

Faculty, staff honored during convocation

Each year during OSU's fall convocation, a number of awards are presented by OSU's president to faculty and staff for academic and professional achievements.

During the 2004 convocation on Oct. 14, OSU System CEO and President David Schmidly presented the Eminent Faculty Award to Ranga Komanduri, regents professor in the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. The OSU Eminent Faculty Award recognizes the highest level of scholarly achievement.

"Dr. Komanduri holds a distinguished record of past and continuing excellence and prominence at both national and international levels in his areas of expertise, which are manufacturing, high-speed machining, ultra-precision machining and grinding and finishing of ceramic surfaces," Schmidly said.

"Through his many national and international connections and recognitions, Dr. Komanduri has definitely put OSU on the map in the manufacturing area," Schmidly said.

Other awards were presented to Wade Brorsen, regents professor of agricultural economics, Phoenix Award for Teaching; Timothy Krehbiel, professor of finance, Merrick Foundation Teaching Award; Ziad El-Rassi, professor of chemistry, Sigma Xi Lectureship Award; Steve Damron, professor of animal

science, International Education Faculty Excellence Award; and Stephen Miller, marketing professor and director of International Business Programs, Outreach Faculty Excellence Award.

Five newly appointed regents professors were also



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recognized. They are Damona Doye, agricultural economics; Anthony Echelle, zoology; David Nofziger and William Raun, both of plant and soil sciences; and Xinchun Xie, physics.

Outstanding advisers also receiving recognition were Janet Cole, Agricultural

Sciences and Natural Resources; Jules Emig and James Puckette, Arts and Sciences; Rand Wergin, Business Administration; Timm Bliss, Education; Manjunath Kamath, Engineering, Architecture and Technology; and Brenda Smith, Human Environmental Sciences.

"It's an honor to present these awards to the faculty and staff who are truly 'difference-makers' at OSU," Schmidly said.