Joe Casazza '57 to be Honored at April 22 Annual Dinner

Annual Dinner April 22 in the Curry Student Center Ballroom on Northeastern's main campus. 6:00 p.m.

At this year's annual alumni dinner, Joseph F. Casazza '57 will be honored as the 1999 Northeastern University Civil Engineering Alumni Organization's Outstanding Alumnus.

After graduating from Arlington High School in 1951, Joe enrolled in Northeastern University, the first member of his family to ever attend college. Not surprisingly, he enrolled in a co-op program with the Town of Arlington. Joe says he knew, even as a college student, that the key to success in any field are "staying within yourself" and "knowing who you are".

Joe's list of accomplishments and longevity, are testimony to the power of respect for all the people with whom Joe has come in contact with (along with determination and good old-fashioned hard work).

1968 – Present Commissioner of Boston Public Works

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Past Outstanding Civil Engineering Alumni Award Recipients

- 1979  Joseph Lawler ’43
- 1980  William H. Bruce ’30
- 1981  Julius Abrams ’25
- 1982  Edwin B. Cobb ’29
- 1983  Bertram Berger ’54
- 1984  Fenton G. Keyes ’39
- 1985  James N. Deserio ’35
- 1986  Joseph E. Heney ’52
- 1987  Robert B. Barton ’57
- 1988  Stanley Shuman ’48
- 1989  Francis M. Keveille ’60
- 1990  Charles A. Parthen ’51
- 1991  Richard D. Smith ’51
- 1992  Leo F. Peters ’60
- 1993  Robert C. Marini ’54
- 1994  Robert L. Meserve ’51
- 1995  William F. Kearns ’57
- 1996  Peter Ogren ’69
- 1997  Franklin B. Davis ’60
- 1998  Lawrence McCluskey ’48
- 1999  Louis L. Guerriere ’59

The following is a list of a few of the accomplishments of Commissioner Casanza:

Under his supervision, the Public Works Department has rebuilt and/or reconstructed city bridges involving millions of dollars. Presently, a design is underway for the New Chelsea Street Bridge including a new vertical lift span over the Chelsea Creek, estimated to cost approximately $37 million.

Implemented the closing, capping and initial conversion of the 98-acre Gardner Street landfill in West Roxbury to a public park. This park will include sports fields, 350 car parking, 2.5 miles of pathways, picnic areas, children play areas, a canoe launch, a passive recreation area, and a wildlife habitat. Also housed on the 98 acres is a newly constructed public works facility for West Roxbury.

As the Host City for the Nation’s largest Public Works project ($10.8 billion dollar “Big Dig”), Commissioner Casanza helped guide this massive project through the oldest Metropolitan area while protecting both the City’s taxpayer’s interest, and the interest of the overall project itself.

According to the Weather Services Bureau, the three worst storms ever to hit the City of Boston (snow and ice) occurred in 1969, 1978, and 1997, and were managed by Commissioner Casanza.

Joe served on many committees, as a member of City-State-National Infrastructure Committees, National Chairman of Public Works task Force on Communications, Diplomat- American Academy of Environmental Engineers, President of New England Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA), Board of Directors for – AWPA – representing all new England States and the Atlantic Provinces and Quebec in Canada, and National President of the APWA representing Public Works Officials in the United States and Canada.

Joe is married to his wife of 43 years, Mimi and they have Six children, and Thirteen grandchildren.

Mark you calendar and make your reservation. Our Annual dinner will be held on Thursday evening, April 22 at the Curry Student Center Ballroom.

Please fill out the reservation form contained in this newsletter and let us know that you will join your classmates, fellow civil alumni, faculty and student scholarship recipients.

For more detailed information contact Patrick J. Watters at 617-443-9400 or email at pwatters@hdrinc.com
RECENT PAST NUCEAO EVENTS

NUCEAO WINTER LUNCHEON
ALEX BARDOW OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
ANTHONY'S PIER 4
JANUARY 26, 1999
A record 70 Northeastern University Civil Engineering Alumni gathered at Anthony's Pier 4 for our Winter '99 Luncheon. Mr. Alex Bardow, Massachusetts Highway Department Bridge Engineer was the featured speaker. Mr. Bardow gave a presentation entitled “6 Days in May” which depicted the destruction and rehabilitation of the column supporting the upper deck of Route 93 which was struck by a lumber truck in May of '96. Not only did Mr. Bardow explain cutting edge design techniques such as heat straightening, but showed how a team of Civil Engineers working together can make a difference. Look for next year's Luncheon in future files as they are an excellent way to network, or simply enjoy a nice lunch among friends.

NUCEAO HOCKEY NIGHT AT MATTHEW'S ARENA
NORTHEASTERN VS. BOSTON UNIVERSITY MEN'S HOCKEY
NORTHEASTERN'S MATTHEWS ARENA VARSITY CLUB
FEBRUARY 26, 1999
Using our clout as a large group, NUCEAO was able to obtain access for our members to The Varsity Club, a private bar located inside Matthews Arena. Several NUCEAO members enjoyed drinks and conversation while watching our Huskies take on the cross town BU Terriers. We look forward to planning a similar event next year.

Why get involved?

Everybody's life is busy. Work, professional societies, friends, family, social obligations, etc. With so many opportunities out there and demands on your time, you can't say YES all the time to all of the people no matter how much you would like to.

This causes us to constantly re-evaluate our priorities. The first cut of priorities are the easiest; Family, work, friends, etc.. It is the second and third tier priorities that are the most difficult to decide upon. ASCE, BSCE, ACEC, ABC and XYZ... Oftentimes it boils down to, "What am I getting out of my association with this organization relative to what am I putting in?"

As a NUCEAO member, I have often asked my self this very same question. Am I the only one who cares? What good does my minimal involvement really amount to? Hopefully, this newsletter will give you a snapshot of what good we accomplish as a group when we pool our strength. Over $20,000 in hard money scholarships awarded in the past few years to really good kids who need and deserve it; continual support of the student chapter in all of their commendable endeavors; and a closer connection between all of us who share the same common bond. Whether you graduated in 1939 or will graduate in 1999, we all made it through the civil engineering program at Northeastern.

Maybe somebody helped you when you were back in school. Maybe nobody was there to help you and you remember wishing that there was somebody to help. It is not possible to repay each individual favor directly to each person who helped us along the way. But, if you subscribe to the saying "The best way to repay a favor is to pass it on to somebody else," you can make a difference and feel good about yourself at the same time.

Through NUCEAO you are part of a greater group that hopefully in your eyes, "passes on the favor."
If you would like to get more involved and serve as an officer in NUCEAO, please contact Bob Tillman at 617-373-5753 or Patrick Watters at 617-443-9400.

Join the NUCEAO Email List
If you would like to hear about NUCEAO news and events via email, please email you address to pwatters@hdmue.com. While almost 200 people receive NUCEAO email, addresses are hidden to recipients to maintain the privacy of your email address.
"assist engineering students and to expand the capabilities of the Student Chapter of ASCE."

The Student Chapter Assistance Fund
When sending in your membership renewal, many of you chose to contribute to the Student Chapter Assistance Fund. Our Charter states that NUCEAO was formed to "assist engineering students and to expand the capabilities of the Student Chapter of ASCE." All monies contributed to this fund are spent solely on the needs of the Student Chapter.

The student officers of the Chapter prepare proposals and present them to the NUCEAO executive board. Sometimes the request are to cover expenses involved with travel and competition in the Concrete Canoe Races. While we alumni may design traditional rectangular boat sections for a roadways, the students start out with a more canoe shaped section.

We also provide support for the student's participation in the Steel Bridge Competition. In both of these endeavors, the students conceive, design, construct and compete against other civil engineering universities in the New England area. It gives them a forum to test their engineering problem solving skills in a team-building atmosphere. These activities create a great comradery across class years and co-op divisions for all student participants.

With the support of NUCEAO, the students are always a step ahead of all the other schools. The NU Student Chapter of ASCE continues the proud tradition of ongoing community service projects. These projects have been featured on the front page of ASCE's Civil Engineering magazine and have earned the ASCE Student Chapter ASCE's Robert Ridgeway award for the best student chapter in the Country more times than any other school.

NUCEAO has always contributed, and will continue to support these efforts which make us all proud to be from NU.
"Assist civil engineering students . . ."

The student scholarship fund

This is perhaps the most rewarding NUCEAO activity of all. For those of you who fill in the line on your membership renewal for the NUCEAO Scholarship fund, there are several young civil engineers who are most grateful. As an organization, we have been able to award over $20,000 in scholarships to deserving students over the past five years. These students are chosen for their academic achievements, and especially for the well rounded participation and demonstrated leadership while students at Northeastern. Last year NUCEAO presented five $1000 members of the class of 1999 each with a check for $1000 at our April dinner. The executive committee is committed to keeping a zero balance in this account each year by awarding all contributions sent in.

Come see the students who will benefit from your generosity this year at our April 22 Annual dinner. (see the reservation form at the end of this newsletter)

Thank you very much for honoring me with a Student Achievement Award. As the Division A President of the ASCE Student Chapter, I greatly appreciate your generous support for our activities throughout the year. This award means a great deal to me and will help me conclude my education at Northeastern. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

You sure know how to brighten up a day!

Respectfully-
Shelley Boydston.

Last year's recipients of NUCEAO scholarships who will be graduating in June

Shelly Boydston '99
Joseph Di Sipio '99
Gitanjali Shinde '99
Sean Waldron '99
Deborah Yeager '99

Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Edward B. Wenners also present a generous scholarship award at our annual dinner. This scholarship goes to Northeastern civil engineering students who are involved in our national defense. Last year's recipients were:

Sean Reilly '98
and
David Youngsman '99
Bob Tillman '72 named Dean of Cooperative Education

This past year, Northeastern University President Richard Freeland named our very own Bob Tillman as the acting dean of cooperative education. Bob received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Northeastern in 1972. Continuing his education at NU, he received his M.E. in the Counselor Education / Cooperative Education Specialist Program in 1979 and then his Ed. D. in Administration of Higher Education in 1988.

Bob has always been an active NUCEAO member, serving as President during the 1993-94 year and as a board member for almost 10 years. Congrats!!

Where are you and what are you doing?

It should not surprise anyone that a great number of NU Alumni are contributing in many ways to the construction of the Central Artery / Third Harbor Tunnel and other public and private projects in the Boston and Eastern Massachusetts area. We hear familiar names in news reports and sometimes sit in meetings and negotiations with individuals who appear to have a familiar approach to solving problems.

Wouldn’t it be interesting and perhaps helpful to find out more about your fellow alumni, not only from Massachusetts but from other locations, from those who manage engineering and construction firms to the individual who is inspecting and approving your work? We learn about a few promotions in the NU Magazine; most of us are too modest to submit an announcement. We’re missing an excellent opportunity to network among individuals who come from the same work/study background.

A few of us maintain contact with a small number of alumni through NUCEAO and its functions. Many, however, read mailings from the organization to keep abreast of what is going on within the Alumni group. If each mailing features a short list of alumni, the names of the firms with which they are associated and a short summary of their responsibilities, wouldn’t the information be interesting and perhaps useful?

Send your information and that for a few other NU Civil Engineering graduates, you feel should be acknowledged, to nuceao@coe.neu.edu and they will be listed in upcoming mailings. If you wish to mail the information, send it to Ed Cardoza at The Millgard Corporation, 10 Tower Office Park, Suite 202, Woburn, MA 01801

You’ll be surprised how much attention this feature will attract!
NORTHEASTERN CIVIL ENGINEERING ALUMNI ORGANIZATION (NUCEAO)

ANNUAL DINNER
AND
BUSINESS MEETING

THURSDAY APRIL 22, 1999

AT THE NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY BALLROOM LOCATED IN THE CURRY STUDENT CENTER.

AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, A RECEPTION WILL BE HELD FROM 6:00 TO 7:00 P.M., FOLLOWED BY DINNER. AFTER DINNER WE WILL HAVE THE OUTSTANDING ALUMNIUS AWARD CEREMONY, STUDENT AWARDS AND THE ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS.

The Annual Dinner provides a great opportunity to see old friends and classmates, meet new people, and enjoy a relaxing dinner. Please mark your calendar now, tell your friends, and plan to attend your annual dinner.

Name: ______________________    Class: _______

Guest Name(s): ________________________________

Number attending @ $25.00 per person: ______________

Amount enclosed: ________________________________

Please make your check payable to NUCEAO and return to:

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