

Tousley named 2009 Scholes Scholar

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Marissa Tousley, who is completing her second year as a materials science and engineering major in the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering at Alfred University, is the 2009 Scholes Scholar. The award is presented annually to the student enrolled in one of the state-supported engineering programs - biomedical materials engineering science, ceramic engineering, glass science engineering and materials science engineering - who has the highest grade-point average at the end of his or her freshman year. Making the presentation to Tousley was Dr. Alastair N. Cormack, founding dean of the Inamori School of Engineering. The award is presented the following spring semester during the annual Samuel R. Scholes Sr. Lecture, hosted by the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering. The late Samuel R. Scholes Sr. was a former dean of the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University and founded the glass science engineering program at AU in 1932. Alfred University is one of only three schools in the world, and the only one in the United States, to offer a Ph.D. program in glass science. Daughter of Dan and Brenda Tousley of Stow, OH, Marissa Tousley is a graduate of Woodridge High School. Delivering the annual Scholes Lecture was Dr. Richard K. Brow, who received his B.S. degree in 1980 and his master's in 1982 from Alfred University. He completed a Ph.D. at Penn State, and is now the Curators' Professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at Missouri University of Science and Technology.