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The Carlton Society

Creators. Inventors. Mentors.

Established in 1963, The Carlton Society is an honorary organization named after Mr. Richard P. Carlton.

Having joined as a laboratory assistant in 1921, Richard Carlton succeeded William McKnight as the president of 3M in 1949.



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3M created its first Central Research Laboratory in 1937–primarily thanks to Richard Carlton's sponsorship.

The laboratory had a two-fold purpose: to supplement activities of 3M division laboratories that worked on product refinements and to explore independent, long-range scientific problems beyond the scope of any one business division.



The Carlton Award is corporate management's acknowledgement that growth and diversification originate at the bench.

Its purpose is to encourage innovation and perseverance in research and product and technology development.



The Carlton Society honors excellence among 3M's scientific, engineering and manufacturing community.

It is the highest recognition of lifetime achievement for 3M scientists and engineers.

Each year, only a select few are added to the society. In our company's 124-year history, the number of members stands at just 210.