Marion and Capers W. McDonald, NC ‘74, and the Association have established an award to celebrate excellence in mentoring and advising among our members. Educators and engineers who have consistently supported the personal and professional development of their students and colleagues as excellent mentors or advisors are recognized annually with this award.

Any chapter or member may nominate one or more alumnus members for the award. Nominations should be emailed to the Executive Director by April 1.

Serving as engineering educators or as professionals in industry, government, or service organizations, these Tau Beta Pi mentors have contributed diversely to our engineering community, serving as effective advocates and guides in both professional and administrative matters. They have shown true concern for the individual, supporting an environment for developing talents, and have earned respect and recognition for their contributions to their field and to the greater community. In 2005, the Executive Council established the award to be given annually.

The following materials are required:

1) A one-page summary of achievements and/or contributions of the nominee exemplifying the objective of the award.

2) Two letters of reference from persons other than the nominating party or the sponsoring chapter president who are familiar with the nominee’s contributions and achievement, such as the dean or supervising personnel.

If the winner cannot accept a financial award, that portion will remain in the endowment fund. Only one award will be presented each year.