



INDUCTION CEREMONY

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Your support for the National Inventors Hall of Fame® reaches far beyond the annual Induction Ceremony to build a brighter future.

You make it possible to continue sharing the lessons of Inductees, not only at the National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum but also through nationwide invention education programs and competitions for emerging leaders in innovation.

Your partnership makes a lasting difference by sustaining our mission to recognize inventors, promote creativity, and advance the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship.



JD Albert, co-inventor of Electronic Ink.



Sumita Mitra, inventor of Nanocomposite Dental Materials.



Victor Lawrence, inventor of Signal Processing in Telecommunications.

Front cover left to right: 2025 Inductees: Pamela Marrone, Richard Schatz, David Huang, Virginia Norwood and Jason McClellan.



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Over 50 years ago, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) cofounded the National Inventors Hall of Fame to recognize excellence in American innovation. As the driving force for our economy, innovation will ensure America's continued success.

With a shared mission to celebrate the world's most influential U.S. patent holders and ensure that America's rich history of ingenuity is carried into the future, the USPTO is proud to support the ongoing work of the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

At the NIHF Induction Ceremony, the Greatest Celebration of American Innovation®, we will gather with the Inductees whose work has shaped our world and together support a vital mission to invent an even brighter tomorrow.

The NIHF Induction events offer a unique opportunity to share an evening with our nation's intellectual property and innovation community, as well as with innovators who have literally changed the world through their creativity and persistence. For more information about the NIHF Induction Ceremony - the Greatest Celebration of American Innovation® - please visit invent.org/induction.

Sincerely,

Coke Morgan Stewart

Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Acting Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office



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Inductee Kerrie Holley, inventor of Service-Oriented Architecture, with his wife and daughter.

EVENT OVERVIEW

Held annually in partnership with the USPTO, the National Inventors Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is the year's most prestigious event for leaders in innovation. Honoring the world-changing legacies of 656 Inductees since 1973, each year brings an inspiring new class of U.S. patent holders whose work has made our lives easier, safer, healthier and more fulfilling. Your organization can make a significant impact by honoring even more innovative heroes and inspiring the next generation.

Join in the celebration and become a partner for the National Inventors Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.



ILLUMINATION CEREMONY

Wednesday, May 6, 2026
National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum
Alexandria, Virginia



INDUCTION CEREMONY

Thursday, May 7, 2026
The Anthem
Washington, D.C.



WHY SPONSOR

With this exciting event, a meaningful partnership begins. For more than 50 years, our nonprofit has connected young innovators across the country with exceptional role models: our Hall of Fame Inductees. With your support, what might we accomplish in the next 50 years?

INVALUABLE PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

Induction sponsors receive brand recognition before, during and after the Induction events. The National Inventors Hall of Fame also offers collaborative support to highlight your brand through our digital and social media channels, and public relations.

At the National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum, located at the USPTO headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, exhibits offer even more sponsorship opportunities that may be tailored to your brand and philanthropic goals.



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Trace the evolution of wireless technology from the breakthroughs that power your smartphone to the everything-connected world of 5G at this exhibit sponsored by Qualcomm.

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Explore artifacts showing the evolution of major brands and see the difference between genuine and counterfeit products.

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2025 NATIONAL INVENTORS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

778,456 #NIHF2025 SOCIAL IMPRESSIONS

798 NEWS HITS

6.7 BILLION IMPRESSIONS GENERATED THROUGH MEDIA



Inductees Pamela Marrone, inventor of Biological Pest Control, and Frances Ligler, inventor of Portable Optical Biosensors.



Inductees James Fujimoto, David Huang and Eric Swanson, co-inventors of Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) pose with their exhibit at the National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum.

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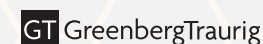


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National Inventors Hall of Fame Induction sponsorship packages are highly customizable, offering a wide range of benefits to meet your needs.

Secure your sponsorship now for the May 2026 National Inventors Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony!

Gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Barrett Comiskey, co-inventor of Electronic Ink, and his wife Jojo Comiskey.



Debbie Freireich, daughter of 2025 Inductee Emil J Freireich, co-inventor of the Continuous-Flow Blood Cell Separator.



SPONSOR BENEFITS

	Inductee \$100,000	Entrepreneur \$50,000	Visionary \$25,000	Honor \$10,000	Inspire \$5,000	Challenge \$2,500
National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF) Illumination Ceremony, Museum Exhibits Opening & VIP Dinner Invitations, May 6, 2026	4 VIP	2 VIP				
NIHF Induction Ceremony & Dinner Invitations, May 7, 2026	20 VIP	10 VIP	8 VIP	8	4	2
Priority Induction Ceremony seating with a NIHF Inductee	✓	✓	✓			
Opportunities for unique brand exposure at NIHF Induction Ceremony VIP Reception or Afterparty	✓					
Recognition in the Induction Ceremony highlight video	✓					
On-stage introduction of a 2026 NIHF Inductee	✓	✓				
Logo recognition on the Step-and-Repeat backdrop	✓	✓				
Featured recognition on the NIHF blog	✓	✓				
On-stage brand acknowledgment	✓	✓	✓			
Opportunity to host an event at the NIHF Museum	✓	✓	✓			
Opportunity to participate in a VIP NIHF Museum tour	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Recognition on the Induction Ceremony invitation	Logo	Logo	Logo	Listing		
Recognition in NIHF public relations	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Recognition on NIHF social media channels	Exclusive Post	Exclusive Post	✓	✓		
Logo recognition on NIHF eblasts featuring the Induction Ceremony	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Recognition at the NIHF Museum (located in Alexandria, VA, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office headquarters)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
On-screen logo recognition during the event	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo recognition in the printed program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Full-color advertisement in the printed program	Full Page	Full Page	1/2 Page	1/2 Page	1/4 Page	1/4 Page
Logo recognition on invent.org	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in the NIHF Annual Report	Logo	Logo	Listing	Listing	Listing	Listing



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