

The Class of 1981 Selects...

P. Richard Rittelmann (Class of 1956)



Rittelmann is recognized internationally for his research in energy efficient building design and the use of alternative energies. A registered architect and specialist in solar systems design, he is executive vice president and managing partner of Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates in Butler.

Rittelmann credits his senior high guidance counselor, Esther Johnson Shaffer, with steering him to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and its Navy ROTC scholarship program. Rittelmann represents the United States on the International Energy Agency. In 1986 he was named to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects. He is the only United States architect to be nominated by the AIA for the International Union of Architects Technology in Architecture Award.

Since 1986 Rittelmann has been a member of an American team negotiating bilateral agreements with the Soviets in architecture and construction programs. The renovation of a maternity hospital in Moscow will be completed in 1995. Rittelmann is also the principal in charge of designing a solar-powered medical clinic in Tibet to be constructed this year. He is a resident of Butler Township.