



**Phalanx**

**May 6, 2013**

**To: The Rensselaer Community**

**From: JP Trasatti, President, Phalanx Leadership Honor Society  
Timothy Sams, Vice President for Student Life**

**Re: 2013 David M. Darrin '40 Counseling Award**

We are pleased to announce that Professor Charles W. Boylen of the Department of Biology and Associate Director of the Darrin Fresh Water Institute has been selected as the 39<sup>th</sup> 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 David M. Darrin '40 Counseling Award will be presented to Professor Boylen at Commencement on May 25, 2013.

In recognizing Professor Boylen, members of the Rensselaer community described his willingness and drive to assist students in all facets of their career here at Rensselaer and beyond. Professor Boylen's passion and dedication to the mentoring of students is exhibited through his translation of thought provoking lessons to hands on learning experiences outside of the classroom walls. For the past forty years Dr. Boylen has conducted environmentally focused research at Rensselaer, during which he has mentored 35 graduate students and countless undergraduates. Additionally, he was the Director of the Darrin Fresh Water Institute (DFWI) at Rensselaer from 1983-1993, followed by his to date tenure as the Associate Director of the DFWI.

Please join Phalanx in congratulating Professor Boylen on receiving this honor.