

## PSEAS Young Alumni Achievement Award



**Sean Flynn '07g** is a recipient of the Penn State Engineering Alumni Society's (PSEAS) 2015 Young Alumni Achievement Award. He was honored during a ceremony held Apr. 23.

Flynn made significant impacts after his graduation and full time engagement with his family business, Flynn Stone. He quickly became a trusted leader of high-profile projects in Washington, DC, and also led the participation of his company in numerous international display competitions of stone and landscape design.

Currently, Flynn leads the procurement, design support, and completion of major stone projects, including the recently completed National Gallery of Art East Building, which required one of the most extensive project scopes and technical challenges of its kind in Washington, DC.

In 2007, Flynn began his first efforts to give back to the AE program and Penn State by arranging the donation of all the indoor and outdoor bluestone slate needed for the MorningStar solar home in support of the department's entry in the Solar Decathlon competition. This striking feature of the home played a key role in communicating the value of high-mass and durable materials as contributors to net-zero energy homes. In the wake of the Decathlon, Flynn and his family extended their offer to include a variety of new stone and slate products for the MorningStar home and nine acre Sustainability Experience Center. Later, after the untimely passing of AE Professor Dr. Michael Horman, Flynn again stepped forward to support the student team that had formed to build a memorial structure to honor Dr. Horman. He helped the student team with design ideas, and ultimately helped fabricate custom stone, engravings, and veneer materials for the Horman Memorial.

Through this series of contributions at Penn State's campus, Flynn and his father caught the attention of Design Services leaders at Penn State, and were invited to contribute ideas and stone samples for future projects on the Penn State campus. This relationship blossomed and resulted in a partnership with Flynn Stone in the design and material selection for the recently completed Nittany Lion Shrine renovation. This striking new feature on the Penn State campus will benefit thousands of students and alumni for years to come and is in part, the result of the generosity and creativity of Flynn and his family.

Flynn's entrepreneurial skills have contributed to the growth of a small family business into a multi-million dollar international enterprise that is nationally recognized as one of the top stone design and fabrication companies.

The PSEAS Young Alumni Achievement Award recognizes engineering alumni 35 years of age and younger for their extraordinary professional accomplishments. The goal of the award is to engage and involve successful recent graduates with the College of Engineering community and to demonstrate to current students that Penn State engineering alumni can succeed at an early age and that it does not necessarily take a lifetime to make a positive impact on society.