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Millar receives Chancellor's Award



Dean Millar, Assistant Dean for Corporate Relations, was honored with SUNY's prestigious Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service which recognizes individuals who have transcended the normal definitions of excellence. Millar directs SEAS's Student Work Experience Programs that reach approximately 25% of our graduating undergraduate students, enabling them to gain valuable work experience while still pursuing their degrees. Through Millar's leadership, these programs offer students a national-class program that gives them a leg-up on the job market while strengthening SEAS's reputation with employers.

Millar came to UB in 1994 after almost thirty years with Praxair where he rose through the ranks to be manager of human resources. In SEAS, Millar has used his experience to develop the Engineering Career Institute (ECI), an innovative training program for post-juniors that was among the first of its kind in the nation and still remains one of only a very select few. The ECI both helps students "cut their teeth" in industry by assisting them in obtaining technical summer jobs and teaches them critical business-oriented skills not usually available in their undergraduate technical courses.

Through his tireless and congenial work, Millar has established a program that benefits all involved: the student, the company, and the School. The success of ECI is perhaps best characterized by a student's response: "I honestly believe that without this experience of the ECI program, I would not have the job I presently enjoy. I have a dream job, and ECI gave me the skills to follow my dreams."