Annual Induction Fact Sheet

The National Inventors Hall of Fame® Annual Induction event is The Greatest Celebration of American Innovation®, honoring and celebrating the world's foremost inventors and their contributions to society. This black-tie gala not only hails the outstanding achievements of U.S. patent holders, but also brings those men and women together with innovation leaders and fellow inventors.

- Each year, the National Inventors Hall of Fame selects a new Class of Inductees through a process that accepts nominations from all sources, and relies on a panel of experts in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Intellectual Property to screen, vet and make final selections.
- The criteria for Induction into the National Inventors Hall of Fame requires candidates to hold a United States patent that has contributed significantly to the nation's welfare and the advancement of science and the useful arts.
- Every Inductee selected has had a revolutionary impact on our nation, and yet each of their journeys is fascinating and unique. Through our annual Induction events we shine a spotlight on these innovative spirits, share their contributions in STEM and ultimately tell their stories of perseverance, creativity and determination.

Ceremony Details for 2018

The 2018 National Inventors Hall of Fame Ceremony will be a two-day event composed of the following:

- **Illumination Ceremony, May 2, 2018:** The Illumination Ceremony will take place at the National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum at the United States Patent and Trademark Office Headquarters in Alexandria, Va. This is an intimate event where new Inductees place their personalized, illuminated hexagons into our Gallery of Icons™ exhibit, forever commemorating their inclusion into our Hall of Fame and contribution to humanity.

- **Induction Ceremony, May 3, 2018:** This black-tie gala will kick off with a VIP reception at 6 p.m., followed by the Awards Ceremony and dinner at 7 p.m. During the Ceremony, each of our 2018 Inductees or their families will be brought on stage to receive their official medallions.

Available Resources:

- Press Room
- Invent.org
- NIHF Facebook
- NIHF Twitter
- NIHF Instagram
- Camp Invention Facebook
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- USPTO Facebook
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For more information on our Inductees, please visit invent.org/honor/inductees/.

Past Inductee Highlights

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About Us

The National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF) is the premier nonprofit organization in America dedicated to recognizing inventors and invention, promoting creativity and advancing the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship. Founded in 1973 in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, NIHF is committed to not only honoring the individuals whose inventions have made the world a better place, but to ensuring American ingenuity continues to thrive in the hands of coming generations through its national, hands-on educational programming and collegiate competitions focused on the exploration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum is a Smithsonian Affiliate. For more information, visit invent.org. To nominate an inventor for Induction, visit invent.org/nominate.
Sample Facebook Posts
The @InventorsHOF will welcome 15 new Inductees on May 3, 2018. Learn more about each of these @USPTO patent holders and how their innovations have made an impact on society:

invent.org/honor/Inductees #NIHF18

From organ donation to the way we all watch football every Sunday, the 2018 Class of @InventorsHOF Inductees have changed our world for the better! Visit invent.org/honor/Inductees to learn about each Inductee before the May 3 Induction Ceremony! #NIHF18

The 2018 National Inventors Hall of Fame Class has been announced! These 15 groundbreaking innovators will join more than 540 others who continue to inspire and challenge future generations, through the @InventorsHOF. Visit invent.org/inspire to learn how NIHOF comes to life in classrooms and competitions throughout the country. #NIHF18

Not only do @InventorsHOF Inductees work to improve society, they change the world. Celebrate the world’s brightest minds - the 2018 Inductee Class! Learn more about this year’s Class and their groundbreaking inventions at invent.org/honor/Inductees. #NIHF18

Sample Tweets and Instagram Posts
15 groundbreaking innovators will be inducted into the 2018 @InventorsHOF Class on 5/3! Learn more: invent.org/honor/Inductees #NIHF18

A new class of inspiring innovators will be inducted into the @InventorsHOF at The Greatest Celebration of American Innovation® on 5/3. Learn more about these 15 Inductees at invent.org/honor/Inductees #NIHF18

The 2018 @InventorsHOF Class has been announced! These Inductees will join more than 540 others who change the world and play an integral role in @CampInvention curriculum. Learn more: invent.org/inspire #NIHF18

The @InventorsHOF has announced its 2018 Inductee Class! These 15 individuals have changed our world & will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on 5/3! Learn more about each Inductee: invent.org/honor/Inductees #NIHF18

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