Dr. Suman Das’s dedication to engineering education, strong record of service to professional societies, and international recognition for his research in manufacturing advancements makes him an obvious choice as Outstanding Young Mechanical Engineer. He is the best of the young professors and researchers in the field of freeform fabrication, and his career points to him becoming a world leader in manufacturing.

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