

# PI TAU SIGMA

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Dear Mechanical Engineering Colleague,

Pi Tau Sigma (PTS), the National Mechanical Engineering Honor Society, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) jointly offer three prestigious awards each year to recognize outstanding individuals for achievements in Mechanical Engineering. These awards are the **Pi Tau Sigma Gold Medal Award**, the **Gustus L. Larson Memorial Award**, and the **Charles Russ Richards Memorial Award**. You are invited and encouraged to nominate worthy individuals for one or more of these 2009 awards.

The National Pi Tau Sigma Website ([www.pitausigma.net](http://www.pitausigma.net)) and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Website (<http://www.asme.org/Governance/Honors/Society/Awards>) have links to the descriptions of the eligibility requirements for each award and an official nomination form. **NOTE: The graduation constraint within each award criterion applies to the receipt of the baccalaureate degree. This means that for the:**

**PI TAU SIGMA GOLD MEDAL** – the candidate must have received the baccalaureate engineering degree on a date *no earlier than July 1, 1999*.

**GUSTUS L. LARSON MEMORIAL AWARD** – the candidate must have received the baccalaureate engineering degree on a date *between July 1, 1989 and June 30, 1999*.

**CHARLES RUSS RICHARDS MEMORIAL AWARD** – the candidate must have received the baccalaureate engineering degree on a date *prior to July 1, 1989*.

The following requirements apply to submission of nominations for all three awards.

1. Each of the nomination packets must contain:
  - a. A completed nomination form (first page of the nomination packet)
  - b. Supporting documents as specified on the nomination form.
  - c. Letters of reference (minimum of three and a maximum of three)
2. The nomination packet must be submitted electronically to [johnaweese@comcast.net](mailto:johnaweese@comcast.net) (please put "PTS Medal Nomination" in the subject line)
3. All materials, including the reference letters, must be submitted by February 15, 2009. Submissions postmarked after that date will not be considered.
4. Re-submissions are accepted; however, the references and letters of support should be updated.

Begin now! This is a most worthwhile activity as there are many deserving Mechanical Engineers to be nominated for these prestigious awards. You and your colleagues are the best source to nominate worthy candidates for these awards. An early start ensures that a properly prepared nomination packet will be submitted on time. If you have questions, contact me, preferably by e-mail at [johnaweese@comcast.net](mailto:johnaweese@comcast.net). Please send the nomination packets and any support materials electronically to me. If there are any support materials that somehow need to be sent my mail, please send them to me at my Annapolis, Maryland Address, postmarked no later than February 15, 2009.

Best Regards,

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