

University to host reception for Herrick Memorial Library, faculty

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On Thursday, Oct. 18, beginning at 6 p.m., Alfred University will host a reception marking the completion of renovations at Herrick Memorial Library and honoring faculty award winners. The community, faculty, staff and students are all invited; admission is free. Starting in the spring of 2005, architect Nicholas Lindabury of QPK Design, Syracuse, and LeChase Construction started the 15-month, \$5.3 million project at the library. The exterior of the building was updated with new windows, new roof, and a new-handicapped accessible entrance. The most impressive changes however are those that took place on the inside of Herrick Library. The updated, modernistic look is very apparent as soon as one walks through the door. The library has a coffee bar, wireless and hard-wired Internet accessibility throughout the entire building and areas with flexible seating so groups of any size can meet comfortably. The second floor of Herrick was redone to create small group study areas. The Special Collections Room, and its oak paneling from a 17th century English manor have been preserved. Everything from the new multi-media room to the new floors, walls, and lighting helps make the building a desirable place for all to meet, study and relax. During the ceremony, several Alfred faculty members will be honored for awards they received last spring. These include Professor of Glass Science and Fierer Chair Dr. Alexis G. Clare, recipient of the John F. McMahon Ceramic Teaching Excellence Award; Andrew G. Eklund, associate professor of chemistry, Ruth Berger Rubenstein Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching; and D. Wayne Higby, professor of ceramic art, Joseph Kruson Faculty Award for Distinguished Service to Alfred University. Awardees of the Joseph Kruson Trust Fund Awards for Excellence in Teaching include Dr. Wesley E. Bentz, professor emeritus of chemistry; James F. Curl, professor emeritus of education; Matthew M. Hall, assistant professor of biomaterials; Chris W. Lauback, assistant professor of psychology; J. Steven Mayes, associate professor of mechanical engineering; Mary Drach McInnes, associate professor of art history; Amy Rummel, professor of marketing; Dr. Melissa Ryan, assistant professor of English; and Fred J. Tschida, professor of glass design. Glenn Zweygardt, professor emeritus of sculpture, will be cited for the State University of New York (SUNY) Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service; William M. Carty, professor of ceramic engineering and materials science, SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching; Dr. Vasantha Amarakoon, director of the Center for Advanced Ceramic Technology, SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service; and Stephen D. Edwards, professor of glass, the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities. Dr. James E. Shelby, professor of glass science, will be cited for 25 years of service to Alfred University. Professor of English Fiona Tolhurst will be acknowledged with the Abigail Allen Award for improving women's lives. Dr. Charles M. Edmondson, Alfred University president, will provide a welcome and closing remarks. F. Peter Cuneo '67, chairman of the Alfred University Board of Trustees, and Stephen S. Crandall, associate dean of libraries and director of Herrick Memorial Library, will make remarks. Dr. Suzanne Buckley, provost, will present the faculty awards recognition.