

# 2024 Rising Star Awards Honor Eight Inspiring Women in Engineering

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, October 15, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [SAE Media Group](#) has announced the winners of its inaugural Rising Star Awards: Women in Engineering program that honors and recognizes women engineers whose contributions have had a positive impact on their profession and their exemplary work inspires the next generation of women engineers.

Organizations worldwide were invited to nominate outstanding women engineers whose achievements have positively impacted both the industry and society. In its inaugural year, the Rising Star Awards program received over 200 nominations from across the globe.

After meticulous evaluation by an independent panel of judges and SAE Media Group editors, a total of eight winners were selected from six categories: Aerospace/Defense, Automotive/Transportation, Electronics, Manufacturing, Medical, and Sustainability. There were ties in both Manufacturing and Medical, resulting in two winners for each category.

"Our Rising Star Awards reflect the contributions of incredible women engineers who continue to push boundaries and are making an impact beyond their organizations," said Carla Bailo, President of [SAE International](#). "I would like to congratulate the eight outstanding winners this year who are not only driving innovation in the engineering profession but are also excellent role models to young girls who might be thinking about a career in engineering and technology. These rising stars represent the future of the industry, and their success demonstrates that diversity in engineering brings fresh perspectives and drives groundbreaking solutions," she added.



The 2024 Rising Star Awards recipients include:

Aerospace/Defense

Heather Cummings  
Senior Engineer - Flight Controls & Autonomy  
Lockheed Martin Sikorsky Aircraft

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Automotive/Transportation

Bruque Argaw  
Functional Safety Integration Engineer  
General Motors

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Electronics

Dr. La'Quata Sumter  
Professor  
DeVry University

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Manufacturing

Jessica Polkinghorn  
Senior Manager  
Apple Inc.

Stephanie de Boissieu  
Vice President General Manager, Factory Automation  
Emerson

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Medical

Asha Parekh  
CEO and Co-Founder  
Frontline Medical Technologies

Oonagh Hassett  
Program Manager  
Symphysis Medical

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Sustainability

Riddhi Padariya  
Senior Controls Engineer  
Heirloom Carbon Technologies

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Congratulations to the incredible young women engineers who have won this prestigious award. Their hard work, dedication, and innovative spirit are not only commendable but truly inspiring. The award honorees exemplify excellence by demonstrating innovation, leadership, and impact on society as well as highlight that with passion and persistence, you can achieve anything.

The Rising Star Awards nominations opened in May 2024, with support from sponsors and partner organizations including SAE International, STRIPES, Association for Advancing Automation, and AUVSI.

To learn more about the awards, visit [www.techbriefs.com/rising-star-awards](http://www.techbriefs.com/rising-star-awards).

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