

William Elgin Wickenden Award Acceptance Letter

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the ASEE and JEE Awards Committee for recognizing my work with the Wickenden Outstanding Publication award. Much like Allen's experience through higher education, "Allen" being the sole student featured in the article, the journey of getting this manuscript published was a testament of perseverance. I am grateful to family members and colleagues who never let me give up on telling this story. I would also be remiss if I failed to mention the anonymous reviewers and JEE editorial team who reviewed, and reviewed, and reviewed many iterations of this article. In doing so, you pushed, encouraged, and helped with the evolution of my thinking and writing of this manuscript. I am a stronger scholar because of you.

This award isn't about me. It's about the work. This article and award represents a commitment to the work of broadening participation, and a community that valued what this manuscript could offer to the engineering education knowledge base. Finally, I would like to share this award with underrepresented students of color in engineering, whose stories of perseverance and triumph are buried within large datasets. I see you, I hear you. Your valuable stories will continue to be told! Thank You!