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**Mobile Area Council of Engineers Annual Award Recipients  
*Awards Banquet to be held Thursday, January 26, 2023***

**Mobile, Alabama (January 2023) –** [The Mobile Area Council of Engineers (MACE)](http://www.mobileareacouncilofengineers.com), is proud to announce its annual award recipients. MACE, a local non-profit (501c3), recognizes the success of individuals who enhance the engineering profession through their contributions to the industry, in education, and to the community. Award recipients will be recognized at the annual banquet on **Thursday, January 26, 2023,** at **the MacQueen Alumni Center** on the University of South Alabama campus. **Networking** will begin at **5 pm**. The **awards banquet** will begin at **7 pm**.

**The award recipients are as follows:**

**Young Engineer of the Year:** Charles William Ross Byerly, P.E. – USACE – Mobile District

**Chemical Engineer of the Year:** Brent D. Barnes, P.E. – Hargrove Engineers + Constructors

**Civil Engineer of the Year:** Natalie French, P.E. – Hargrove Engineers + Constructors **Electrical Engineer of the Year:** James Dunning, P.E. – Hargrove Engineers + Constructors  
**Marine Engineer/Naval Architect of the Year:** Spencer Johnson – Austal USA

**Mechanical Engineer of the Year:** Justin Thibodeaux, P.E., Gulf States Engineering, Inc. (GSE)

**Engineering Manager of the Year:** Robert Matthew Coaker, P.E. – Southern Earth Sciences, Inc.

**Aerospace Engineer of the Year:** Angel Huot - Airbus  
**Individual of Special Recognition:** Warren H. Nicholson – N-Fina Technologies

**Engineering Educator of the Year:** Dr. Robert Cloutier, Professor, University of South Alabama  
**Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Outstanding Engineer:** Derrick Rogers, P.G.

**American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Outstanding Engineer:** Ryan Hedlund, P.E.

**MACE-Raburn Scholarship:** Darian Riley, University of South Alabama Engineering

**MACE-Raburn Scholarship:** Laura Nguyen, University of South Alabama Engineering

**About MACE**

A tradition since 1967, the [Mobile Area Council of Engineers (MACE)](http://www.mobileareacouncilofengineers.com/) was founded by practicing engineers from the local society engineering chapters. Now, a non-profit (501c3), MACE recognizes engineering leaders in the Mobile area through an annual awards banquet. MACE also awards the MACE-Rabun scholarship to engineering students at the University of South Alabama. For more information, visit [www.mobileareacouncilofengineers.com](http://www.mobileareacouncilofengineers.com).

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