

**AIMBE Announces 2026 Award Winners Recognizing Excellence in Medical and Biological Engineering**

Washington, D.C. – April 12, 2026 – The American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) is proud to announce its 2026 award winners, honoring individuals whose groundbreaking contributions have advanced the fields of medical and biological engineering. These prestigious awards will be presented during the AIMBE Awards Banquet on April 12, 2026, at the AIMBE Annual Event in Washington, D.C.

Pierre Galletti Award – Dr. David L. Kaplan

AIMBE is honored to present its highest award, the Pierre Galletti Award, to Dr. David L. Kaplan, Stern Family Endowed Professor of Engineering, Distinguished University Professor, and Professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Tufts University. Dr. Kaplan is recognized for his work in silk-based biomaterials, translational impact on the biomedical sciences, and for advocacy of bioengineers in all aspects of human health. Named after AIMBE's Founding Member and Past President, the Pierre Galletti Award recognizes a career-long commitment to advancing the field through transformative research, service, and advocacy.

AIMBE Professional Impact Awards

AIMBE is also proud to recognize the **2026 Professional Impact Award** winners, who have significantly improved the professional environment within medical and biological engineering:

- **Leadership Award – Dr. Bin He**
Honoring sustained leadership in biomedical engineering, including service on committees, advisory panels, and governance positions to advance the field.
- **Education Award – Dr. Michele Grimm**
Recognizing exceptional contributions to STEM education, curriculum development, and innovative teaching methods that have improved academic experiences for students.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award – Dr. Karen Burg**
Celebrating efforts to increase representation, equity, and inclusion in biomedical engineering, including recruiting, mentoring, and promoting underrepresented individuals.
- **Mentoring Award – Dr. Ke Cheng**
Recognizing outstanding dedication to mentoring students, postdocs, and early-career faculty, providing guidance, motivation, and professional networking opportunities.

“AIMBE is honored to recognize these distinguished individuals for their transformative impact on medical and biological engineering,” said Lola Eniola-Adefeso, Ph.D., AIMBE President. “Their dedication to innovation, leadership, and mentorship is shaping the future of our field and improving lives.”

For more information on AIMBE and its awards, visit www.aimbe.org.



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AIMBE is the authoritative voice and advocate for the value of medical and biological engineering to society. AIMBE's mission is to recognize excellence, advance public understanding, and accelerate medical and biological innovation. No other organization brings together academic, industry, government, and scientific societies to form a highly influential community advancing medical and biological engineering. AIMBE's mission drives advocacy initiatives into action on Capitol Hill and beyond.