



CLEVELAND TECHNICAL SOCIETIES COUNCIL History

- 1941 CTSC was first organized on October 13, 1941 by technical societies as a model throughout the U.S. The first President was James H. Herron – Herron Testing Laboratories.
- 1942 CTSC was legally organized on August 4.
- 1947 First annual banquet was held at the Hotel Carter.
- 1947 First Distinguished Service Award was presented to Frederick C. Crawford, president, Thompson Products Inc.
- 1951 Television series encouraging students to study engineering and science was aired.
- 1952 First Technical Achievement Award was presented to Thomas J. Walsh, assistant radiological officer, Cuyahoga County.
- 1954 Supported the first Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair.
- 1971 Environmental studies were organized with the Cleveland Regional Council of Science Teachers (CRCST).
- 1985 First Honor Juniors Workshop and University Fair held.
- 1986 CTSC presented its first scholarship.
- 1989 Lubrizol Corporation endowed the CTSC scholarship fund.
- 1996 First Technical Educator Award was presented to Jeffrey A. Witmer, professor, Oberlin College.
- 1996 First Visionary Award was presented to Dr. Lester E. Coleman, chief executive officer, Lubrizol Corporation.
- 1996 Compiled and published editions of Guide to Science & Technical Education Enrichment programs for students and teachers in Northeast Ohio.
- 1998 First annual program planning/collaboration meeting for all member societies was held.
- 2004 The Distinguished Service Award was renamed Robert B. Cummings Distinguished Leadership Award.
- 2016 CTSC scholarships eclipse the \$500,000 mark.
- 2017 CTSC celebrates its 75th anniversary by compiling a list of Cleveland Firsts feting technological developments that are native to Northeast Ohio.
- 2018 CTSC holds a joint meeting with ACESS (Akron Council on Engineering & Scientific Societies) to address attracting young professionals into the societies.
- 2020 Due to COVID restrictions, CTSC hosts first online Honor Juniors program with the National Science Foundation.
- 2023 CTSC first partners with the Cleveland Engineering Society to host CTSC Honor Juniors at the CES Spring Conference.