National co-op award

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**Bernadette Friedrich earns national recognition for contributions to cooperative education in engineering**

It’s another national award for Bernadette Friedrich, director of global student engagement in the Michigan State University College of Engineering.

Friedrich was presented with the Alvah K. Borman Award from the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE) Cooperative and Experiential Education (CEED) Division during ceremonies Feb. 3 in Austin, Texas.

The award, which includes a $1,000 honorarium, is for sustained and meritorious contributions to the philosophy and practice of cooperative education in engineering.

Friedrich said she is grateful for the support she has received during her 20 years in co-op at MSU.

“Having the college and the deans support co-op has been important to me,” she said. “Because our leaders were co-op students themselves as undergraduates, they have been really supportive of the concept and know personally how it helps our students become better engineers.”

Friedrich is the third recipient at Michigan State to receive the Borman Award. Past recipients are Les L. Leone (2003), who held almost every student service position in the college over a 37-year career, and Craig Gunn (2008), the senior academic specialist in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

It is the second national award Friedrich’s leadership to students has won in recent years. In 2013, she became the first recipient of the national Triangle Fraternity Outstanding Advisor Award.

The ASEE CEED award is in remembrance of Alvah K. Borman, dean of Graduate Placement Services at Northeastern University, for his numerous outstanding contributions to engineering cooperative education over many years.