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The Payne Award

The Payne Award was established in recognition of Rodger Payne who, during his association with the Engineering Design Graphics Division, epitomized the best in industrial and educational cooperation, was a strong supporter of graphics education, and became a true friend to each member who knew him. The Award (1) is conferred upon an individual, who over a period of time demonstrates support and encouragement to our Division as was demonstrated by Rodger Payne of Autodesk, Inc., (2) is non-competitive, and (3) is not given regularly; rather it is reserved to recognize an extraordinary level of industrial support. During the 2011-2012 Mid-Year Conference, SolidWorks' Director World Education Markets, Marie Planchard, was recognized by the Division for her continued support of the Division and its members.



Photo by Theodore Branoff

Before joining SolidWorks, Marie spent over 10 years as an engineering professor at Mass Bay College in Wellesley Hills, MA. She has 14 plus years of industry software experience and held a variety of management and engineering positions.

Marie holds a BSME, MSME and a Certified SolidWorks Professional Certification. She is an active member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Society for Engineering Education.

In her SolidWorks blog, she says she works "directly with educational institutions including middle schools, high schools, technical and vocational schools as well as colleges and universities. My job is to talk to all students, teachers and mentors to understand what is needed to further or enhance design and engineering education. It has been really amazing to see how far SolidWorks has gone to improve education and how this sector is continuing to grow."

The awardee is recognized with a framed citation or plaque, which is presented by the Division Chair or their delegate at the Annual Conference Awards Banquet. Following the presentation, the recipient may address those assembled.

The award description can be found at http://edgd.asee.org/awards/payne/index.htm

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