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## A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

On October 26, 1993, another of our Associate Editors received a prestigious award. At a formal banquet and ceremony in St. Louis, Professor James P. Wightman, Alumni Distinguished Professor in the Chemistry Department at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI&SU), received the Thirteenth Award of The Adhesive and Sealant Council (ASC). The Award is given annually to an individual who has contributed original research or otherwise significantly advanced the adhesive and sealant industry. Professor Wightman was recognized for his role as scholar, educator, facilitator of industry/academia partnerships and as Director of the Center for Adhesive and Sealant Science (CASS), which is funded by the ASC's Education Foundation. He is the first career academic to receive the Award.

Upon presenting the Award, ASC President George Gant of Dow Corning Corporation drew a parallel between the work done by Professor Wightman at CASS and Dow Corning's founding 50 years ago. He said, "Dr. Eugene Sullivan of Corning Glass had a dream about a plastic with the properties of glass, and it turned into the reality of commercial silicone products and a new corporation. Similarly, ASC had a dream of partnership with education that would build a stronger foundation for our industry, and it turned into the reality of CASS. Today, Professor James P. Wightman is carrying out that dream with this important organization."

Our heartiest congratulations go to our friend and colleague Jim Wightman for earning this Award, so richly deserved.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laura Shaw". The signature is written in dark ink and has a fluid, elegant style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.