



**Karen Sweeney, (AE Class of 1980)** is one of two engineering alumni who will be honored Oct. 8, 2014 for their outstanding professional accomplishments and given the title of Alumni Fellow, the Penn State Alumni Association's highest award.

Sweeney is senior vice president for diversity, inclusion and community for Turner Construction Co. in Baltimore.

She is a founding member of In Counsel with Women in Cleveland, and is a member of the Conference Board's Council of U.S. Diversity and Inclusion Executives, and the Society of Women Engineers.

In 2010, Sweeney received the College of Engineering's Outstanding Engineering Alumni Award.

She is immediate past president of the Penn State Engineering Alumni Society; founding member of the Penn State Alumni Society of Architectural Engineers affiliate program group; and a member of the College of Engineering's Industrial and Professional Advisory Council.

Since the award was established in 1973, more than 700 alumni have been honored with the title of Alumni Fellow, designated a permanent and lifelong title by the Penn State Board of Trustees. This year, 21 alumni will receive the award.