

2024 JUDITH WEISZMANN WOMEN IN ENGINEERING CHAMPION AWARD

Ethel Fernandez., P.Eng.



We are delighted to recognize Ethel Fernandez, P.Eng., as the recipient of the Judith Weiszmann Women in Engineering Champion Award. This award is presented to Ethel in recognition of her exceptional engineering accomplishments, her role as a community leader, and her commitment to advancing and supporting women in the field of engineering.

Ethel's achievements in the workplace are noteworthy. As the first Filipino woman to hold an engineer position at the Royal Canadian Mint in Winnipeg, she has inspired others from diverse backgrounds to pursue engineering careers.

In service to the profession, Ethel has made a substantial impact. Her tenure as President of the Filipino Members Chapter was marked by increased public engagement and membership growth. She successfully collaborated with other cultural chapters, enhancing camaraderie, and expanding participation in engineering-related activities. Her efforts to streamline scholarship processes have provided crucial support to aspiring engineers, ensuring their progression in the profession.

Outside of her professional achievements, Ethel has proved a strong commitment to community service. She started and continues to lead volunteer efforts with Winnipeg Harvest and the Christmas Cheer Board through the Filipino Members Chapter, benefiting local communities. Her contributions extend

globally through her column in the Pilipino Express, which promotes engineering as a choice career and highlights the achievements of Filipino engineers.

Despite a fear of public speaking, Ethel has actively taken part in events to share her experiences and motivate others. Her contributions as a speaker at various engagements have positively affected aspiring engineers and professionals within the community. Her leadership during her presidency of the Filipino Members Chapter exemplified her vision and empathy, leaving an impact on the engineering community.

Ethel Fernandez's substantial achievements and dedication to advancing women in engineering make her a deserving recipient of the Judith Weiszmann Women in Engineering Champion Award. Her leadership and advocacy have enriched the engineering profession and empowered individuals to pursue successful careers.

Engineers Geoscientists of Manitoba proudly recognizes Ethel Fernandez for her outstanding contributions, honoring her as a role model who embodies the principles of Judith Weiszmann, inspiring future generations of engineers to strive for excellence and inclusivity in the field.