Dear AIAA Illinois Section Members,

We have had another successful year drawing recognition by AIAA for section performance, achievement, and execution. As 2023 draws to a close, I am pleased to announce the following awards granted to the Illinois Section by AIAA.

**Section Awards (Medium):**

**Third Place – Outstanding Section Award** presented based upon overall activities and contributions through the year. (Laura Villafañe Roca)

**Second Place – Communication Award** presented to sections that have developed and implemented an outstanding communications outreach program. Winning criteria include level of complexity, timeliness, and variety of methods of communications, as well as frequency, format, and content of the communication outreach. (Kenneth Brezinsky, Andrew Touvannas & Laura Villafañe Roca)

**First Place – Membership Award** presented to sections that have supported their membership by planning and implementing effective recruitment and retention campaigns. (Andrew Touvannas)

**Second Place – Public Policy Award** is presented for stimulating public awareness of the needs of aerospace research and development, particularly on the part of government representatives, and for educating section members about the value of public policy activities. (Mordechai Levin)

**First Place – Student Branch Partnership Award** recognizes the most effective and innovative collaboration between the professional section members and student branch members. (Laura Villafañe Roca)

**Third Place – Young Professionals Award** presented for excellence in planning and executing events that encourage the participation of the Institute’s young professional members, and provide opportunities for leadership at the section, regional, or national level. (Savas Mavridis)

On behalf of the Illinois Section, I would like to extend my congratulations. The section recognitions above reflect the significant contributions to the AIAA by the Illinois Section, its members, and officers.

Thank you and congratulations Illinois Section!

Sincerely,
Andrew Touvannas
Honors and Awards, Illinois Section