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ASCE's 2016 OPAL Award Recipients Span Engineering Excellence

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ASCE's Outstanding Projects and Leaders awards have been civil engineering's preeminent lifetime achievement honor since their establishment in 1999.

The 2016 class of OPAL winners includes a groundbreaking life-cycle engineer, a retired major general who managed U.S. Air Force facilities engineering, a preeminent designer and developer of landfills, a man accomplished as both a lawyer and engineer, and the third-generation leader of a national heavy civil construction firm.

The OPAL awards recognize outstanding civil engineering leaders whose significant accomplishments across their careers have contributed to construction, design, education, government, or management. This year's honorees

are

Rudolph Bonaparte, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, NAE, for design;
Dan M. Frangopol, Ph.D., P.E., F.E.M.I, Dist.M.ASCE, F.S.E.I, for education;
Eugene "Gene" A. Lupia, P.E., F.ASCE, for government;
George J. Pierson, Esq., P.E., M.ASCE, for management;
Christopher S. Traylor, P.E., M.ASCE, for construction.

Click on each name for biographical highlights. Each recipient will receive his honors at ASCE's [2016 OPAL Gala](#), March 17, in Arlington, VA.

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