

# News From Professional Firms

## M/E Engineering, P.C. President Al Casey Receives RIT's 2009 Outstanding Alumnus Award

At RIT's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual President's Alumni Ball, Al Casey, P.E. President of M/E Engineering, P.C. was the recipient of RIT's Outstanding Alumnus Award for 2009. The Event drew 750 Alumni and Friends of RIT to the Rochester Riverside Convention Center and was part of RIT's Brick City Homecoming Weekend. Al is a 1973 Graduate of the Kate Gleason College of Engineering and it was his co-op experience while at RIT that started his career path into Consulting Engineering. He is a Rochester native who attended Rochester City Schools and graduated from Edison Tech before entering RIT in 1968. Al, along with fellow RIT grads Ron Mead, P.E., '81 and Bill Liberto, P.E., '82 and UofR grad Joe Straub, P.E. started M/E Engineering, P.C. in January 1991. The firm has grown to over 180 employees with offices in Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse and Albany.

M/E Engineering employs 40 RIT alumni and in 1998 the firm started the M/E Engineering Scholarship

to honor RIT and show their appreciation for the outstanding graduates the company hires. The Scholarship is awarded to Mechanical and Electrical engineering students enrolled in RIT's COE and CAST Programs. M/E's Scholarship has always given preference to RCSD graduates, allowing Al to help both of his Alma Maters. This year the M/E scholarship will dovetail with RIT's initiative to provide scholarships for RCSD students.

In accepting the award Al indicated that "though my name is on this award, I really can't take all, or even most of the credit for the things that have been accomplished. While I make a lot of decisions at our firm, they are always-well, almost always - with the blessing of my business partners, and without them, along with our great staff, especially our core group of RIT Alums, none of the things I do for RIT would be possible...to my fellow RIT Alumni, and the entire RIT Community, I can't stress enough the importance

of giving back, and making every attempt to help RIT co-ops and grads with guidance and career opportunities. While these things may not seem very "innovative", they are what makes RIT a truly "sustainable" institution."

Al and wife Diane reside in the City of Rochester, only 1/4 mile from where he grew up and played little league baseball at Cobbs Hill Park. In his remarks, RIT President Dr. Bill Destler stated "we are glad that he continues to call Rochester, and RIT, his home. Al Casey is the epitome of an Outstanding Alumnus - one who has seamlessly integrated his appreciation for his education, respect for his Alma Mater, financial support of students and commitment to his community, into his daily life".

M/E Engineering has shown continued growth in 2009 - landing in the Rochester Top 100 List for the 10<sup>th</sup> time - and Al and his partners look forward to expanding M/E long into the future. □

