

Alumnus retires as president of Allied Minerals

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John L. Turner, president and chief operating officer, retired from Allied Mineral Products, Inc., in Columbus, Ohio, on March 31 after more than 38 years of service. He will serve as a consultant to Allied until October 2009. Turner, a 1964 graduate with a degree in ceramic engineering, began his career with Allied in 1970. During his time with Allied, he held positions of sales engineering, product manager, and vice president, operations and technology. He was promoted to executive vice president and general manager in 1985, and joined the Allied board of directors in 1987. He has been president and COO since 2001. He will remain a member of the board of directors. After graduating from AU, Turner served for two years as an officer with the Army Ordnance Corps, and then joined Norton Co., Worcester, MA, in 1966 as a product engineer for induction furnace refractories. He also served as a manufacturing control engineer in Norton's armor program and as a refractory sales engineer before joining Allied. He is a member of the American Ceramic Society, American Foundry Society and served two years as chairman of the Refractories Institute, an industry trade association. In 2005, he served as president of UNITCER 2005, an international technical conference. John and his wife Elizabeth are residents of Powell, Ohio. They have two children and four grandchildren.