

CELEBRATE PURDUE WOMEN

# HOLLY MATUSOVICH



## WHAT DOES THE DISTINGUISHED PURDUE ALUMNI SCHOLAR AWARD MEAN TO YOU?

This award speaks to one of my core values – empowering and lifting others up, especially women. For change to happen, we have to make the change happen. For me, I want to be part of the change I want to see. I try to do that by leveraging my tools and research, scholarship, teaching practices, and mentoring to make pathways for women and support them along their journeys in higher education. In starting my doctoral journey, I left my job in industry, and started a new program before there were any students. I was my advisor’s first student. I remain glad that I took that leap, not only for the knowledge, skills, and credentials I gained, but for the mentoring I received. I’m truly honored to be receiving this award alongside two accomplished women and to be joining the legacy of the Butler Center, along with others that have received this award in the past. I appreciate Purdue’s Office of the Provost and the Butler Center’s investment in this award to highlight the importance of advancing women in higher education.

Dr. Holly Matusovich is a Professor in the Department of Engineering Education. She is also the Associate Dean for Graduate and Professional Studies. Dr. Matusovich is recognized for her research and practice related to graduate student mentoring. She won the Hokie Supervisor Spotlight Award in 2014, was nominated for a Graduate Advising Award in 2015, and won the 2018 Graduate Student Mentor Award for the College of Engineering. Dr. Matusovich has graduated 11 doctoral students since starting her research program in Spring 2009. Dr. Matusovich co-hosts the Dissertation Institute, a one-week workshop each summer funded by NSF, to help underrepresented students develop the skills and writing habits to complete doctorate degrees in engineering. Across all of her research avenues, Dr. Matusovich has been a PI/Co-PI on 12 funded research projects including the NSF CAREER Award, with her share of funding being nearly \$2.3 million. She has co-authored 2 book chapters, 21 journal publications, and more than 70 conference papers. She has won several Virginia Tech awards, including a Dean’s Award for Outstanding New Faculty, and Outstanding Teacher Award, and a Faculty Fellow Award.