



# COLUMBIA | ENGINEERING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## **Referring or Nominating a Medal Candidate**

The Columbia Engineering Alumni Association (CEAA) bestows three Medals to worthy recipients to perpetuate the memory and advance the ideals of those who played an important role in CEAA, the engineering profession, or both: The Thomas Egleston Medal for Distinguished Engineering Achievement; the Michael Pupin Medal for Service to the Nation in Engineering, Science, or Technology; and the Samuel Johnson Medal for Distinguished Achievement in a Field Other Than Engineering.

### **THE THOMAS EGLESTON MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT**

The Medal is in honor of Thomas Egleston, who founded the School of Mines of Columbia College in 1864, the first of its kind in the United States. Subsequently, the School of Mines became the Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Science. Thomas Egleston continued his association with the School of Mines as its dean and a professor until 1900. The Medal was first awarded in 1939.

The Medal is in recognition of distinguished achievement in engineering or applied science. The recipient must have significantly advanced his or her field of the engineering profession or the management of engineering activities.

This Medal is awarded annually by the Board of Managers of the Columbia Engineering Alumni Association (CEAA) with the concurrence of the Dean of the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science. The recipient must be a graduate of the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

## THE MICHAEL PUPIN MEDAL FOR SERVICE TO THE NATION IN ENGINEERING, SCIENCE, OR TECHNOLOGY

The Medal is in honor of Michael I. Pupin, who was a legendary teacher, inventor, and engineer. He was a graduate of Columbia College in the Class of 1883 and was subsequently a faculty member at Columbia from 1890 to 1931. Michael Pupin was a physicist and chemist well known for numerous important patents and for having been a founding member of the precursor to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The Medal was first awarded in 1958.

The Medal is in recognition of service to the nation in engineering, science, or technology, of lasting and broad significance to society as a whole. The impact of the contribution must reach beyond the candidate's professional field.

This Medal is awarded periodically by the Board of Managers of the Columbia Engineering Alumni Association (CEAA) with the concurrence of both the Dean of the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science and the President of Columbia University. The recipient must be either a graduate of the School of Engineering and Applied Science or must have otherwise been affiliated with Columbia University in some capacity such as a student, fellow, resident, faculty member, or visiting faculty member for at least one academic year.

## THE SAMUEL JOHNSON MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN A FIELD OTHER THAN ENGINEERING

The Medal is in honor of Samuel Johnson, who served as the first president of King's College, the predecessor of Columbia University, from 1754 to 1762. Samuel Johnson's vision for King's College was for it to provide an exceptional, well-rounded education that included both the liberal arts as well as the applied sciences as understood in his time. The Medal was first awarded in 2007.

The Medal is in recognition of distinguished achievement in fields other than engineering and applied science. Examples of these fields may include education, law, public affairs, business, social sciences, architecture, and the arts. The recipient must have significantly advanced his or her chosen field of endeavor or demonstrated exceptional leadership.

This Medal is awarded periodically by the Board of Managers of the Columbia Engineering Alumni Association (CEAA) with the concurrence of the Dean of the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science. The recipient must be a graduate of the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

The following matrix summarizes the criteria for the three Medals:

	<b>Egleston</b>	<b>Johnson</b>	<b>Pupin</b>
<b>Applicant Pool:</b>	Alumni of SEAS	Alumni of SEAS	Affiliation with the University
<b>Professional Area:</b>	Science or Engineering	Non-Science or Non-Engineering	Science or Engineering
<b>Area of Influence:</b>	Intra-disciplinary	Intra- or Interdisciplinary	Interdisciplinary
<b>Types of Achievement:</b>	Technical Achievement Leadership Achievement	Professional Achievement Leadership Achievement	Technical Achievement

Each candidate for the Pupin, Egleston or Samuel Johnson Medal must be a living person able and willing to be present to receive the Award at the time and place designated by the Board of Managers, typically at the annual awards dinner in late May. However, the death of a candidate subsequent to being selected for the Award does not void the candidate's selection. In such case the presentation shall be made posthumously in accordance with a procedure to be prescribed by the CEAA Board of Managers.

## NOMINATE A CANDIDATE

- Complete the Nomination Form after reviewing the criteria for the CEAA Medals.
- Obtain the nominee's most recent curriculum vitae or provide the detailed information on education and achievements requested in the Nomination Form.
- You may suggest up to three additional references in addition to your own statement in support of the nominee. References need not be Columbia University graduates.
- Submit the completed Nomination Form to the Columbia Engineering Alumni Office at the address given below.

## REFER A CANDIDATE

- Suggest a potential nominee after reviewing the criteria for the CEAA Medals.
- Give the name of a nominator who will provide the detailed information requested in the Nomination Form and whom you have or will contact.
- Provide your own detailed statement of support for the nominee addressing specific qualifications for one of the Medals.
- Submit referral to the Columbia Engineering Alumni Office at the address given below and notify the nominator that you have submitted a reference.

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