

## **Pascucci to be awarded Distinguished Life Member status by American Ceramic Society**

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Marina R. Pascucci &77 is one of three people who will be designated a Distinguished Life Member of the American Ceramic Society (ACerS) at its awards banquet as part of the Materials Research Society's annual meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, Oct. 8-12.

Not bad for someone who had no intention of becoming a ceramic engineer when she enrolled in Alfred University, she told the ACerS Bulletin. She explained she wanted to be a math major, but the Admissions counselor told her the University was "trying to get more women" in engineering. Marina recalled she was told she could double-major in math and engineering, and if she didn't like engineering, she could just be a math major.

She stayed with engineering, a choice she has not regretted, she told the Bulletin. Following her graduation from Alfred (with degrees in ceramic engineering and chemistry, not math), she earned her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Case Western University in ceramics and materials science.

Marina has spent her career in the ceramics field, as a researcher, a faculty member, and for the past 20 years, a corporate leader. She has been with CeraNova Corporation in Marlborough, MA, where she is currently director of government programs and contracts, responsible for business development, customer relations, and program management for government clients, including \$20 million worth of Department of Defense contracts.

CeraNova was founded by another AU alumnus, Mark Parish &79, who is now director of technology for the firm.

A member of the American Ceramic Society since her student days at Alfred University, Marina is a past president of the national society, and a Fellow. Alfred University bestowed upon her a career achievement award.