Baja Awards

Since 2002 Polaris has supported SAE Baja teams with more than just CVT's, hubs, bearings, and other components. We have also provide technical help, full competition support and sponsorship. The latest in our effort to encourage and interest university level engineers in the recreational vehicle industry is the Design Award.

Every engineer at Polaris knows that great designs usually don't happen with the first prototype - it's tough to get it right the first time! But through hard work and a can-do attitude this prototype can be shaped into an industry leading technology, and we highly respect people who refuse to give up and maintain a positive attitude regardless of the challenges and setbacks.

The Polaris Design Award is given out to the team with the highest overall design score (including both Design Report and On-Site Design Judging) at each event. **Each winning team will receive a custom plaque from SAE and $1,000.**

2021 Award Winners
1 :   Cornell University
2 :   Georgia Institute Of Technology
3 :   Rochester Institute Of Technology

2020 Award Winners
Arizona: Rochester Institute of Technology
Louisville: Rochester Institute of Technology
Illinois: Northeastern University

2019 Award Winners

Tennessee: University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
California: University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Rochester: École de Technologie Supérieure

2018 Award Winners

Maryland: Rochester Institute of Technology
Kansas: Rochester Institute of Technology
Oregon: Rochester Institute of Technology

2017 Award Winners

California: Cornell University
Kansas: Rochester Institute of Technology
Illinois: Rochester Institute of Technology

2016 Award Winners

Tennessee: University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
California: University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Rochester: University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

2015 Award Winners

Auburn: University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Maryland: Cornell University
Oregon: Cornell University

2014 Award Winners

UTEP: ETS
Kansas: FEI
Illinois: RIT

2013 Award Winners

Tennessee: University of Louisville

Washington: University of Maryland-Baltimore County
Rochester: University of Maryland-Baltimore County

2012 Award Winners
Auburn: Oregon State University
Wisconsin: Cornell University
Oregon: ETS

2011 Award Winners
Birmingham: ETS
Kansas: Tennessee Tech
Illinois: RIT

2010 Award Winners
S Carolina: Centro Universitario Da FEI
W Washington: ETS
Rochester: Michigan Tech

2009 Award Winners
Alabama: RIT
Oregon: Oregon State University
Wisconsin: Cornell

2008 Award Winners
Tennesse: Queen's University
Illinois: Oregon State University
Montreal: Centro Universitario Da FEI

2007 Award Winners
West: LeTourneau University
East: Universite De Sherbrooke
Midwest: Oregon State University

2006 Award Winners

West: Western Washington University
East: Universite De Sherbrooke
Midwest: Michigan Tech University

2005 Award Winners

West: Western Washington University
East: Georgia Institute of Technology
Midwest: North Carolina State University

2004 Award Winners

West: Portland State University
East: Universite de Sherbrooke
Midwest: Purdue University - West Lafayette

2003 Award Winners

West: Instituto Tecnologico de Merida
East: Vanderbilt University
Midwest: Illinois Institute of Technology

2002 Award Winners

West: University of Beirut, Lebanon
East: Lady Auburn Tigers
Midwest: University of St. Thomas