the letter. The letter must be signed by one individual responsible for the nomination; other individuals may be co-signers of the letter.

For all four of these awards, the CEE Awards Committee will consider all individuals nominated, and will take responsibility for selecting the winner of each award. The names of the winners will be presented to the full CEE faculty for confirmation. All of these awards will be given at the annual CEE Department graduation exercises.

The description of these awards was approved by the CEE faculty on February 29, 2008. The text incorporates minor changes from the descriptions that were used in the CEE graduation ceremony programs for several years prior.

