

***THE ANNUAL PLETTA AWARD  
TO VIRGINIA'S ENGINEERING  
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR***

The Pletta Award is to recognize a Virginia engineering educator who has exhibited outstanding teaching and public service in the Commonwealth. The award honors Professor Dan H. Pletta, P.E., who taught Engineering Mechanics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University from 1932 through 1972, and continues to be nationally recognized as an authority on engineering ethics and professionalism.

***SPONSORSHIP***

- The Pletta Award is an intersociety award of the Virginia engineering community.
- The cosponsors are the Virginia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers/Virginia Council, the Consulting Engineers Council of Virginia, and the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers.

***WHO IS ELIGIBLE***

- Any engineering educator in Virginia who, on the date of his or her nomination, is employed by an institution of higher education in Virginia that has one or more programs accredited by ABET-EAC.
- The nominee need not be a Virginia resident and may be in a teaching or administrative position.

***HOW NOMINATIONS ARE MADE***

- The nominator must complete and certify a nomination. Anyone may nominate a candidate. Follow the outline on the reverse side of this sheet.
- Nominations must be addressed to Pletta Award Committee, c/o Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, 9291 Laurel Grove Road, Suite 10, Mechanicsville, VA 23116-2969. The use of the Society is for mailing purposes only.
- Nominations must be postmarked on or before **April 15** in order to be considered by the committee.

***HOW SELECTION IS MADE***

- Judging will be based on the following criteria, with emphasis on teaching, public service, and lasting influence on alumni careers:
  - ❖ Significant Achievements
  - ❖ Awards and Honors
  - ❖ Engineering Education
  - ❖ Professional Registration and/or Certification
  - ❖ Research/Consulting
  - ❖ Involvement with Students
  - ❖ Alumni Letters About the Nominee's Effect as a Teacher
  - ❖ Professional and Engineering Society Activities
  - ❖ Civic Organization and Public Body Activities
  - ❖ Non-Engineering Activities

***PRESENTATION OF THE PLETTA MEDAL***

- The Award is presented annually at an appropriate statewide engineering function, which will provide an occasion to recognize the Pletta Award recipient for outstanding service as a teacher and role model in a gathering of Virginia engineering leaders.

***NOMINATION FOR THE ANNUAL PLETTA AWARD***

Only information contained in the nominations will be used as the basis for selection of the award winner. Please type or print all information using the numbering order below. The total length of the nomination should not exceed three single-spaced typewritten pages, plus attachments. Please provide one original and four (4) copies.

The complete nomination should address each of the following numbered topics:

1. Full name of nominee
2. Current college or university (including address and telephone), date of initial employment, and current position
3. Attach at least two one-page letters from former students having both academic and non-academic backgrounds (at least 5 years past graduation) concerning the nominee's impact on their engineering careers
4. Involvement with student organizations (types, dates, results obtained)
5. Prior positions, employers and dates of employment (up to 10 years)
6. Research/consulting experience (places, types, dates)
7. Professional Engineer License(s), and/or specialty certification, if applicable, including state and year first obtained
8. Significant achievements (e.g., publications, projects, patents, etc. - names, dates)
9. Awards, honors, etc. (names, dates)
10. Engineering education (universities, degrees, dates)
11. Non-engineering education (places, types, dates)
12. Professional and engineering society activities (names, offices held, committees, accomplishments, dates)
13. Civic organizations and public bodies (names, offices held, dates, accomplishments)
14. Support of non-engineering activities (e.g., scouting, volunteer rescue, teaching, help to youth, etc.), which was performed for service rather than remuneration. Indicate results obtained.
15. Provide a suggested citation of 100 words or less which emphasizes the nominee's contributions to engineering teaching and public service in Virginia
16. CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information given in this nomination is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to nominee: \_\_\_\_\_