



The Russ College Honors Russes, Faculty, Staff

Presidents emeritus Vernon Alden and Charles Ping joined President Roderick J. McDavis and about 200 faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the Russ College in May 2008 to pay tribute to Fritz and Dolores Russ and recognize faculty and staff.

The Russes were honored with a tribute that included remarks from McDavis, Ping, Dean Dennis Irwin, and deans emeritus Dick Robe and Dick Mayer. The program also featured a short film on the Russes, their lifetime achievements, and their influence on engineering education at Ohio University and beyond.

Russ College faculty and staff were recognized for their outstanding teaching, research, and performance in 2007–08. The Russes established the Russ Awards, which carry a cash award of \$1,500 and a personalized plaque, in 1981.

The Russ Outstanding Research Paper Award recognizes research and scholarship excellence across the College by faculty who published papers in refereed journals. The 2008 recipient was Professor of Electrical Engineering Janusz Starzyk.

Chosen by Russ College students, the Russ Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award recognizes outstanding teaching and advising across the College. The recipient, Professor of Mechanical Engineering Israel Urieli, —he also won a departmental research award—said that no award can be more satisfying than being chosen by the students themselves.

“When I first started teaching thermodynamics, students would tell me with a yawn, ‘You must admit that this is rather a dry subject,’” he recalled. “I have spent the past 18 years continually trying to show the exact opposite.”

The Marvin E. and Ann D. White Awards, which carry a cash award of \$500 and a personalized plaque, were established by alumnus Marv White and his wife, Ann, in 1988.

The White Research Award recognizes continued and sustained achievements in research, scholarship, and the



Mechanical engineering board member **Liz Pozydaer, B.S.M.E. '05 (L)**, talks with Russ cousins **Sue** and **Bill Herrmann**.

creation of new knowledge in each department of the Russ College. Recipients for 2008 were Ron Faliszek, aviation; Darin Ridgway, chemical and biomolecular engineering; Eric Steinberg, civil engineering; Jundong Liu, electrical engineering and computer science; Dusan Sormaz, industrial and systems engineering; Pete Klein, industrial technology; and Urieli, mechanical engineering.

The White Teaching Award recognizes dedicated teaching and student advising in each department of the Russ College. Recipients for 2008 were Deak Arch, aviation; Gerardine Botte, chemical and biomolecular engineering; Shad Sargand, civil engineering; Maarten Uijt de Haag, electrical engineering and computer science; Dale Masel, industrial and systems engineering; Timothy Sexton, industrial technology; and Robert L. Williams II, mechanical engineering.

The Russ College’s Outstanding Administrative, Technical, and Classified Employee Awards, which carry a cash award of \$750 and a personalized plaque, recognize employees for outstanding, results-based performance. Recipients for 2008 were Janelle Baney, department administrator, electrical engineering and computer science (administrative); Jim Caesar, lab coordinator, chemical and biomolecular engineering (technical); and Nicole Knapp, administrative coordinator, dean’s office/external relations (classified). 