Alumnus Joseph Colucci Receives 2010 SAE International Medal of Honor

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Joseph M. Colucci (BS Mech Egr ’58), president of AutomotiveFuels Consulting, Inc. and a member of the National Academy of Engineering, is the recipient of the 2010 SAE International Medal of Honor. He will receive the award during the SAE 2010 World Congress in April in Detroit.

The Medal of Honor, established in 1986, is presented annually and is SAE International’s most prestigious award. It recognizes an SAE International member for his or her unique and significant contributions to SAE International and is funded through the SAE Foundation.

A member of SAE International for nearly 50 years, Colucci has consistently strived to make SAE International a better organization for both its members and constituencies. Toward that goal, he has improved SAE International technical meeting paper quality, session organization, and environmental quality; strongly endorsed and encouraged participation in technical sessions and committee activities; and increased the funding for the SAE Foundation and originated objective measures for determining the success of its A World In Motion® programs.


Colucci is an SAE fellow and a past recipient of SAE International’s Forest McFarland Award (1986) and the Edward N. Cole Award for Automotive Engineering (2001).

In addition to his BS degree from MSU, Colucci earned a master’s degree in mechanical engineering from the California Institute of Technology. He worked at General Motors Research Laboratories and Research and Development Center for 36 years.

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