

Faculty and Staff Win Awards, Honors



Neil T. Wright

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Prior to his arrival at MSU, Wright was associate professor at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and had spent the 2000–2001 academic year on sabbatical leave at the University of Texas at Austin in the Biomedical and Mechanical Engineering Programs. He received his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering and applied mechanics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1992. Prior to returning to graduate school full time, he was employed at Martin-Marietta Aerospace in Denver, where he worked on low-gravity propellant management and Space Shuttle ground support projects. Wright's research and teaching interests are in the thermal-fluid sciences, specifically measuring heat transfer properties of deformed elastomers and soft biological tissues and biothermal processes. **E**



LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: Timothy A. Grotjohn, Mackenzie Davis, Tim Hogan, and Bradley Marks. MIDDLE ROW: Pauline Van Dyke, Robert Ofoli, and Eric Torng. FRONT ROW: Farhang Pourboghraat and Steven Shaw.

On April 11, 2002, the College of Engineering held its Twelfth Annual Engineering Awards Luncheon to honor faculty and staff for outstanding teaching and service to the university.

Recipients of the 2002 Withrow Teaching Excellence Award were Bradley P. Marks, associate professor of agricultural engineering; Robert Y. Ofoli, associate professor of chemical engineering and materials science; Mackenzie L. Davis, professor of civil and environmental engineering; Eric K. Torng, associate professor of computer science and engineering; Timothy A. Grotjohn, professor of electrical and computer engineering; and Farhang Pourboghraat, assistant professor of mechanical engineering.

Steven W. Shaw, professor of mechanical engineering, and Timothy Hogan, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, were named 2002 Withrow Distinguished Scholars.

Pauline Van Dyke, administrative assistant for the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, was awarded the Gloria Stragier Award for Dedicated and Creative Service. **E**



Gregory Wierzba, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, received the MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in

Undergraduate Teaching Award at MSU's 2002 State of the University Address and Awards Convocation on February 12. He was recognized for quality teaching and substantial continuing involvement.



Leo C. Kempel, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, was the recipient of a Teacher-

Scholar Award in recognition of dedication and skill in teaching and scholarly promise.