



Davidson School of
Chemical Engineering

2026 Marilyn Forney Trailblazer Award ***(Graduate Student Award)***

Award Description: The Marilyn Forney Trailblazer Award was established to recognize an outstanding student whose impact has helped pave the way for women in the field of engineering. The award is based on contribution and participation in the Women in Engineering Program, Women in Chemical Engineering Seminar, and leadership and service efforts within these programs throughout their academic journey.

Frequency: One award per year

Amount: \$500 per award, and a plaque

Eligibility: Any ChE graduate student is eligible for this award. Previous award recipients are ineligible to be nominated again for this award.

Nomination Process: Any ChE faculty member, staff, graduate or undergraduate student can nominate any ChE eligible student. A nominator can support only one candidate. Nominations will be submitted by email to Robin Waling (rwaling@purdue.edu). Nominations should not exceed two pages, and should include specific examples. Please attach a copy of the nominee's resume in support of the nomination.

Due Date for Nominations: April 10, 2026.

Selection: The selection will be made by the Graduate Student Awards Selection Committee.

Previous award recipients:

2017: Sydney Hollingshead

2018: Claire Kilmer

2019: Claire Nimlos

2020: Laura Wilcox

2021: Jessica Torres

2024: Montgomery Laky

2025: Kiruba Catherine Vincent