

## **Alfred University's Center for Advanced Ceramic Technology renewed for 10 years**

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The Center for Advanced Ceramic Technology (CACT), first established at Alfred University 30 years ago, has been reauthorized for up to another 10 years. The designation brings with it \$920,000 a year in state funding to work with glass- and ceramics-based industries in New York State.

"We would like to extend our appreciation to Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Howard Zensky, economic development commissioner for the state and president of Empire State Development Corporation, for their continued confidence in Alfred University and our ability to assist critical industries in New York State," said Alfred University President Mark Zupan.

"The CACT has a proven track record of providing a range of services, from analytical work and training to research for industries in the state that either produce glass or ceramic products, or that rely on glasses, ceramics and other 'designed' advanced materials as enabling technologies," said Zupan.

Alfred University's CACT serves some of New York State's largest industries, including Corning Incorporated, Lockheed Martin, and General Electric, as well as smaller, and start-up companies

"I would like to offer my congratulations and sincerest appreciation to Dr. Alan Rae, interim director of the CACT; David Gottfried, deputy director; and Dr. Tim Keenan, technical director, for preparing the redesignation application and steering it through the review process," said Dr. W. Richard Stephens, provost, vice president for academic affairs and interim vice president for statutory affairs.

"I would also like to commend Dean Alastair Cormack for his leadership, and the faculty of the Inamori School of Engineering for their continued hard work in providing research and other services to our CACT clients," said Stephens, noting that for faculty, work with industry comes in addition to their teaching loads.

"Research, analytical work and all the other services we offer are vital parts of our instructional program," Stephens emphasized. "Through research projects and other work for industrial clients, we are able to provide graduate and undergraduate students with meaningful research experience that makes them more marketable. Our engineering students have a well-deserved 'can-do' reputation among employers."

"The CACT reauthorization will also come with a renewed emphasis on training, both for those who are already employed by industry and need upgraded or expanded skills, and for those who are interested in gaining marketable technical skills, or completing a degree in engineering," Stephens noted.

The Centers for Advanced Technology program is managed by NYSTAR, the science and technology division of Empire State Development Corporation.