

## **Alfred University to dedicate Inamori School of Engineering**

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Alfred University will dedicate the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering in formal ceremonies Oct. 21. The occasion will mark the first time in the University's 169-year history that it has named one of its schools or colleges in honor of an individual. "The Alfred University Board of Trustees is privileged to bestow this honor upon Dr. Kazuo Inamori, the founder of the Kyocera Corporation, the world's largest manufacturer of advanced ceramic materials," said Robert R. McComsey, chairman of the AU Board of Trustees. The Kyocera Corporation in March announced it was creating a \$10 million endowment for the School of Engineering at AU in honor of Dr. Inamori, its founder and chairman emeritus. Established in Kyoto, Japan, in 1959, Kyocera now has manufacturing facilities around the world. Under Dr. Inamori's leadership, Kyocera was among the first Japanese corporations to establish operations in the United States, opening facilities in San Diego in July 1969. From that beginning more than 35 years ago and continuing today, Kyocera has employed many Alfred University graduates with degrees in ceramic engineering. That relationship, Dr. Inamori said in March, is what led him to establish the Inamori International Scholarship fund at Alfred University and eventually to the Kyocera Corporation's gift to endow the School of Engineering. With the income from the endowment, Alfred University will hire four additional faculty members - to be known as Inamori Professors - specializing in the processing of advanced materials, particularly those for biomedical and photonic applications, to create a fine ceramics/nanotechnology research center. The University faculty and students and Kyocera Corporation engineers will be linked in ongoing research and technical exchange programs as they develop and explore new applications in advanced materials. The University will also create a permanent exhibition that highlights the history of fine ceramics. In announcing the gift, Kyocera officials had noted Alfred University's "tradition of instilling in its students a desire to contribute to society and mankind," as well as the key roles played by Alfred University graduates in advanced materials engineering. To honor Dr. Inamori, the School of Engineering is sponsoring a symposium to celebrate the inauguration of the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering and to focus on emerging technologies in the materials field. It will begin at 1 p.m. Oct. 21 in Nevins Theatre, Powell Campus Center, with Dr. Inamori as the keynote speaker. He will talk about the attitude engineers must have in order to achieve innovation, using his own experience in developing solar cells as a practical means of generating electricity. Additional information about the symposium may be obtained by contacting Marlene Wightman at 607.871.2425 or by e-mailing her at [Wightman@alfred.edu](mailto:Wightman@alfred.edu). The dedication ceremony, with McComsey presiding, begins at 4:45 p.m. at Binns-Merrill Hall. Kyocera Corporation (NYSE: KYO), the parent and global headquarters of the Kyocera Group, specializes in producing advanced ceramics. By combining these engineered materials with metals and plastics, and integrating them with other technologies, the Kyocera Group has become a leading supplier of electronic components, semiconductor packages, solar energy systems, telecommunications equipment, printers, copiers and industrial ceramics, with global sales of approximately \$11 billion in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004. The School of Engineering at Alfred University offers degrees in biomedical materials engineering science, ceramic engineering, electrical engineering, glass science, materials science and mechanical engineering, with its programs in ceramic engineering, glass science and materials science internationally recognized.