

The Bollinger Academic Staff Distinguished Achievement Award

This award was established to formally recognize the outstanding contributions to the College of Engineering made by members of the academic staff. These staff members make tremendous contributions to the college's operations, research and teaching efforts.

The award is made possible by a fund established at the UW Foundation in honor of Charlotte and Eroy Bollinger, who dedicated their lives to excellence in education and strongly believed in service. Their fond memories of the University of Wisconsin-Madison attribute this great institution with providing the start to careers of lifelong learning and dedicated service.

Previous Recipients of the Bollinger Academic Staff Distinguished Achievement Award

1989 Elnor M. Rowe, Associate Director, Synchrotron Radiation Center	1997 Sandra Shaw Courter, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Engineering Professional Development
1990 Clayton O. Smith, Assistant Dean of Research	1998 Igor Svatoslavsky, Senior Scientist, Engineering Physics
1991 Richard J. Cashwell, Senior Lecturer, Nuclear Engineering & Engineering Physics	1999 Karen A. Walsh, Director, Engineering Communications Office
1992 Robert J. Sandberg, Manager, Mechanical Engr. Service Facilities	2000 Jay M. Samuel, Senior Lecturer, Departments of Materials Science & Engineering and Mechanical Engineering
1993 Robert F. Perras, Director, Engineering Audiovisual Services	2001 Donna M. Lewis, Administrator, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering
1994 Sandra L. Arm, Director, Engineering Career Services	2002 Leonard Black, Director, Wisconsin TechSearch, Kurt F. Wendt Library
1995 Richard J. Casper, Instrumentation Engineer, Materials Science Center	2003 Mark O. Swandby, Administrator, Department of Engineering Physics
1996 Eritd R. Simon, Senior Academic Librarian, Kurt F. Wendt Library	

The 2004 Bollinger Academic Staff Award

When there was a need on the College of Engineering campus, Tom Murray asked, "What can I do to help?" Under his direction, the college's Kurt F. Wendt Library has been a temporary home to the Engineering Career Services offices, a permanent site for Computer-Aided Engineering labs and classrooms and, most recently, a vibrant, collaborative student learning environment.

In an electronic era where the role of libraries is uncertain, Murray articulated a vision for Wendt Library that addressed the changing needs and expectations of today's library users. As a result, he and his staff developed state-of-the-art, user-centered, technology-based library services that influenced the entire university library system.

He helped strengthen the Wisconsin TechSearch technical information service, extending the university's resources far beyond campus. Under his leadership, Wendt became a leader in providing online access to journals, databases and library collections, and pioneered a fast electronic document delivery system that was the foundation for the campuswide Library Express service. He has worked with the university's Division of Information Technology to make electronic course reserves available to students registered for those courses.

As Wendt Library added more electronic information resources and moved lesser-used volumes to storage, Murray supervised the installation of a new floor over a former balcony, moved out bookshelves, and moved in tables, chairs and more computers. By fall 2001, the library's fourth floor became a high-profile central location for students to study together and seek academic support services. Under his vision, it continues to evolve.

He is quick to credit others for these achievements. But one of his strengths as an administrator lies in his ability to help his colleagues identify and develop *their* individual strengths while inspiring them to contribute to a common vision.

Murray served the UW-Madison campus for 37 years. He became the library's acting director in 1988; its director in 1991. Previously, he was director of the Engineering Publications Office, director of the university's Energy Information Project, and a writer for UW-Madison's University-Industry Research Program and the Institute for Environmental Studies. Murray retired from the college in August 2004.



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