ASEE Honors Chevron for Collaboration in Engineering Education

The American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) and its Corporate Member Council (CMC) honored Chevron with the Society’s *Excellence in Engineering Education Collaboration Award* at its annual conference in June.

The award recognizes CMC member companies for excellence and innovation in collegiate level engineering and technology education and/or pre-college programs that inspire interest in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Chevron was honored for its Chevron Engineering Academies, a partnership with Texas A&M. This program addresses the nation’s growing need for engineers and leveraged Texas A&M’s efforts to expand their engineering teaching capacity (growing total enrollment to 25,000 engineering students by 2025) while targeting minority engineering students. Chevron’s funding for the Academies includes items such as scholarships for students who complete the Academies program and transition to complete their Texas A&M degree, as well as payment of student application fees, community college orientations, and travel for campus events. In 2018, the pool for the program was 16% women, 3% African American, and 45% Hispanic; by comparison, enrollment numbers for U.S. engineering students were 22% women, 4% African American and 12% Hispanic.

“ASEE is fortunate to have a corporate partner in Chevron that is so committed to furthering engineering education,” said ASEE Executive Director Norman Fortenberry. “Their leadership, both in our Society and in the corporate environment, sets a standard for other companies to follow as they seek to engage our members and our students.”

Cynthia Murphy-Ortega, a member of ASEE’s CMC, accepted the award for Chevron, noting, “Chevron is honored to receive this award in recognition of our efforts to enhance community college pathways for diverse engineering students as well as our partnership with Texas A&M.” Murphy-Ortega is Manager of University Partnerships and Association Relations of Chevron Corporation, overseeing Chevron’s relationships with universities and professional societies and institutes throughout the world.