



*Outstanding Alumni: Brian Holloway, Charles Myers, Edward Duran, Jack Sparks, David Hahn (MAE Chair), Stephen Elliott (2012 OAA), Adam Zaracki, Joseph Kittinger (not shown)*

## 2013 Outstanding Alumni Awards

### **Mr. Edward Duran** (BSME, 1978)

Ed joined GE Aviation in 1979 as a program engineer, working in turbine design. During his 30+ year career, he has played leadership roles in development of the CF6, GE90, CF34 and CFM56 engine lines. He is currently GM of customer service, responsible for 25,000 engines in the field.

### **Dr. Brian Holloway** (BSME w/ honors, 1992)

Brian went on to earn his PhD from Stanford in ME, and then was Distinguished Assoc. Prof. at the College of William & Mary before co-founding the nano-materials group at Luna Innovations. He holds multiple US patents, and currently is a Program Manager at DARPA since 2009.

### **Col. Joseph Kittinger** (ME, 1948)

Col. Kittinger had a distinguished career as a USAF pilot and test pilot, including a world record high-altitude parachute jump from 102,800 ft. in 1960. He flew 483 combat missions, holds over 40 commendations and medals, received the Harmon Trophy from President Eisenhower and is in the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

### **Dr. Charles Myers** (BS (Engr Sci), and MS/PhD in Engineering Mechanics, 1968, 1970, 1973)

Charles enjoyed a 35+ year career in design, analysis, integration and operation of airborne systems at Lockheed Martin, winning numerous leadership and performance awards, including the 2009 L-M Leadership Excellence Award.

### **Dr. Jack Sparks** (BS, MS, PhD in Mechanical Engineering, 1965, 1967, 1970)

Jack is the president and Principal Engineer at Systems Engineering Research Facilities (SERF), company he started in 1972. He is a member of 7 professional engineering societies, is a PE, and was the UF Harbert Gregory Distinguished Lecturer. Jack specializes in Forensic Engineering Analysis.

### **Mr. Adam Zaracki** (BSAE & MSME, 1993, 1995)

Adam joined Harris Corporation in 1994 and is currently on the leadership team of the aerospace business group after returning from the Healthcare Solutions team. He received the 2010 Harris President's Award and the Sigma Gamma Tau Outstanding Student Award at UF in 1993.