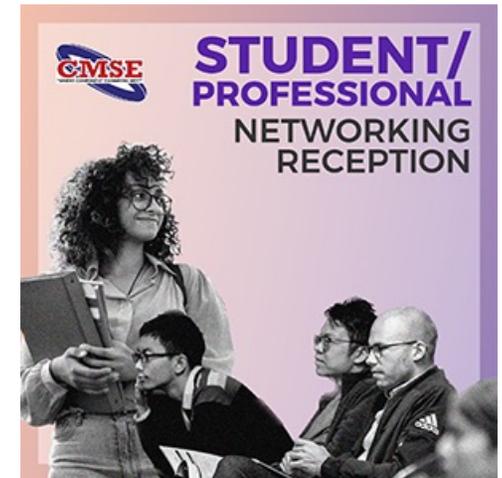


# CMSE focus on education of young component engineers



- CMSE is where “ Component Engineers Meet” and each year we provide a full day of education on topics such as component engineering, capacitor technology, failure analysis etc.
- Education continues to be a primary focus of CMSE in 2026
- At CMSE 2025 there were 41 people registered for training, more than half were “young engineers” with 3 years or less experience.
- In 2022 we initiated a 1,500 cash prize for best presentations at CMSE in memory of John Devaney Hi Rel Labs who was a legend in the industry
- In 2025 the winner was Alexa Falconer from CYBORD for her talk on "AI-Driven Secure Electronics Manufacturing: Detecting Counterfeit and Hardware Tampering"



## Best paper at CMSE In memory of John R. Devaney 1939-2021

John’s career in Failure Analysis began in June of 1961 on the Minute-Man Program. He worked at Autonetics, TI, JPL, and spent the last 49 years at Hi-Rel Laboratories, Inc.

His career ended October 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 after spending 60+ years following his passion working in the lab and training new engineers. He was proud that his career began on Minute-man and ended on Sentinel (the latest ICBM under development).