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Delaware Engineering Society Announces Young Engineer of the Year and Engineer of the Year for 2026

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Engineering Society (NSPE-DE) is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026 professional honors: J. Michael Riemann, PE, as Engineer of the Year, and Benjamin K. Hearn, PE, as Young Engineer of the Year. These annual awards recognize licensed professional engineers who demonstrate outstanding professional achievement, leadership, and service to the engineering profession and the communities they serve. Award recipients are nominated by members of the engineering community throughout Delaware and selected by the Past Presidents of NSPE-DE.

“Mike Riemann and Ben Hearn exemplify the professionalism, leadership, and commitment to public service that define the engineering profession,” said K. James Taylor, Jr., PE, President of the Delaware Engineering Society (NSPE-DE). “Their contributions strengthen our communities and reflect the high standards we strive to uphold as professional engineers.”

J. Michael Riemann, PE – 2026 Engineer of the Year

J. Michael Riemann, PE, is a Principal at Becker Morgan Group, where he has built a distinguished career spanning more than two decades after beginning with the firm as a high school intern. He has played a key role in expanding the firm’s presence in Delaware, leading land development efforts across all three counties and regularly working with municipal, county, and state agencies on land use and regulatory matters. His professional leadership, technical expertise, and long-standing commitment to service exemplify the highest standards of the engineering profession.

Benjamin K. Hearn, PE – 2026 Young Engineer of the Year

Benjamin K. Hearn, PE, is a Vice President and Senior Project Manager with George, Miles & Buhr, LLC, specializing in municipal water and wastewater infrastructure projects that support public health and community growth across Sussex County. He serves as a trusted advisor to multiple public agencies and has played key roles in major infrastructure, resiliency, and construction-phase initiatives. In addition to his professional work, Hearn is actively engaged in public service as a volunteer firefighter with the Lewes Fire Department.

For more information on the award winners, please visit: www.nspe-de.org. The award winners will be recognized during the Delaware Engineers Week Celebration on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at Riverfront Events in Wilmington, DE. The event will also provide recognition to newly licensed Professional Engineers and the ACEC-DE Engineering Excellence Awards.

About Delaware Engineering Society (NSPE-DE):

The Delaware Engineering Society is the state society of the National Society of Professional Engineers. NSPE is a member-centric, nimble, future-focused, and responsive organization that serves as the recognized voice and advocate of licensed Professional Engineers. Through education, licensure advocacy, leadership training, multidisciplinary networking, and outreach, NSPE enhances the image of its members and their ability to ethically and professionally practice engineering. Founded in 1934, NSPE serves more than 31,000 members and the public through 52 state and territorial societies and over 400 chapters. For more information, please visit www.nspe.org.

Photos are available upon request.