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NCEES honors Georgia professional engineer Denise Chastain-Knight for service

Denise Chastain-Knight, P.E., of Martinez, Georgia, has been awarded the NCEES Distinguished Examination Service Award for her dedicated service to NCEES and the engineering profession. Chastain-Knight was recognized August 16, 2024, during the organization's 103rd annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

Chastain-Knight first began serving NCEES as a member of the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Chemical Exam Development Committee in 2000. She has served in various leadership roles within the committee, such as vice chair and chair from 2005 to 2011.

She was an influential leader in the PE Chemical exam's transition from pencil-and-paper format to computer-based testing, which was completed in 2018. Her other contributions include providing content for the *PE Chemical Reference Handbook*, working on the subcommittee to develop the handbook, and contributing to the continued improvement of the "Plant Design and Operations" chapter. She has also led and recruited members for the team that developed the *American Institute of Chemical Engineers Body of Knowledge for Chemical Engineers*, which directly impacted the content and skills within the undergraduate chemical engineering curriculum required to practice competently.

Chastain-Knight has more than 38 years of experience in engineering design, process improvements, process risk analysis, and safety instrumented system implementation. She was voted Georgia's Young Engineer of the Year in 1994 and is an AIChE Fellow. She is currently a senior functional safety engineer with exida Engineering LLC.

ABOUT NCEES

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying is a nonprofit organization made up of engineering and surveying licensing boards from all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since its founding in 1920, NCEES has been committed to advancing licensure for engineers and surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the U.S. public.

NCEES helps its member licensing boards carry out their duties to regulate the professions of engineering and surveying. It develops best-practice models for state licensure laws and regulations and promotes uniformity among the states. It develops and administers the exams used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the country. It also provides services to help licensed engineers and surveyors practice their professions in other U.S. states and territories. For more information, please visit ncees.org.