

# 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 2006.

Joe Essman, professor emeritus of electrical and computer engineering, was given a special honor by the College. Essman, who has served Ohio University for more than 48 years and continues to participate on outreach projects, started as acting instructor of electrical engineering on September 1, 1957.



Assistant Professor Gerardine Botte shares excitement about her awards.

The Russ Outstanding Research Paper Award recognizes research and scholarship excellence across the College by faculty who published papers in refereed journals. The 2006 recipient was Gerardine Botte, assistant professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering, for her paper "On the Use of Ammonia Electrolysis for Hydrogen Production."

The Russ Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award recognizes outstanding teaching and advising across the College. Russ College students select the recipient. The 2006 recipient was James F. Fales, Loehr Professor and chair of the Department of Industrial Technology.

Botte says the awards will help inspire further research. "I feel honored to receive these two competitive awards and to be recognized by my peers. These awards represent to me a challenge



Professor Emeritus Joe Essman rises to accept his special honor.



Board of Visitors Chair Mark Arnold, B.S.I.S.E. '81, M.B.A. '88, honors William Reeves, industrial technology professor.

to work harder and contribute to the success of our College," she 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 2006 were: Gerardine Botte; Shad Sargand, Russ professor in the Department of Civil Engineering; Frank van Graas, Russ professor in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Gary Weckman, associate professor in the Department of Industrial Manufacturing Systems Engineering; Pete Klein, associate professor in the Department of Industrial Technology; and Frank Kraft, assistant 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 2006 were: Deak Arch, assistant professor in the Department of Aviation; Darin Ridgway, associate professor and assistant chair of the Department of Chemical Engineering; Teruhisa Masada, associate professor in the Department of Civil Engineering; David Juedes, associate professor and assistant chair in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Dusan Sormaz, associate professor in the Department of Industrial Manufacturing Systems Engineering; Timothy Sexton, professor in the Department of Industrial Technology; and David Bayless, professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The Outstanding Administrative, Technical, and Classified Employee Awards recognize employees with outstanding results-based performance. Recipients for 2006 were: Wendy Weiser, development and scholarship coordinator (administrative award); Stephanie Walker, administrative associate for the Department of Mechanical Engineering (classified award); and Bryan Jordan, assistant computer system administrator (technical award).

The Russ College advisory board and Robe Leadership Institute also honored William Reeves, professor in the Department of Industrial Technology, with its Board of Visitors/Robe Leadership Institute Leadership/Service Award. 