Russ College faculty and staff were honored for outstanding teaching, research, and performance at the College’s annual awards celebration in May 2007.

Established by late alumnus Fritz Russ, B.S.E.E. ’42, HON ’75, and his wife, Dolores, the Russ Outstanding Research Paper Award recognizes research and scholarship excellence across the College by faculty who published papers in refereed journals. The 2007 recipient was Kevin Crist for the first in a series of papers that are part of an extensive study on the transport of mercury into and out of the Ohio River Valley.

“I am honored to work with the outstanding group of students and researchers in the center that contributed to this paper,” Crist said.

Also established by the Russes, the Russ Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award recognizes outstanding teaching and advising across the College. Russ College students select the recipient. The 2007 recipient was Ralph Whaley.

“The fact that this award comes directly from the students gives me added support for my approach and lets me know I’m on the track that’s best for them,” Whaley said.

Established by alumnus Marv White, B.S.C.E. ’47, and his wife, Ann, 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 2007 were: Deak Arch, Aviation; Srdjan Nesic, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering; Teruhisa Masada, Civil Engineering; David Matolak, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Gary Weckman, Industrial and Systems Engineering; Kevin Berisso, Industrial Technology; and Harjudin Pasic, Mechanical Engineering.

Also established by the Whites, the White Teaching Award recognizes dedicated teaching and student advising in each department of the Russ College. Recipients for 2007 were: Ron Faliszek, Aviation; Darin Ridgway, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering; Lloyd Herman, Civil Engineering; Ralph Whaley, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Dale Masel, Industrial and Systems Engineering; Tom Scott, Industrial Technology; and Bob Williams, Mechanical Engineering.

The Russ College’s Outstanding Administrative, Technical, and Classified Employee Awards recognize employees with outstanding, results-based performance. Recipients for 2007 were: Valerie Pettit and Kay Reeves, administrative coordinators, dean’s office (classified); Ron Porter, engineering technician, Industrial Technology (technical); and Colleen Girton, director of external relations, dean’s office (administrative).

Academic Honesty Advisor Melissa Broeckelman-Post (L) and her husband, David, and Engineering Ambassadors April Barnes, B.S.C.E. ’07, and Chris Tyo, B.S.E.E. ’07, enjoy dancing at the Russ College’s bluegrass barbeque in May.