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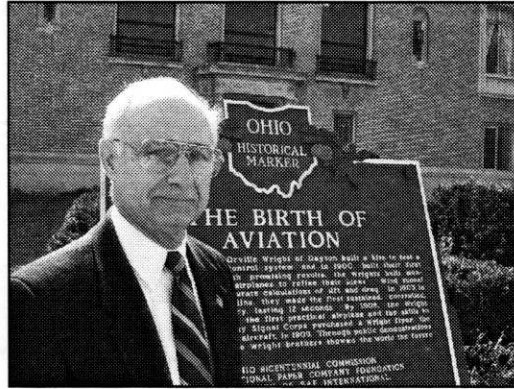
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Allport receives SAE Excellence in Engineering Education Award

Society of Automotive Engineers honors his work with Cedarville University students

By Diana Blowers, Dayton Daily News



Allport with one of the two historic markers he helped bring to the Club.

Editor's note: This article appeared in the Feb. 23 Dayton Daily News and is reprinted by permission. Chuck Allport has served on the Engineers Club Board of Governors and is the vice president of the Engineers Club Foundation. He led the effort to get the two Ohio historic markers – commemorating the achievements of the Wright brothers and Charles Kettering – that stand on the Engineers Club lawn at the Monument Avenue sidewalk. Allport put together and has led the Dayton-area Math and Science Teaching Enhancement program mentioned in the article, a collaborative work sponsored by the Engineering and Science Foundation of Dayton and the Engineers Club Foundation.

If you've never driven onto the Cedarville University campus, you may very well think of it as a tiny college housed in a collection of charming old buildings.

However, tucked away behind those beautiful old buildings is a modern college campus of 400 acres, where more than 3,000 students work on a variety of majors.

Among its many programs is an award-winning engineering program for which Chuck Allport of Beavercreek is receiving some international recognition.

Allport, who was instrumental in establishing the engineering school in 1990, will receive the Excellence in Engineering Education Award from the Society of Automotive Engineers International during the April SAE World Congress in Detroit.

The award recognizes outstanding contributions made by an individual toward activities related to the SAE Engineering Education Board.

Allport has advised more than 30 competition teams during his career at Cedarville University, earning an Outstanding Adviser Award from the Governors' Ethanol Coalition, a personal commendation from the Secretary of Energy, and an Award of Outstanding Professional Achievement from the Dayton Engineering and Science Foundation.

Allport, who is now assistant to the Academic Vice President at CU, spent much of the last 15 years integrating SAE International into engineering education and immersing his students in the school's SAE chapter, resulting in several honors.

Cedarville students received seven consecutive Outstanding Collegiate Branch Awards, attended high-level internships in Washington, D.C., and won top honors in the SAE World Congress Student Booth competition.

In SAE Collegiate Design competitions, Allport's students have designed and built four advanced alternative fuel vehicles, resulting in a feature article in Car and Driver magazine.

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As a member of SAE International, Allport serves on several committees, including the SAE board of directors.

He also serves on professional boards and directs the Dayton-area Math and Science Teaching Enhancement program for teachers.

He earned his bachelor's degree in engineering from the United States Air Force Academy.

He earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Arizona State University and another master's in personnel administration from The George Washington University.