

Dear Dr. Kakani Katija,

As President of the Marine Technology Society (MTS), it is my pleasure to inform you of your selection as the recipient of the Compass Distinguished Achievement Award. This award recognizes an individual who has sustained a career marked by achievements that have had significant impact on the fields of marine science and technology. The entire MTS Board and membership celebrate your continued success and welcome you as part of a distinguished class within the MTS family. MTS awards continue to be the cornerstone of the Society's recognition of accomplishments, dedication, and contribution to the marine industries of our members by their peers.

MTS Awards will be presented during the [OCEANS 2023 Gulf Coast Conference](#), held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center in Biloxi, MS on September 26th, 2023. In addition to the presentation of an award plaque we are happy to extend to you a lifetime membership with MTS. Though we are unable to provide funding for travel, we hope you will join us for the ceremony and to network with your MTS colleagues at the event. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are planning to attend. We will also highlight your selection in our publications and on the MTS website.

As part of your recognition at the conference and promotion of your award, we ask that you submit the following by **Monday, August 14th, 2023, to Tawni Gott (tawni.gott@mtsociety.org):**

- Headshot (high resolution- at least 1 MB).
- Your physical mailing address for your recognition piece (if you are unable to attend in person).
- Short bio (250 words or less),
- Name and credentials as you would like them listed in all materials and on your recognition piece.
- MTS Photo Release Form.

Finally, as an awardee for the MTS Awards Class of 2023, I encourage you to start thinking about a deserving colleague, professional committee, regional section, or student section for an award or as a Fellow to be nominated in 2024.

Thank you again and CONGRATULATIONS on being an MTS Award winner!

Sincerely,



Justin Manley
President