



# Grand Rapids Section

## Don Brecken Elected Fellow of the American Society for Quality

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On November 8, 2007 the Board of Directors of the American Society for Quality (ASQ) elected Don Brecken a Fellow of the Society in recognition of his significant contributions to quality.

ASQ Fellow is an earned distinction. An ASQ Fellow is an individual who has established a record of contributions, both to the quality profession and to the Society. Recognition as Fellow is one of ASQ's highest honors. Brecken's achievement of this status is a symbol of respect from his colleagues that is accepted by the highest officials of ASQ.

Don Brecken's citation reads as follows:

***For outstanding leadership and innovation in the practical application of quality tools and techniques; for fostering significant change, leading improvement, and implementing quality management systems; for exceptional contributions as an adjunct instructor for development and delivery of quality curriculum; and for section leadership dedicated to improving member value.***

Don Brecken earned his MBA in Strategic Management and three undergrad degrees in Business from Davenport University, Grand Rapids, MI. He served on the Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award three of the last four years. Professional certifications earned by Don Brecken include RAB/QSA Business Improvement Auditor (QMS-BI) and ASQ Certified Manager of Quality and Organization Excellence (CMQ/OE). Don Brecken is also a published author.

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Don Brecken is also the current Chair of ASQ Section 1001 (Grand Rapids). Programs and information offered in Grand Rapids are found at <http://www.asq1001.org>. Information about the American Society for Quality and membership to the society can be found at <http://www.asq.org>.

Don Brecken also instructs quality-related management courses for Davenport University and Ferris State University. Information about these educational institutions can be found at <http://www.davenport.edu> and <http://www.ferris.edu>.