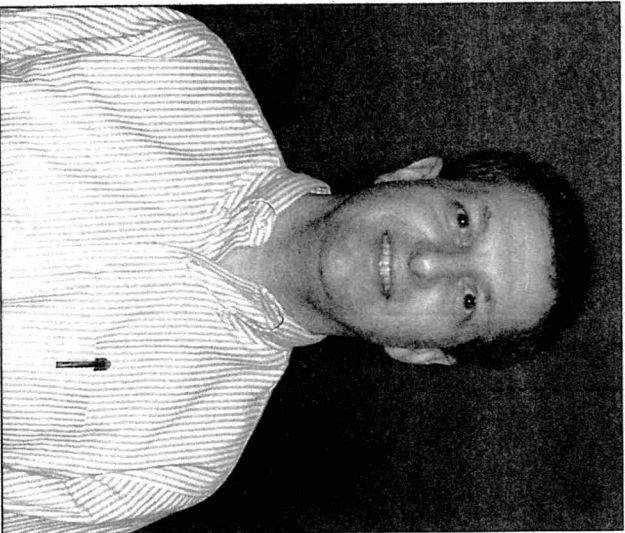


# Beta Awards winners

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### Winner

#### Jim van Oss

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**Joined company:** 1984  
**Years in industry:** 10  
**Education:** B.S. and M.S., mechanical engineering, University at Buffalo  
**First job:** Stockboy at Ed Young's hardware, Williamsville  
**Favorite part of job:** Variety of work and issues, people and Moog company culture  
**Motto:** Do your best, be honest and everything else will take care of itself.  
**There are times when...:** I wish I had nothing to do.  
**Unusual fact or talent most people don't know about me:** I make balloon animals  
**Choose my profession because:** I like working with people, computers and making a difference.

## Finalists

#### ■ Raj Mehta

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**Years in industry:** 28  
**Education:** M.A., University of New Delhi, India  
**First job:** Technical writer for scientific equipment supplier  
**Favorite part of job:** Public service  
**Motto:** They will soon forget how fast you did it but they will always remember how well you did.  
**There are times when...:** bugs in your software actually become special features  
**Unusual fact or talent most people don't know about me:** I am a poet.  
**Choose my profession because:** I am good at logic and I love solving problems.

#### ■ Jason Myskiewicz

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**Years in industry:** 9

**Education:** B.S., information technology, Rochester Institute of Technology; M.A., informatics, University at Buffalo

**First job:** Selling concessions at my local church bingo hall

**Favorite part of job:** Not knowing what challenges the next day will bring

**Motto:** "They always say time changes things but you actually have to change them yourself."  
 Andy Warhol

**There are times when...:** I wish I had more time

**Choose my profession because:** I am comfortable with change and enjoy the constant learning required to be successful.

#### ■ Daniel O'Dea

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**Years in industry:** 22

**Education:** B.A., SUNY Potsdam

**First job:** Pouring drafts for my uncles at 5 cents a glass plus tips  
**Favorite part of job:** Getting to work with people and tech

**Motto:** The moment of choice is a moment of truth

**There are times when...:** I wonder who has it better – the Flintstones or the Jetsons???

**Unusual fact or talent most people don't know about me:** At one point in my life I had hair (on top of my head, that is)

**Choose my profession because:** It allows me to be a geek and a businessman

#### ■ Mark Yellen

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**Joined company:** 1997

**Years in industry:** 20  
**Education:** B.A. and M.A., Loyola College

**First job:** Computer salesman at Amherst Computer Exchange

**Favorite part of job:** I get paid to do cool nerd stuff

**Motto:** What you give away comes back to you 100 times over.

**There are times when...:** I wish I didn't have to sleep every day.

**Unusual fact or talent most people don't know about me:** I have visited all 50 states in the last 10 years.

**Choose my profession because:** Technology can change the world.