

THE 47TH ANNUAL
NATIONAL INVENTORS
HALL OF FAME
Induction Ceremony



2019 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 fellow inventors and other leaders in innovation.

- 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 U.S. patent that has contributed significantly to the nation's welfare and the advancement of science and the useful arts.
- Every Inductee has had a revolutionary impact on our nation, and 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 tell their stories of perseverance, creativity and determination.

Event Details for 2019

The 2019 National Inventors Hall of Fame Induction Event will take place over two days and will include the following ceremonies:

- **Illumination Ceremony, May 1, 2019:** 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, Virginia. This is an intimate event where new Inductees place their personalized, illuminated hexagons into our Gallery of Icons™ exhibit, forever commemorating their inclusion in our Hall of Fame.
- **Induction Ceremony, May 2, 2019:** This black-tie gala will kick off with a reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Awards Ceremony and dinner at 7 p.m. At this time, each of our 2019 Inductees or their families will be brought on stage to receive their official medallions.

Past Inductee Highlights

Henry Ford
1982, Transmission Mechanism

Art Fry and Spencer Silver
2010, Post-it® Notes

Stan Honey
2018, Sports Broadcast Graphic Enhancements

Stephanie Kwolek
1995, Kevlar® Fiber

Sumita Mitra
2018, Nanocomposite Dental Materials

Shuji Nakamura
2015, Blue LED

Jacqueline Quinn
2018, EZVI (Emulsified Zero-Valent Iron)

Steve Sasson
2011, Digital Camera

Steve Wozniak
2000, Personal Computer

For more information on our Inductees, please visit invent.org/inductees

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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/inductees/nominate-inventor.

Help spread the excitement of the 2019 National Inventors Hall of Fame Induction Event.



Sumita Mitra, inventor of Nanocomposite Dental Materials, places her hexagon in the Gallery of Icons™ at the 2018 Illumination Ceremony.



Art Fry shows pride for his invention, the Post-it® Notes, on stage at the 2018 Induction Ceremony.

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Sample Facebook Posts

The @InventorsHOF will welcome 19 new Inductees on 5/2. Learn more about each of these @USPTO patent holders and how their innovations have made an impact on society: invent.org/inductees/new-inductees #NIHF19

From power tools to the way we edit big screen motion pictures, the inventions of our 2019 @InventorsHOF Inductee Class have changed our world for the better! Visit invent.org/inductees/new-inductees to learn about each Inductee before the 5/2 Induction Event! #NIHF19

The 2019 National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductee Class has been announced! These 19 groundbreaking innovators will join nearly 600 others who continue to inspire and challenge future generations through the @InventorsHOF. Visit invent.org/programs to learn how NIHF comes to life in classrooms and competitions throughout the country. #NIHF19

Not only do @InventorsHOF Inductees work to improve society, they change the world. Celebrate the world's brightest minds – the 2019 Inductee Class! Learn more about this year's Class and their groundbreaking inventions at invent.org/inductees/new-inductees. #NIHF19

Sample Tweets

19 groundbreaking innovators will be inducted into the 2019 @InventorsHOF Class on 5/2! Learn more: invent.org/inductees/new-inductees #NIHF19

A new class of inspiring innovators will be inducted into the @InventorsHOF at The Greatest Celebration of American Innovation® on 5/2. Learn more about these 19 Inductees at invent.org/inductees/new-inductees #NIHF19

The 2019 @InventorsHOF Class has been announced! These Inductees will join nearly 600 others who have changed the world and play an integral role in #CampInvention curriculum. Learn more: invent.org/programs #NIHF19

The @InventorsHOF has announced its 2019 Inductee Class! These 19 individuals will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on 5/2 for changing our world for the better. Learn more about each Inductee: invent.org/inductees/new-inductees #NIHF19