<u>Pauline Wade Acceptance Speech</u>

I am grateful to have been selected to receive the Isadore T. Davis Award for Excellence in Collaboration of Engineering Education and Industry. Thank you all so much for sharing this occasion with me.

This accomplishment is not something that I did alone, and there are many others who deserve to share in this award.

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I will continue to find ways to support Mr. Isadore T. Davis' vision to "promote excellence in engineering education with industry involvement" for many years to come.   I am humbled and appreciative of this recognition. Thank you.