Vermont Technical College

T301 Student Technician and Engineer of the Year

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Purpose

In conjunction with National Engineers' Week, it is the practice of Vermont Technical College to recognize one graduating associate degree student from an Engineering Technology program as the College's Student Engineering Technician and one graduating baccalaureate student from an Engineering Technology program as the Engineer of the Year. These individuals will have their names submitted to the Vermont State National Engineers' Week Committee by the Academic Dean, or designee, for such recognition as deemed appropriate by that Committee. They will also be recognized at Honors Convocation and have their names engraved on a permanent plaque.

Responsibilities:

- The Academic Dean, or designee, is responsible for overall coordination of the selection process and for liaison with the Vermont National Engineers' Week Committee.
- Selection of the College's Student Engineering Technician and Student Engineer of the Year will be made by a selection board appointed by the Academic Dean, or designee, . Those who serve as members of this board should be professionally registered as an architect, engineer or land surveyor and/or hold membership in a professional engineering society. The board will consist of one member from each of the Engineering Technology programs.
- Board members act in their individual professional capacity and not as advocates for their department's nominees.

Procedures:

- National Engineers' Week is normally the week that includes February 22, Washington's Birthday. Timing of the following actions is such that final selection of the Student Engineering Technician of the Year must be made and reported to the Vermont National Engineers' Week Committee well in advance of National Engineers' Week
• Engineering Technology departments are encouraged to design activities that highlight projects that they are involved with in order to be able to display them at the Engineer’s Week banquet as is done by Norwich and UVM.
• The Academic Dean, or designee, will request that each department nominate a candidate for the award prior to the end of the fall semester. The Academic Dean, or designee, will then contact the nominees and advise them of their nomination and the process and timeline for completing their nomination along with information about Engineer’s Week activities.
• Prior to submitting nominations, the departments may seek input from other departments who have had the student and from the Academic Dean, or designee.
• The Academic Dean, or designee, will compile a packet for each of the Selection Board members containing biographical information, a rating sheet and other appropriate information.
• The Selection Board will interview each of the nominees, select their choices for the recipients and notify the Academic Dean, or designee, of their selections.
• The Academic Dean, or designee, will notify the honorees as soon as possible and will also send a letter to the nominees who were not chosen. The Dean will also notify the Engineer’s Week Committee, the College community and the Director of Marketing and Public Relations who will coordinate publicity.
• The President of a member of Senior Staff will attend the Engineer’s Week banquet. The Academic Dean, or designee, will assist the honorees with all arrangement and attend other activities associated with Engineer’s Week with the honorees.

NOTE: Factors to be considered for Nomination and Selection.

• Academic Excellence-related to technical knowledge (not necessarily highest GPA).
  Presence--presents an alert, professional appearance.
• Expresses self well, orally and in written communication.
• Reputation for honesty.
• Student Leadership--shows potential for professional growth. Participation in student chapter of professional society.
• Character and reputation as a member of the campus community.
• Respect for civil laws and campus regulations as shown by societal responsibility. Extra curricular activities (sports, clubs, community, etc.)
• Other factors the Board considers pertinent.