



Phalanx

April 15, 2009

To: The Rensselaer Community

**From: Daniel Horvath, President, Phalanx Leadership Honor Society
Eddie Ade Knowles, Vice President for Student Life**

Re: 2009 David M. Darrin '40 Counseling Award

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Lupita D. Montoya of the Department of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Nuclear Engineering has been selected as the 35th recipient of the David M. Darrin '40 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. The selection of the award recipient is made by Phalanx, the student leadership honor society, based on nominations received from an open solicitation to the campus earlier this semester. The Darrin Award will be presented to Professor Montoya at Commencement on May 16, 2009.

In recognizing Dr. Montoya, members of the Rensselaer community cited her inspiring and welcoming attitude, as well as her efforts in bringing her students to Peru in support of humanitarian engineering causes, advisement on graduate school selection, and counseling of students through her involvement in the Engineers for a Sustainable World, the Alpha Omega Epsilon Sorority, the Society of Women Engineers, the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and the Newman Catholic Fellowship.

Please join Phalanx in congratulating Dr. Montoya on this honor.