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WEPAN Announces Its 2009 Award Recipients

The following awards will be presented June 19th at the WEPAN National Conference in Austin, Texas.

Denver, June 12, 2009 –

WEPAN recognizes excellence by honoring key individuals, programs, and corporations for accomplishments aligned with WEPAN's mission. Each year at its National Conference WEPAN awards serve to continuously raise the bar for extraordinary service, significant achievement, model programs, and notable achievement. At the 2009 WEPAN Conference the following awards will be presented:

The Women in Engineering Initiative Award – Awarded to IBM Austin - EX.I.T.E. Camp, Nomination made by Christy Lauridsen, Business Development Specialist, IBM Systems and Technology Group.

The Women In Engineering Program Award – Awarded to North Carolina State University, Nomination made by Laura Bottomley, Director, Women in Engineering and K-12 Outreach.

The WEPAN Educator's Award – Awarded to Mary Anderson Rowland, Arizona State University, Nomination made by Deirdre R. Meldrum, Dean, Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering

The University Change Agent - Awarded to Patricia Hyer, Virginia Tech, nomination made by Peggy Layne, AdvanceVT Program Director.

The University Change Agent - Awarded to Debra Lasich, Colorado School of Mines, nomination made by Dr. Nigel Middleton, Provost and Senior Vice President for Strategic Enterprises, Colorado School of Mines.

The Betty Vetter Research Award - Awarded to Karen Tonso, Wayne State University, Nomination made by Jan Rinehart, Executive Director Rice ADVANCE Program, Rice University.

The Women In Engineering Champion Award – Awarded to Janel Barfield IBM, nomination made by Jan Love, Senior Development Manager, IBM.

The Women In Engineering Champion Award – Awarded to Kathryn Tobey, Lockheed Martin, nomination made by Misty Phenicie, Lockheed Martin Coherent Technologies.

The Distinguished Service Award - Awarded to Paige Smith, University of Maryland, Nomination made by Barbara A. Ruel, Director, Diversity and WIE, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day Award – Awarded to David Meredith, M.S. , Associate Professor, Penn State University - Fayette Campus, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, Nomination made by Leslie Collins, Executive Director, National Engineers Week Foundation.

About WEPAN

WEPAN is the nation's leading organization and catalyst for transforming culture in engineering education to promote the success of all women.

WEPAN...

- mobilizes diverse, inclusive, and collaborative stakeholders
- fosters diversity in engineering graduates, our innovators of tomorrow
- inspires a network of advocates to empower and advance the education of women pursuing engineering and related disciplines
- translates research into practice and develops national models to attract and retain women in engineering

Founded in 1990, WEPAN helps meet strategic engineering workforce demand by promoting the success of girls and women who traditionally have not pursued engineering—an untapped national resource.

WEPAN members are professionals who recruit, retain, and develop female engineering talent in both university and corporate settings. WEPAN is the single

provider of a professional community, network, body of knowledge, and resource hub specifically for campus and corporate-based women in engineering experts.

WEPAN's National Conference

This flagship event is an important annual forum for ideas and a venue for conversations among women in engineering leaders, corporate advocates, researchers, academic leaders, and government officers to:

- Gain access to current research, statistics, and best practices on women in engineering.
- Build corporate-campus networks with WIE professionals from across the country.
- Recognize excellence by honoring key individuals, programs, and corporations for accomplishments aligned with WEPAN's mission.

WEPAN Knowledge Center (WKC) at wepanknowledgecenter.org

The WEPAN Knowledge Center is a new online resource for research, best practices and professional communities dedicated to advancing all women in engineering.

The WKC organizes and makes visible numerous resources with searchable, annotated citations. It also features an online Professional Community for networking, collaborating, identifying subject matter experts, and sharing information. Visit: wepanknowledgecenter.org.