

David T. Ryan Scholarship Established

Rensselaer has established the David T. Ryan Scholarship, a \$5,000 merit scholarship to be awarded beginning next academic year to a sophomore involved in athletics who is majoring in physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, computer science, materials engineering with a focus in nanotechnology, or chemical and biological engineering with a focus in biotechnology.

The scholarship honors the memory of David T. Ryan, a General Electric (GE) physicist and avid bicyclist who died tragically last June in a bicycle accident. The Mohawk-Hudson Bicycling Club hosted the David T. Ryan Ride for Safety Awareness last fall to raise money for a scholarship in Ryan's memory. The group selected Rensselaer to establish the scholarship fund.

Walter Cicha, a friend and co-worker of Ryan who created the memorial bicycle ride, was on campus April 7 to present a lecture as commemoration of 2005 as the World Year of Physics. His efforts to establish the scholarship were acknowledged in advance of his presentation, titled "Rebel With Cause: Celebrating a Century of Albert Einstein's Non-Conformist Humanism."

The scholarship will continue to be awarded on an annual basis as funds allow. Recommendations for the scholarship will be submitted by the deans of the School of Science and the School of Engineering, following specific criteria.