

David Thaler receives engineering's most prestigious award

David S. Thaler P.E. L.S., long-time board member and former president of Maryland Society of Professional Engineers (MDSPE), joined a select group of extraordinary engineers last week when he received the 2019 National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) Award.



David Thaler and Mark Golden, Executive Director of NSPE

Described as the most prestigious engineering award in America, the NSPE Award is given to "an engineer who has made outstanding contributions to the engineering profession, the public welfare and humankind." Previous recipients include President Herbert Hoover, a successful mining engineer before he became president, and Dr. David Steinman, the renowned structural engineer who designed many famous bridges, including the Mackinac Bridge linking Michigan's Upper and Lower peninsulas, then the longest suspension bridge in the world.

"I am humbled and honored to stand in the shadow of the luminaries who have preceded me," said Thaler, who received the award at a packed luncheon during the NSPE Annual Conference in Kansas.

"David is a tireless advocate and voice for the engineering profession," said Michael Aitken, 2018-19 NSPE President. "Be it his leadership positions within NSPE and numerous other societies or representing the interests of professional engineers both domestically and internationally, he embodies the NSPE Award in making outstanding contributions to the profession, public welfare, and humankind."

"David is an icon of the engineering profession in Maryland and he has been a key player, senior advisor and mentor within MDSPE for many years," said James Mirabile, MDSPE President. "The NSPE Award is a great and well-deserved honor for him."

NSPE's announcement of the award highlighted the extraordinary range of Thaler's accomplishments since he became a professional engineer in 1971.

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