

## ***2026 IEEE/HKN Outstanding Student Award Nominating Instructions***

Thank you for nominating either yourself or another deserving student for the 2026 IEEE/HKN Alton B. Zerby and Carl T. Koerner Outstanding Electrical/Computer Engineering Student of the Year Award.

**All full-time Electrical or Computer Engineering Seniors receiving their first undergraduate degree in the academic school year September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026 are eligible. Each chapter is restricted to one nominee.**

Please be cognizant of the time limits and deadlines associated with this award as late submissions will not be accepted. The nomination process requires the completion of the two page form and the attaching of the other required information, a current CV or Resume, transcript (uncertified is acceptable), portrait style picture, letters of recommendation if desired (it is recommended that the nominee provide letters of recommendation which may be attached to this form), and any other information the nominee deems pertinent. However, be advised that there is a twenty- page limit on the size of the entire nomination package. Please note the nomination process requires signatures, and a quality picture, which may be published. **Electronic (pdf) submissions or mailing (USPS) of the original is acceptable therefore, plan accordingly.** Remember, professionalism in preparation and presentation is important.

Attention, the committee strongly urges the nominee to complete this submission form and submit it to the committee as soon as possible. Upon receipt, timeline permitting, the committee will review this form for adherence to and completeness of the process and contact the nominee if necessary to help the nominee address any concerns.

Committee chairman John DeGraw may be reached at 714.606.6722, JohnRDeGraw@att.net or DeGraw@pacbell.net.

# Update for 2026 Nominations

## Please Read

- All included information and documentation must be in English.
- Should the student desire to submit letters of recommendation letters may be submitted by the author directly to the committee. These letters may also be included in the nomination packet.
- Submit electronically, via USPS, or delivery service to Eta Kappa Nu Student Award Chair:

John DeGraw  
26492 Avenida Veronica  
Mission Viejo, Calif, 92691  
[JohnRDeGraw@att.net](mailto:JohnRDeGraw@att.net)  
[DeGraw@pacbell.net](mailto:DeGraw@pacbell.net)

Should you require assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**2025 Alton B. Zerby and Carl T. Koerner Electrical/Computer  
Engineering Student of the Year Award Recipient**

**Kristen Guernsey**

**Zeta Iota Chapter  
Clemson University**





# Eta Kappa Nu



THE INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR  
ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

## THE ALTON B. ZERBY AND CARL T. KOERNER OUTSTANDING ELECTRICAL or COMPUTER ENGINEERING STUDENT AWARD

### STUDENT NOMINATION FORM

**Note that all information provided is treated confidentially.**

**Eligibility:** Full-time ECE student in senior year, earning their first degree this academic year September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026.  
**Instructions:** This form may be filled out by typing data into the blanks; electronic signatures are acceptable; you may print the form and acquire manual signatures, then submit completed form to the Award Committee. Use extra sheets where additional space is needed. Required attachments are a graduating university transcript (uncertified is acceptable), a current CV or Resume, and a portrait photo. Two (Three maximum) letters of recommendation are recommended and may be attached to this form. Electronic submission or standard mail is accepted. **The required forms, documents, and picture must reach the Committee by 30 June, 2026.**

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address, telephone number, e-mail address	
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School Name, Department address, Department Telephone, Department e-mail	
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Nominating HKN Chapter	
Chapter Address, Chapter e-mail	

"I certify that this nominee is known to me, that the nominee is a person of exemplary character, and, to the best of my knowledge, the answers given in this nomination form give a fair and true representation of the nominee."

**HKN Chapter Officer** *(not the nominee)*:

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Print Name and Office

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Signature and Date

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E-mail Address

**HKN Faculty Advisor**:

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Print Name

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Signature and Date

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E-mail Address

**Department Head**:

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Print Name

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Signature and Date

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E-mail Address

"I hereby accept this nomination for the 'Alton B. Zerby and Carl T. Koerner Outstanding Electrical or Computer Engineering Student Award' and certify that all the answers concerning my scholastic and personal affairs on this nominating form are correct and factual."

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Nominee's Signature and Date

The completed and signed nomination form along with addenda, transcript, photo, CV, and letters of recommendation **must be received** by **30 June, 2026**. Submit electronically, via USPS, or delivery service to:

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[DeGraw@Pacbell.net](mailto:DeGraw@Pacbell.net)

**Nominee's name:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**A. SCHOOL** (The following questions apply to the nominee's school)

1. Total number of all engineering students (ECE, ME, AE, CE, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Number of ECE students in the Junior and Senior status. Junior: \_\_\_\_\_ Senior: \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Number of units required for BS ECE (or equivalent) degree: \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. NOMINEE** (The following questions apply to the nominee)

1. Degree and date expected: \_\_\_\_\_ Other degrees and dates received: \_\_\_\_\_

2. List the grade numerical reference, the nominee's GPA:  
(Typically, e.g. A=4, B=3; etc.)

A=\_\_\_\_, B=\_\_\_\_; Nominee's GPA=\_\_\_\_; Number of Graduating ECE Seniors: \_\_\_\_\_

Normal academic load is \_\_\_\_\_ units per term or semester.

3. Extra-curricular activities (*only list items not included in the attached CV/Resume*)

a. List memberships and offices held in honor, technical, or other societies:


b. List of other extracurricular activities, such as hobbies, sports, etc.:


c. List part- or full-time employment. Indicate the nature of work and number of hours per week currently devoted to employment: Current total hours per week employed \_\_\_\_\_.


4. List scholarships and other awards which assist in the payment of tuition and other expenses. Identify by name or source, the amount, and indicate whether it is per term or a one-time grant:

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5. Awards and honorary recognition's (i.e., Dean's List, etc.):


6. Technical achievements (papers, inventions, talks, etc.). Identify in detail by title, patent number, or other means. Give dates and sponsors:


7. Non-technical achievements that demonstrate the nominee's contribution to classmates, school, and community. Use extra sheets as necessary:


**Nominee's name:** \_\_\_\_\_.

Attach Photo Here