John Grandin exemplifies the criteria of this award, which honors scholar-teachers for exceptional contributions to the field of language and literature. Professor emeritus of German and founder and director emeritus of the International Engineering Program (IEP) at the University of Rhode Island, Grandin is internationally recognized as the creator of a highly effective dual-degree program, which combines language study and professional education. The IEP model has inspired programs around the United States: among others, Pharmacy and French and Textile, Marketing, and Design in French and Italian (University of Rhode Island); EUROTECH (University of Connecticut); Languages and Cultures for Professions (Iowa State University); International Affairs and Modern Languages and Global Economics and Modern Languages (Georgia Institute of Technology); and Business Language Studies (San Diego University). Grandin has worked tirelessly to bring together educators and business owners to support the preparation of internationally adept professionals. His work promoting partnerships and creating community among educators and international industry and private and public sector leaders has established the highest standard for programs in languages and professional education.