

## **Pye to be installed at American Ceramic Society President**

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Dr. L. David Pye, dean emeritus of the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, will be installed as president of the American Ceramic Society (ACerS) Sept. 17 in Detroit, MI. The society will be conducting its annual meeting in conjunction with Materials Science and Technology, an international conference organized by several U.S. materials-based societies. Pye, who graduated from Alfred University in 1959 and went on to earn both his master's and Ph.D. degrees from AU, will succeed Dr. Katherine Faber, a 1975 graduate of Alfred University who is now the Walter P. Murphy Professor of Materials Science and Engineering in the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science at Northwestern University as ACerS president. The American Ceramic Society serves the informational, educational and professional needs of the global ceramics community. The Society's more than 6,000 members comprise a wide variety of individual and interest groups that include engineers, scientists, researchers, manufacturers, plant personnel, educators, students, marketing and sales professionals and others in related disciplines. ACerS provides members in 80 countries with access to periodicals, books, meetings and on-line technical information. Pye will become the most recent in a string of AU alumni and faculty members who have served as president of the American Ceramic Society since its founding 109 years ago. Dr. John F. McMahon, who was dean of the New York State College of Ceramics from 1949 to 1965, and Charles Fergus Binns, who was founding director of the New York State School of Clayworking when it was established in 1900, also served as ACerS president while directly affiliated with Alfred University. A long-time member of the faculty as a professor of Glass Science, Pye was dean of the College during its centennial celebration and was founding director of the National Science Foundation Center for Glass Research at Alfred. He was also involved in establishing the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering and creating the only Ph.D. program in Glass Science in the United States at Alfred. He has previously served ACerS as chair of the Glass and Optical Materials Division, a trustee, and most recently as chair of its Globalization Task Force study group. Pye is now a visiting professor at the Johns Hopkins University; technology advisor to the Sarnoff Corporation; and a member of the external advisory committee of the Savannah River National Laboratory. He is a past president of the International Commission on Glass; a member of the World Academy of Ceramics; an honorary member of the German Society of Glass Technology; and an honorary fellow of the British Society of Glass Technology. Pye has published extensively in the field of glass science and engineering and convened several international conferences. His career has earned him several awards including: 1996 Glassman of the Year award, sponsored by the U.S. glass suppliers' industry; the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Scholarship and Creativity; and the American Society of Engineering Education's Excellence in Teaching award. In 2003, a named symposium in his honor was convened by the American Ceramic Society. He is listed in several standard biographical references, including Who's Who in the World, and has served on a number of national and international review panels, most recently one convened by the German National Science Foundation.