

# PI TAU SIGMA

NATIONAL MECHANICAL ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY



## 2026 Pi Tau Sigma / ASME Awards

Dear Colleague,

Pi Tau Sigma (PTS), the International Mechanical Engineering Honor Society, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) jointly offer three prestigious awards each year to recognize outstanding individuals for achievements in Mechanical Engineering. These awards are the Pi Tau Sigma Gold Medal Award, the Gustus L. Larson Memorial Award, and the Charles Russ Richards Memorial Award. You are invited and encouraged to nominate worthy individuals for one or more of these 2025 awards.

The National Pi Tau Sigma Website, <https://pitausigma.org/pts-asme-awards/>, has descriptions of the eligibility requirements for each award. NOTE: The graduation constraint within each award criterion applies to the receipt of the baccalaureate degree in Mechanical Engineering or related field.

**PI TAU SIGMA GOLD MEDAL** – The candidate must have received the baccalaureate engineering degree in the year of **2016 or later**.

**GUSTUS L. LARSON MEMORIAL AWARD** – The candidate must have received the baccalaureate engineering degree in a year **between 2006 and 2015**.

**CHARLES RUSS RICHARDS MEMORIAL AWARD** – The candidate must have received the baccalaureate engineering degree in the year of **2005 or earlier**.

*Also, please note that the nominator and reference letter writers need to be different from any previous ASME awards the nominee has received. The nomination package, including the reference letters, must be clearly distinguishable from those submitted for any prior ASME awards the nominee has received.*

Information on nominations can be found on the ASME website and nominations submitted via the ASME nomination form <https://airtable.com/appIUckYpRc0npBGh/shrkISRZhvuamf789>.

All materials, including the reference letters, must be electronically submitted by **February 15, 2026**. Nominations submitted after that date will not be considered. Resubmissions of earlier nominations are encouraged; however, the resubmission should follow the instructions above with a new nomination form and updated information in the recommendation document and reference letters as needed.

Please begin now! It is a great service to our community to nominate your peers for recognition and there are many Mechanical Engineers deserving consideration for these prestigious awards. You are the best source to nominate worthy candidates, including those from underrepresented groups for these awards. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me via email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacob A. McFarland". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jacob A. McFarland

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