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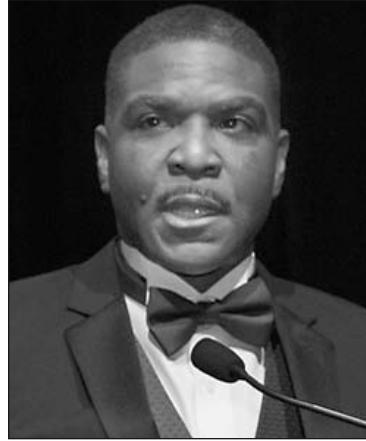
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Kevin Ward

## Chrysler's Ward Ears Black Engineer Award

*U.S. Black Engineer & Information Technology magazine awarded its 2014 Black Engineer of the Year (BEYA) Visionary Award to Kevin Ward, head of Chrysler's Fastener Engineering.*

Ward was honored at the 28th BEYA Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Global Competitiveness Conference and Awards Gala Feb. 6-8 in Washington, D.C.

The BEYA Conference honors outstanding leaders in the STEM fields and provides excellent opportunities for professional development, networking and recruiting, said Chrysler spokesperson Mike Palese.

Ward is the latest in a long line of Chrysler Group employees who have received important professional recognition from various diversity organizations, including Women of Color, HENAAC Great Minds in STEM and others, reflecting Chrysler's strong commitment to attracting and developing a diverse, talented workforce, Palese said.

"Kevin is an accomplished engineer and outstanding leader dedicated to the creation of exceptional products and to the development of young, talented engineers in our company," said Mark M. Chernoboy, senior vice president of Chrysler Engineering.

"Kevin's vision, drive and technical expertise have made him a valuable member of the Chrysler engineering team and a respected leader across the company."

Ward was appointed head of Fastener Engineering at Chrysler Group in 2011. In this position, he's responsible for leading and managing all design, development, testing and release of torque/fastening components for Chrysler vehicles. He joined the automaker as a project lead in Supply Chain Management in 1999.

Ward is active in the community, serving as a youth minister in his church. He also serves as mentor to youth in his community and to young engineers at Chrysler.

"I owe much of who I am to the strong African-American leaders who met adversity and paved the way for my success," Ward said.

"Inspired by these outstanding people and role models, I know that it is both my responsibility and privilege to lead and inspire the next generation."

## Dodge Dart Named 'Connected Car of Year'

The 2014 Dodge Dart with its Uconnect system is the winner of *Connected World* magazine's 2014 "Connected Car of the Year Award."

The "Connected Car of the Year Award" honors vehicles that combine the right mix of safety, convenience and infotainment technology, said Chrysler spokesperson Alyse Tadajewski.

Automobiles are evaluated in six categories – small, mid-size, luxury, ultra-luxury, green and truck – and chosen by the editorial team at *Connected World* magazine.

The 2014 Dodge Dart earned its award in the "Small Connected Vehicle" category. The Dodge Dart's Uconnect system, with the 8.4-inch touch screen, was recognized for "delivering communication, navigation and information in a manner that promotes a distraction-free environment," said the editors.

"The 'Connected Car of the Year Award' is confirmation from a third-party source that the Dodge Dart is at the forefront of technology in its class," said Tim Kuniskis, Dodge president and CEO.

"The Dart's Uconnect system with the 8.4-inch touch screen is world-class, intuitive and easy to use. When you add the Dart's unsurpassed-in-its-class 10 air bags,

7-inch TFT LED instrument cluster and available Rear Cross Path detection and blind-spot monitoring, it really does offer the latest high-tech features designed to keep our customers connected and all at a tremendous value."

"Uconnect is honored that *Connected World* magazine has named the 2014 Dodge Dart's Uconnect system winner of the 'Connected Car of the Year Award,'" said Alan Amici, head of Chrysler's Uconnect Systems and Services.

"This award recognizes our commitment to our mission of making sure drivers stay conveniently connected while keeping

their hands on the wheel and eyes on the road."

The 2014 Dodge Dart is loaded with a number of class-leading features besides its 8.4-inch Uconnect touchscreen media center, Kuniskis said.

These other features, he said, include a seven-inch thin-film transistor (TFT) LED instrument cluster, heated steering wheel, Rear Cross Path detection, blind-spot monitoring, four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes on all models.

With more than 60 safety and security features, including 10 standard air bags, the Dodge Dart delivers "class-leading safety features for peace-of-mind driving," Kuniskis said.



2014 Dodge Dart

## LTU Engineer Sees A Light at the End Of Potholed Roads

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slightly, and then the process is reversed when there is a thaw – often with disastrous results, Bandara said.

"Even during the winter you get 40 degree weather, and the ice thaws to water – so then there's a void under the pavement," Bandara said. "And when a heavy vehicle passes by, there's a collapse, and you have a pothole."

Before joining the Lawrence Tech faculty in 2012, Bandara said he was supervising geotechnical engineer at the regional headquarters of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in Southfield. He is continuing his research on the freeze-thaw cycle and soil stabilization in road construction. He is currently working on an MDOT-sponsored study of adding recycled materials to soil to further stabilize roads.

Bandara said he predicts better days ahead for motorists because roads built in Michigan during the past few years use a new technique to allow water to seep through the road base and just keep going away from the pavement.

"The new construction you see MDOT and other agencies using has drainable bases," Bandara said. "The idea is, when the water seeps through cracks, it's not going to stay there. It drains through the drainable base and keeps going down. The idea is not to have any water under the pavement, so nothing can freeze. That is the solution."

"Check the roads in the coming springs for potholes to make sure it works. Hopefully, you will see fewer potholes."

## Chrysler Revs Up Lineup with SRT Models

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five-spoke wheels with a black satin Vapor chrome finish, satin black mirrors, grey 392 HEMI badge, red Brembo calipers and satin black fuel door, Gilles said.

The Challenger SRT is powered by the proven 392-cubic-inch HEMI V8 that delivers 470 horsepower and 470 lb.-ft. of torque. The torque band is extremely flat allowing for strong standing starts and improved straight-line performance throughout the rpm range, Gilles said.

The MSRP of the Challenger SRT Satin Vapor Edition package is \$1,700.

The Charger SRT Satin Vapor Edition offers 20-inch-by-9-inch forged aluminum split five-spoke wheels with a black satin Vapor chrome finish, satin black Super Bee tail graphic, satin black roof and hood, satin black mirrors and spoiler, grey 392 HEMI badge and red Brembo calipers.

On the interior, the Charger SRT Satin Vapor Edition features premium black seats trimmed in Nappa leather with ultra-suede inserts and includes the Uconnect Media Center with the 8.4-inch touchscreen LED display.

### 3M's David Meline Elected to TRW Board of Directors

David Meline has been elected to the TRW Automotive Holdings Corp. board of directors. The appointment is effective Feb. 14, and will increase the size of TRW's board to 11 members. Meline joins the board as an independent director.

Meline currently serves as senior vice president and chief financial officer for 3M Company, a position he has held since April 2011, said TRW spokesperson John Wilkerson. Prior to his current position, Meline served as 3M's vice president, corporate controller and chief accounting officer from 2008 through 2011. Before joining 3M in 2008, Meline had been at GM for 20 years where he was, among other positions, CFO and vice president, North America Operations.

Meline currently serves on the Board of the University of Chicago Booth CFO Advisory Forum.

The Charger SRT Satin Vapor Edition is powered by the same 6.4-liter HEMI V8 that delivers 470 horsepower and 470 lb.-ft. of torque, Gilles said.

On the highway, up to 23 mpg is achieved by use of an active valve exhaust system that allows the standard Fuel Saver Technology (four-cylinder mode) to engage over a wide rpm range. The

active exhaust system also allows for straight-through mid and rear mufflers for a throaty exhaust note under engine load.

The MSRP of the Charger SRT Satin Vapor Edition package is \$2,330. The 300 SRT, Challenger SRT and Charger SRT Satin Vapor Edition models will be available during the second quarter of this year, Gilles said.

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