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Outstanding Engineers Receive APEGA Summit Awards for Contributions to Alberta's Communities

EDMONTON – The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) celebrated engineering and geoscience excellence at the annual Summit Awards Gala on April 23, 2026, held at the Edmonton Convention Centre in Edmonton. This year, nine Summit Awards were handed out for exceptional innovation and dedication in the professions.

The professional engineers and professional geoscientists receiving APEGA Summit Awards have made outstanding contributions to their professions or to the community and are chosen from nominations sent in by fellow APEGA licensed professionals, colleagues, students, and the public.

From developing innovative underground hydrogen storage, to reimagining wastewater treatment and setting new benchmarks for sustainable municipal infrastructure, to using inclusive design in the development of AI tools for health care, these APEGA licensed professionals are improving the lives of Albertans.

Congratulations to the 2026 Summit Award recipients:

- **Akshay Saxena, P.Eng., PMP**, Community Service Award Recipient
- **Sheliza Kassam, P.Eng.**, Early Accomplishment Award Recipient
- **Hassan Dehghanpour, PhD, P.Eng.**, Environment and Sustainability Award Recipient
- **David Nobes, BE (Mech), PhD, P.Eng.**, Excellence in Education Award Recipient
- **Apostolos Kantzas, PhD, P.Eng.**, Frank Spragins Technical Achievement Award Recipient
- **Olugbenga Ibikunle, MBA, PhD, P.Eng.**, Outstanding Mentor Award Recipient
- **Sundre Wastewater Treatment Project**, Project Achievement Award Recipient
- **Uttandaraman Sundararaj, PhD, P.Eng.**, Research Excellence Award Recipient (awarded posthumously)
- **Mariana Bento, PhD, P.Eng.**, Women in Engineering and Geoscience Champion Award Recipient

Full biographies can be found on apega.ca.

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ABOUT APEGA

APEGA is the regulator of engineering and geoscience in Alberta, safeguarding the public by enforcing professional and ethical standards. Our licensed professionals and permit-holding companies sustain a century-long legacy of innovation and economic growth in our province, inspiring the next generation of engineers and geoscientists.

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