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Each year, the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF) honors a new class of Inductees whose curiosity and pursuit of the American dream have impacted and transformed our lives. NIHF accepts nominations from all sources and relies on a panel of experts in science, technology, engineering and patents to screen, vet and make final selections.

NIHF is looking for pioneers that are the anonymous heroes, or silent giants, that are with us from the time we start our day to the moment we turn our lights out at night. Nominate an inventor, and help us tell their story.



Sumita Mitra, inventor of Nanocomposite Dental Materials, places her name in the Gallery of Icons™.



Marshall Jones, inventor of Industrial Lasers, joins the newest class of Inductees on stage.



Inductee Jacqueline Quinn, inventor of EZVI (Emulsified Zero-Valent Iron), smiles for a selfie after the Induction Ceremony.

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Nominee to Legacy

When you nominate an inventor, you kickstart a journey that leads to a legacy of innovation.



1 To be considered for nomination, inventors must meet the 4Ps.

- **Patent:** Nominees must have a U.S. utility or plant patent
- **Progress:** The invention should progress society.
- **Perseverance:** Nominees should show determination in improving society.
- **Passion:** Nominees should be passionate about their field and developing the next generation of innovators.

2 Frances Ligler places her name in the Gallery of Icons™ during the Illumination Ceremony.

3 Ching Wan Tang and Steven Van Slyke are honored on stage after being inducted for the invention of OLED technology.

4 After being inducted, Inductees can take part in many of the programs offered by NIHF. Inductee Sumita Mitra shares the importance of creative problem solving with the next generation of innovators at Camp Invention®.

5 Inductees provide valuable mentorship to future innovators by volunteering as judges at the Collegiate Inventors Competition® event. Inductee Jim West, co-inventor of the Electret Microphone, tells a Finalist how he can take his invention to the next level.

6 Beyond programming integration and mentorship, Inductees like Steve Sasson embody the characteristics of an innovation legacy. [Watch his story unfold](#) as we celebrate his journey from nominee to legacy.



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