

ILLUMINATING LEGACIES



1 The National Inventors Hall of Fame welcomes nominations from the public and selects a new class of Inductees each year. Nominees must:

- Hold a U.S. patent for a significant invention
- Have contributed to meaningful progress in their field
- Have demonstrated perseverance in their personal and professional journeys
- Have embodied a passion for improving our society

2 Inductees are honored at our annual Induction Ceremony — the Greatest Celebration of American Innovation. Inductees like Ching Wan Tang and Steven Van Slyke gather to recognize revolutionary ideas and exceptional ingenuity.

3 Inductees inspire, inform and often become actively involved in everything we do. Inductees like Frances Ligler participate in events such as the National Inventors Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and education programs including Camp Invention.

4 The lessons and stories of Inductees are shared with the next generation through our nationwide education programs. Like many Inductees, Sumita Mitra has made personal visits to Camp Invention program sites.

5 Inductees like Gary Sharp have served as Judges at the Collegiate Inventors Competition, providing invaluable insight and advice to emerging innovators representing universities across the country.

6 Inductees become deeply ingrained in our mission to recognize inventors, promote creativity, and advance the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship. Lonnie Johnson proudly shares his innovative journey and adds to his legacy as a National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductee.