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NCEES honors Michigan professional engineer Molly Williams for service

Molly Williams, Ph.D., P.E., of Kalamazoo, Michigan, has been awarded the NCEES Distinguished Examination Service Award for her dedicated service to NCEES and the engineering profession. Williams was recognized during the organization's annual meeting business webinar held on July 1, 2020. She will be honored in person at the organization's 2021 annual meeting in New Orleans.

Williams served on the NCEES Fundamental of Engineering (FE) Exam Development committee for over 25 years. During this time, she was an item writer for the breadth and general sections of the exam during a time when the breadth section was administered to all examinees and when the general section was the most popular afternoon section. This means Williams wrote items for every examinee who took the FE exam, regardless of the afternoon module chosen. After the conversion of the FE exam to computer-based testing (CBT), in which she was a leader, she served on the Other Disciplines module of the FE Exam Development committee. Williams continued her service to this committee until her retirement in 2019.

In 2010–12, Williams served as the first female FE committee chair. During her tenure as chair, the exam was transitioning from paper-based to computer-based testing. The transition was made easier through her clear and steady leadership as she guided volunteers through the development of new processes. She mentored many new members as they learned how to write and review items for the exam. Williams was a member of the Committee on Education Assessment and Qualification from 1991 to 1992 and the Committee on Records Verification from 1990 to 1991.

Williams is a professor emerita in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Western Michigan University.

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.