



## Interested in Learning More About School of Engineering Co-op Awards?

Each year, the School of Engineering contacts constituents to seek nominations for the following awards. Candidates selected for these awards are announced during the annual School of Engineering Design Conference.

- Co-op Supervisor-of-the-Year
- Co-op Faculty Advisor-of-the-Year
- Co-op Student-of-the-Year
- Co-op Employer-of-the-Year

The **Co-op Supervisor-of-the-Year** and **Co-op Faculty-Advisor-of-the-Year** are primarily internal conversations held among faculty and staff that considers input from a variety of sources:

- Employer supervisor or workplace colleagues
- Co-op Student
- Faculty advisor

The **Co-op Student-of-the-Year** is nominated by workplace supervisors/mentors and (or) faculty advisor. All supervisor contacts are notified of the nomination timeline in October of the academic year, and an employer statement, student statement, and updated resume must be submitted to Diane LaFreniere, Sebastian Chair, by the end of October. All materials are reviewed and submitted to the selection committee, who ranks the nominees and selects one student for local and national recognition (American Society of Engineering Education, Cooperative and Experiential Education Division – ASEE CEED) as the Co-op-Student-of-the Year. The link to past national (ASEE) winners is as follows.

[ASEE CEED National Co-op Student-of-the-Year Information & Past Winners](#)

Note, in addition to being selected as the GVSU local nominee, the selected candidate is also considered to be a national finalist for the ASEE CEED Co-op Student-of-the-Year award. Both the local and national selection process is highly competitive and involves the following criteria:

- Engineering major and current GPA
- Impact of co-op experiences on college experience and future career
- Future career goals
- Past and current employment and academic achievements, awards, and honors received
- Examples of professional self-initiative (job-related or professional development/growth)
- Contributions to employer's co-op program
- Contributions to the School of Engineering

- Community contributions (civic engagement, service learning and volunteer work)
- Work ethic, attendance, initiative, professionalism, accountability, creativity, mindset, technical aptitude and overall work product
- Time and organizational skills to handle challenging workload and responsibilities
- Ability to adapt, transition, and perform in various roles, teams, units/divisions, with strong ability to provide an individual and group contribution

In the early spring, the faculty and staff seek constituent input regarding potential **Co-op Employer-of-the-Year** nominees. The constituent input is received from a variety of sources, including but not limited to, the School of Engineering faculty, staff, and students, as well as representatives from the GVSU Career Center. The criteria associated with the nomination for this award are as follows:

- Contextual Learning & Experiential Education
- Industry Placement in Internship, Co-op, or Full-time Capacity
- Curricular and Program Advising
- Longevity & Active Participation in School of Engineering Programs
- Financial Support for Facilities, Equipment, Students, Projects, and Programs
- Quality and Challenge Associated with Engineering Positions and Career Paths
- Educational Outreach Programs (K-12)
- Diversity Initiatives
- Leadership Initiatives
- Applied R&D Activities
- Industry/Corporate Exposure, Recruitment, and Networking Opportunities
- Professional Growth & Development
- Workforce Development