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1996 PAC Winner

Dr. L. David Pye

Dr. L. David Pye, dean of the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, began his formal studies at Alfred University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Ceramic Engineering in 1959.

He did graduate work at the University of Rochester, earning a degree in Materials Science in 1963, and achieved a doctoral degree in Ceramic Science in 1968 from Alfred University.

Dr. Pre's experiences highlight his commitment to glass. His career began at PPG Industries, Melting and Forming Laboratory in 1959. He worked as a Research Engineer at the Glass Research Labs of Bausch and Lomb, Inc. and then accepted an assistant professorship of Glass Science, New York State College of Ceramics, at Alfred University in 1968, advancing to the position of Associate Professor in 1974. He became Department Chair in 1969 and Professor of Glass Science in 1980.

There are numerous and prominent contributions in the world of education and glass research attributed to Dr. Pye. Through his efforts, Alfred University has won the national competition, establishing its campus as the National Science Foundation sponsor of the Industry-University Center for Glass Research. This July he was honored as its founding director at the 10th anniversary dinner celebration of the Center for Glass Research.

He has presented many public lectures including his most recent one at the Department of Energy sponsored Symposia on Glass held in Washington, D.C. Dr. Pye has organized and co-edited the proceedings of seven international conferences, published more than 70 technical articles and delivered approximately 100 lectures and papers at various meetings, seminars, and workshops.

Dr. Pye was named President-elect of the International Commission on Glass. He also was recently elected as a member of the International Academy of Ceramics. He has chaired the American Ceramic Society, Glass Division, and most recently has become a Trustee of the ACS Glass and Optical Materials Division.