American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineers in 2001, and winner of the Newl Perry award from the National Federation of the Blind in 2002.

Dr. Reneau is a leader at Louisiana Tech, and during his tenure the university has expanded its scope with: the addition of doctoral programs in biomedical engineering and computational analysis and modeling; the implementation of selective admissions; the successful completion of a $50-million-plus fund-raising campaign; and the achievement of I-A status for football. An institute for micromanufacturing and a technology transfer center were also founded. Since October 1990, Louisiana Tech has been cited as one of the top 200 national universities by U.S. News and World Report.

His nominator stated that “Because very few engineers serve as university presidents, Dr. Reneau has helped to elevate the stature of engineers as effective leaders of educational institutions. Dr. Reneau is quite possibly the most highly respected engineer in the State of Louisiana. His vision for engineering education and research has helped political, government, and industry leaders to realize the imperative for strong and sustained support. That vision has further been a driving force in elevating this institution to a continuous focus on quality and excellence.”