



Phalanx

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To: The Rensselaer Community

From: The Members of Phalanx

Re: 2006 David M. Darrin '40 Counseling Award

We are pleased to announce that, Professor Robert H. Parsons, chair of the Biology Department, has been selected as this year's recipient of the David M. Darrin Counseling Award.

This award was established by David M. Darrin '40, to recognize a faculty member who has made an unusual contribution in the counseling of undergraduate students, generously sharing time and talents with them, and demonstrating special concern for their welfare in and out of the classroom. The selection of the award recipient is made by Phalanx, the student leadership honorary society, based on nominations received from an open solicitation to the campus earlier this spring. The Darrin Award will be presented to Professor Parsons at Commencement on May 20th.

This year's winner, Professor Parsons has impacted many students, whether in his role as a professor or an advisor. To fully appreciate Professor McLaughlin's impact it is just easier to share some quotes from his nominators:

"Bob Parsons has distinguished himself as a caring and giving advisor who maintains a sharp focus on the progress of undergraduate and graduate students at RPI. His is a story of commitment and service."

"He has personally gone above and beyond his role as a professor to ensure that I am in the best position possible to obtain admission to a graduate institution."

"He is always pleasant and treats the students with respect. His door is always open to students that come in with a question, even if they do not have an appointment."

"I believe that people like Bob have indeed made a difference to countless students over the years."

Please join the members of Phalanx in congratulating Professor Parsons for his leadership and commitment to students in his over thirty years of service at Rensselaer.