

Pye to be named Distinguished Life Member of ACerS

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L. David Pye

L. David Pye, a member of Alfred University's Class of 1959 as well as dean and professor of Glass Science, emeritus, Alfred University, and chief executive officer, The Empire State Glassworks, LLC, will be awarded Distinguished Life Membership in the American Ceramic Society for lifetime achievements in the field of ceramics. The award, the highest bestowed by the American Ceramic Society, will be presented Oct. 18 in Houston, TX, at the society's annual meeting. Pye will join a small group affiliated with Alfred University who previously received this honor. They include John F. McMahon, Samuel R. Scholes, Van Derck Frechette, and Richard M. Spriggs. He served as president of the society, 2007-2008, and is editor of the society's newest publication, The International Journal of Applied Glass Science. As dean of the New York State College of Ceramics, Pye led the establishment of several new academic programs in electronic arts, engineering, and materials science that helped the college reach record levels of sponsored research. Earlier this decade he played a lead role in establishing the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering. Last month he was presented the President's Award by the International Commission on Glass for lifetime contributions to glass science and engineering. His biography appears in several standard references including Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America, and Who's Who in Engineering.