To recognize one faculty member annually, who has demonstrated excellence in teaching, research, and/or service. Their service can be to his/her discipline, the University, involvement with students, and/or the University community.

- Professor Crandall joined the Mechanical and Aerospace Department as an assistant professor in 1994 and has advanced consistently through the ranks and is now the Nancy and Neal Wade Endowed Professor in Engineering and Applied Science.

- As Director of his Department’s Center for Applied Biomechanics for the past 19 years, he has been the Principal Investigator on over 45 million dollars in research funding, authored or co-authored hundreds of publications, and produced a dozen PhD graduates.

- Under Jeff’s leadership, the Center for Applied Biomechanics has become the preeminent injury biomechanics laboratory in the world with total personnel of 60, annual research expenditures of 6 million dollars, and an average of 40 archival journal articles per year.

- Professor Crandall’s research impacts every new traffic safety policy in the world and his professional service has directly influenced federal safety practices and standards in Japan, China, Korea, Malaysia, the European Union, and the United States…..he has influenced the design of every passenger vehicle made in the world!

- For this and more than I have time to talk about, we wish to award Professor Jeff R. Crandall this year’s School of Engineering and Applied Science Distinguished Faculty Award.