

Gerry Labeledz graduated from UIUC with a BSEE, MSEE, and all Ph.D. coursework. He was in Eta Kappa Nu, and an elected officer of Tau Beta Pi.

He has spent the past 33 years working at Motorola on public safety mobile radio and, since 1980, virtually every terrestrial cellular system. He has 23 worldwide patents (with two more pending) in radio technologies from family radio to GSM to CDMA to WiMax. (He is the first person to try to "flip" a phone. He also had the honor of throwing the world's first production portable cellular phone into the air, to see if it would still work when it landed.)

For his leadership role in the transition from FM to digital cellular radio, he has been awarded the title of Dan Noble Fellow, Motorola's highest technical honor. The award is granted to approximately 0.3% of Motorola's engineering population.

The National Center for Supercomputing Applications awarded two Industrial Grand Challenge awards to Gerry and his group for using supercomputing to create business impact.

While on campus, he was theatre critic for *The Daily Illini*, and then its Chief Copy and Design editor. His DI graphic design was chosen five times by the Inland Daily Press Association as the best designed newspaper in America, in both professional and student categories. While serving as an RA/TA in the Department of Electrical Engineering, he was, for two years, the Campus Scout, DI humor-satirist.