Dr. Wright is born in Syracuse, New York to Richard Newport and Carolyn Wright. Dr. Wright receives a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from Syracuse University. Dr. Wright becomes a junior engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Wright receives a Master of Civil Engineering from Syracuse University.

1955

Dr. Wright becomes an instructor of civil engineering at the University of Illinois. Dr. Wright receives a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Illinois and becomes an assistant professor of engineering.

Dr. Wright is promoted to associate professor at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Wright is promoted to full professor at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Wright is appointed chief of structures in the Building Research Division of the U.S. Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C.

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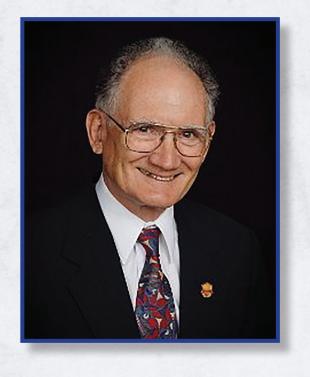
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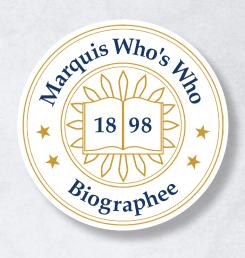
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Richard N. Wright, NAE, Dist. MASCE

Research Professor

A timeline of professional milestones





1972 — 1974 — 1982 — 1988 — 1991 — 1999 — 2003 — 2003 — 2004 — 2010

Dr. Wright becomes deputy director of the Center for Technology Building.

Dr. Wright becomes an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois. Dr. Wright receives a Gold Medal from the United States Department of Commerce.

Dr. Wright is named Federal Engineer of the Year by the National Society of Professional Engineers. Dr. Wright is appointed director of the Building and Fire Research Laboratory of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Dr. Wright
is appointed
chairman of
the Board of
Infrastructure
and Constructed
Environment
of the National
Research Council.

Dr. Wright receives the International Award from the Japan Society of Civil Engineers.

Dr. Wright is elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

Dr. Wright
becomes
a research
professor of civil
engineering at
the University of
Maryland.

Dr. Wright receives the President's Medal from the American Society of Civil Engineers.