

DON WARNER '70

Nominated by: Dan Saevig '79

One of the most decorated graduates in the history of the University of Toledo's College of Engineering, Don rose from an entry level electrical engineering position to become a principal owner of SSOE and Vice President/Director of Quality and Training for the internationally ranked engineering and architecture firm. His major clients included Honda, Toyota, General Motors, Ford, Owens-Illinois, Owens Corning and Libbey-Owens-Ford. His awards include being named the 2008 Toledo Area Engineer of the Year, 2007 Electrical Engineer of the Year for Toledo, 2007 Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Engineering and 2013 University of Toledo Blue T Award recipient for the graduate who contributes to the growth of the University and its Alumni Association. He has served on numerous boards including the University of Toledo Alumni Association where he served as president, Lott Industries where he served as vice chair, Junior Achievement and UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences Executive Advisory Council. In 2022, he and his wife, Connie, made a transformational gift to the Oregon Schools Foundation to cover the cost of technology infrastructure for the recording studio in the Carol-Ann Molnar Performing Arts Studio. It is now known as the Don and Connie Warner Sound Suite.

