

Gagne wins Excellence in Teaching honors

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Since joining the Alfred University faculty in 2004, Dr. Danielle D. Gagne, assistant professor of psychology, has twice won the Ruth Berger Rubenstein Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching, one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon AU faculty members in the Colleges of Liberal Arts & Sciences and Business. She received the first award in 2006, and the second at this year's Honors Convocation. Gagne earned her Ph.D. in cognitive psychology from the University of New Hampshire in May 2004. She earned a B.A. degree, summa cum laude, from Keene (NH) State College in 1997. A faculty member cannot earn the award two years in a row. The John F. McMahon Ceramic Teaching Excellence Award, which is presented to a faculty member in the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, went to another young faculty member: Dr. Matthew M. Hall, assistant professor of biomedical materials engineering science. Hall, who received his Ph.D. in glass science from Alfred University in 2003, joined the faculty in fall '03. In addition to teaching, he is developing glasses for biomedical and biotechnological applications. He received a B.S. degree in ceramic engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla in 1998 and a master's degree in glass science from AU in 2000. Recipients of the Joseph Kruson Trust Fund Awards for Excellence in Teaching were: Dr. John D. Cerio, professor of School Psychology. Sharon M. Davidson, associate professor of Accountancy. Dr. Allen W. Grove, associate professor of English. Ronald T. Lambert, visiting assistant professor of Sculpture. Dr. W. Brian Newsome, assistant professor of History. Dr. Joseph A. Petrillo, assistant professor of Mathematics. Dr. Steven Pilgrim, professor of Materials Science and Engineering. Angus M. Powers, assistant professor of Glass Art. Dr. James E. Shelby, professor of Glass Science. Honored for 25 years' service to Alfred University were: Dr. Martha G. Anderson, professor of Art History. Sharon M. Davidson, associate professor of Accountancy. Dr. Nancy Furlong, professor of Psychology and associate dean of Liberal Arts & Sciences. Dr. Wilfred V. Huang, George G. Raymond Chair in Family Business and professor of Management Information Systems. Dr. Robert J. Maiden, professor of Psychology and director of the Gerontology Program. Dr. Susan N. Mayberry, professor of English. Dr. Otto Muller, professor of Geology. Dr. Arun Varshneya, professor of Glass Science and Engineering.