A Job Well Done
The Russ College Honors Faculty and Staff

Russ College faculty and staff were honored for outstanding teaching, research, and performance at the College’s annual awards celebration in April 2005.

The Russ Outstanding Research Paper Award recognizes research and scholarship excellence across the College by faculty who published papers in refereed journals. The 2005 recipient was Eric Steinberg, associate professor and assistant chair of the Department of Civil Engineering.

The Russ Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award recognizes outstanding teaching and advising across the College. Russ College students select the recipient. The 2005 recipient was Robert L. Williams II, associate professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

“After 11 years teaching in mechanical engineering, I’m continually motivated and inspired by all of our students. This award has given me the confidence to start developing new technical elective courses from my research—including bioengineering and biomechanics—for seniors and grad students,” Williams said.

The Marvin E. and Ann D. White Research Award recognizes continued and sustained achievements in research, scholarship, and the creation of new knowledge in each department of the Russ College. Recipients for 2005 were: Doug Goetz, associate professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering; Teruhisa Masada, associate professor in the Department of Civil Engineering; Savas Kaya, assistant professor in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Dale Masel, associate professor in the Department of Industrial Manufacturing Systems Engineering; Todd Myers, assistant professor in the Department of Industrial Technology; and Dave Bayless, associate professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The White Teaching Award recognizes dedicated teaching and student advising in each department of the Russ College. Recipients for 2005 were: Ron Faliszek, assistant professor in the Department of Aviation; Michael Prudich, professor and chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering; Guy Riefler, assistant professor in the Department of Civil Engineering; Angie Bukley, now interim associate dean for research and graduate studies, and Maarten Uijt de Haag, assistant professor in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (tie); Dusan Sormaz, associate professor in the Department of Industrial Manufacturing Systems Engineering; John Deno, associate professor in the Department of Industrial Technology; and Greg Kremer, associate professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The College’s Outstanding Administrative, Technical, and Classified Employee Awards recognize employees with outstanding results-based performance. Recipients for 2005 were: Christy Lee, director of planning and budget (administrative award); Kelley Jolley, administrative associate for Career and Outreach Programs (classified award); and Shyler Switzer, lab coordinator for the Ohio Coal Research Center (technical award).

In addition, the Russ College Board of Visitors/Robe Leadership Institute Leadership/Service Award was given to James F. Fales, Loehr Professor and chair of the Department of Industrial Technology; and Marty North, assistant dean for career and outreach programs. The pair was recognized for their exemplary leadership and service to the Russ College and the greater community, especially in the area of student career development.

Fales said he is constantly trying to improve his knowledge of how hiring works so he can help students. “I frequently have the opportunity to visit our graduates and talk to their supervisors, who tell me firsthand about the value our students bring to their organizations. It thrills my heart to see students become successful in the business world,” Fales said.

Interim Dean for Research and Graduate Studies Angie Bukley and Assistant Professor Maarten Uijt de Haag of the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science congratulate each other on their White Teaching Awards.