

## **Deena Disraelly, Ph.D., Receives Prestigious Society of Women Engineers Prism Award**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA (September 2018)** –Deena Disraelly, a research staff member in the Strategy, Forces and Resources Division at the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) has been named a recipient of the 2018 Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Prism Award in recognition of her demonstrated leadership and contributions to the engineering community.

The Prism Award recognizes an individual who has chartered her own path in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields by demonstrating a variety of outstanding career leadership activities in a technical field, as well as leadership in professional organizations and the community.

“SWE’s Prism Award recognizes women that have not only excelled technically but also have made significant contributions to the engineering and larger STEM community,” said Alexis McKittrick, IDA Science and Technology Policy Institute research staff member and society secretary, SWE Board of Directors. “Deena stands out for her outstanding and consistent technical accomplishments and service to the engineering community. I can think of no one more deserving of the Prism Award.”

The award also recognizes Disraelly’s continuing dedication to SWE’s mission – striving to highlight the importance of women in engineering across the globe, leading by example, and demonstrating that a career in engineering can be a fulfilling, rewarding pursuit for women of any background.

“I am incredibly honored and excited to be named among this year’s distinguished SWE award recipients,” said Disraelly. “I am grateful for the opportunities that (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, The George Washington University), the U.S. Navy, and the Institute for Defense Analyses have helped me pursue in engineering-related fields, service to our men and women in uniform, and service in the Alexandria community.”

Throughout her career, Disraelly has proven to be an innovator and leader in the community and has played an integral role in empowering others. In addition to SWE, she is a member of The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences, the Alexandria Medical Reserve Corps, the Military Operations Research Society, Casa Chirilagua, and ASIS International where she is the Global Terrorism, Political Instability, and International Crime Council Co-Chair.

“The awards are a reflection of the team that make the people out front look good,” said Disraelly. “I believe this award really belongs to all the amazing people I get to work with every day.”

Disraelly earned her doctorate degree in systems engineering and engineering management from The George Washington University where she is now an adjunct member of the faculty. She is also an alumna of Massachusetts Institute of Technology where she earned her master’s degree in logistics management, an additional master’s degree in technology and public policy, and her bachelor’s degree in aeronautical engineering.

Disraelly will accept the award at SWE's annual conference, WE18, in Minneapolis, Minn. on October 20, 2018 during the formal awards banquet.

### **About SWE**

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE), founded in 1950, is the world's largest advocate and catalyst for change for women in engineering and technology. The not-for-profit educational and service organization is the driving force that establishes engineering as a highly desirable career aspiration for women. To ensure SWE members reach their full potential as engineers and leaders, the Society offers unique opportunities to network, provides professional development, shapes public policy and provides recognition for the life-changing contributions and achievements of women engineers. As a champion of diversity, SWE employs women to succeed and advance in their personal and professional lives. For more information about the Society, please visit [www.swe.org](http://www.swe.org) or call 312.596.5223.

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