

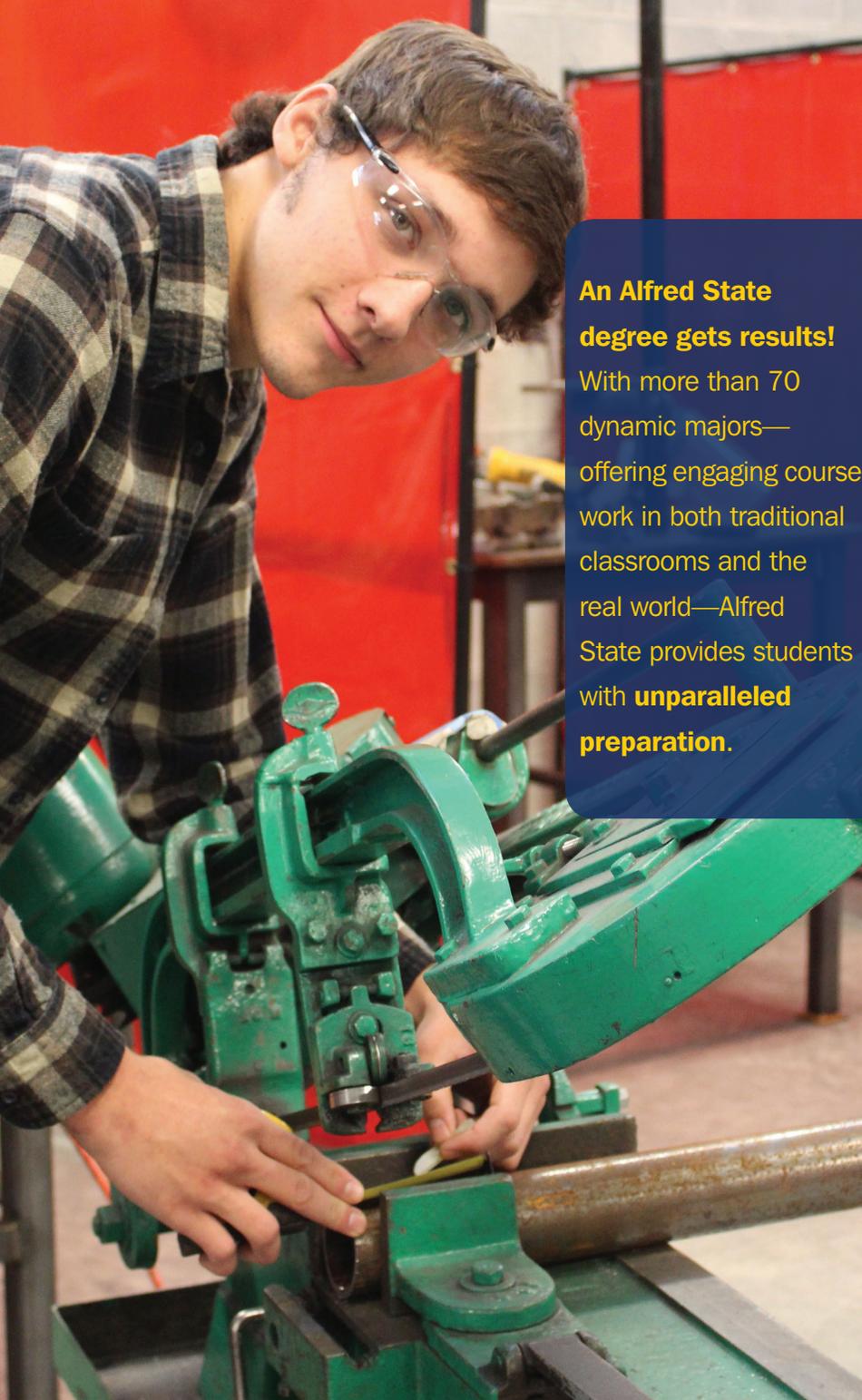
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alumni, faculty, staff, & friends,

The year may be 2016, but we're all about the "Fantastic 50s" in this edition of Transitions, with so many exciting milestones and stories revolving around that number.

For instance, our School of Applied Technology kicked off its 50th anniversary celebration during Homecoming and Family Weekend in October with the opening of the new Sustainable Advanced Manufacturing Center on campus. Our college's original nursing program is celebrating its golden anniversary this year, as well.

Last year marked the Hinkle Memorial Library's 50th anniversary, as half a century ago, students forming the "book brigade" helped carry books across the street from the library's previous location to its current one. Driving a 1953 Dodge Power Wagon tow truck in this year's Great Race, a group of Automotive Trades students came away with a third-place finish in the X-Cup division.

In addition to some of these stories, you will also read about several alums who graduated more than 50 years ago, yet still maintain a deep fondness for our college. Bill and Jane Lusk, who met and fell in love at Alfred State, said that they benefited not only from the education they received here, but also from the lifelong relationships they formed. Tom Ward shares how his professors had a very positive influence on his life, and that he was able to attain more than he ever thought possible as a result of his Alfred State experience.

You will also read about alums Ed and Shirley Hatter, who for more than 50 years have organized an Alfred State reunion in Fort Myers, FL, and at Owasco Lake near Auburn, NY, for their fellow Gamma Theta Gamma brothers and Pi Nu Epsilon sisters. Another alum who graduated more than 50 years ago and always had a special place in his heart for Alfred State was the late Frank Oppedisano, who was recently honored by his longtime employer, Postler & Jaeckle Corp. The company made a generous donation to create a scholarship in Frank's memory that benefits academically talented students in our mechanical engineering technology programs.

Finally, our historic, first-ever Day of Giving campaign is looking to raise \$50,000 from at least 300 donors this November. Your support would help us reach this goal, while making a big difference in the lives of our students.

Looking back on the past half century and beyond, we have a lot to be proud of here at Alfred State. Whether you graduated in the 50s, 50 years ago, or even just this past May, it's always been fantastic to be a Pioneer!

Respectfully,

Dr. Skip Sullivan, President



Theta Gamma

Maintaining relationships after college isn't always easy. Jobs, family, continuing one's education, and numerous other reasons can often result in friends going their separate ways.

That's why it is so remarkable that for more than 50 years, a group of Alfred State Gamma Theta Gamma brothers and Pi Nu Epsilon sisters have made it a point to get together at least twice a year for a reunion. They come together to laugh, tell stories, and to simply enjoy being in one another's company.

For the past 58 years, Ed and Shirley (Reigle) Hatter have hosted the majority of the get-togethers, both at their home in Fort Myers, FL, and at their residence on Owasco Lake in Auburn, NY. Ed, a Cortland-area native, is a 1958 graduate of the air conditioning program, and Shirley, originally from Akron, NY, studied medical secretarial science in 1958 and 1959.





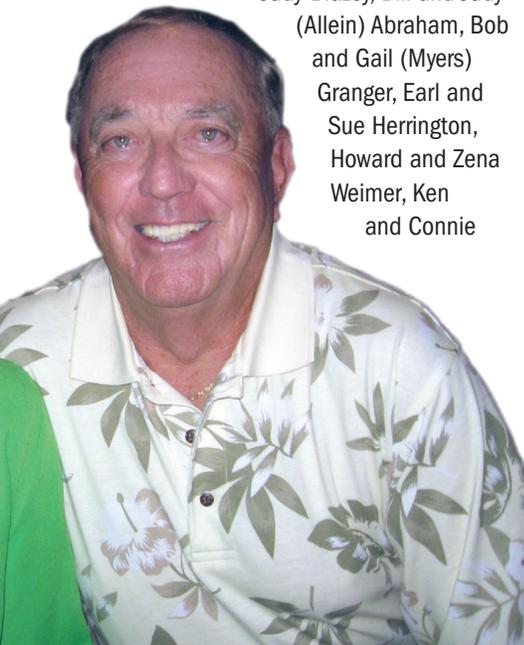
Pi Nu

reunions still going strong

The reunions began simply enough. Originally, several Theta Gamma brothers and Pi Nu sisters would gather every other weekend at Shirley's parents' home in Akron. Once word of the get-togethers spread, the numbers soon grew and the venues changed.

"In the early years, we alternated between our home, the Millers', the Kidds', and the Blazes'. After a while, by unanimous vote," Shirley said, "it was decided to get together twice a year at our home on Owasco Lake near Auburn in the summer, and at our home in Fort Myers in the winter. This way, we could accommodate some different people. However, many of the regulars attend both."

Of the roughly 40 couples who have attended the reunions, several of the regulars over the years, included Jack and Joann Hanel, Bob and Bev Miller, John and Judy Blazey, Bill and Judy (Allein) Abraham, Bob and Gail (Myers) Granger, Earl and Sue Herrington, Howard and Zena Weimer, Ken and Connie



(Darling) Oaks, John and Bev O'Malia, Al and Judy (Delmore) Styracula, Wayne and Helen Kidd, Pete and Lorraine Steen, and Bob and Jane Mullen. Many others also attend as often as possible.

As for the Hatters themselves, who recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary, they met at Alfred State at a Student Council meeting. Shortly after Ed graduated, the couple married and Ed bought a 25 percent interest in the family's HVAC business, which they eventually took over completely. Shirley became a stay-at-home mom until their son and daughter started school.

After Shirley joined the business, it expanded into commercial and industrial projects. The couple also started an oil business and a residential development.

"Life has been very good to us," Ed said. "We have many very good friends all over the world, and I can truthfully say that Alfred State certainly played a large part in our success."

To this day, Ed and Shirley continue to greatly enjoy the company of the friends they made at the college so long ago. Ed said he and Shirley hope that they will be able to host the reunions for many more years, but added, "nothing is forever."

"We have lost several of our dear Theta Gamma and Pi Nu friends over the last 15 years, but they all are always part of our thoughts and memories," he said.

Shirley notes that hosting the reunions "is so easy" because everyone brings food and drinks and pitches in to help clean up.

"I especially enjoy keeping up with what their children and grandkids are doing," she said. "It's hard to believe, but no one has changed in 58 years!"

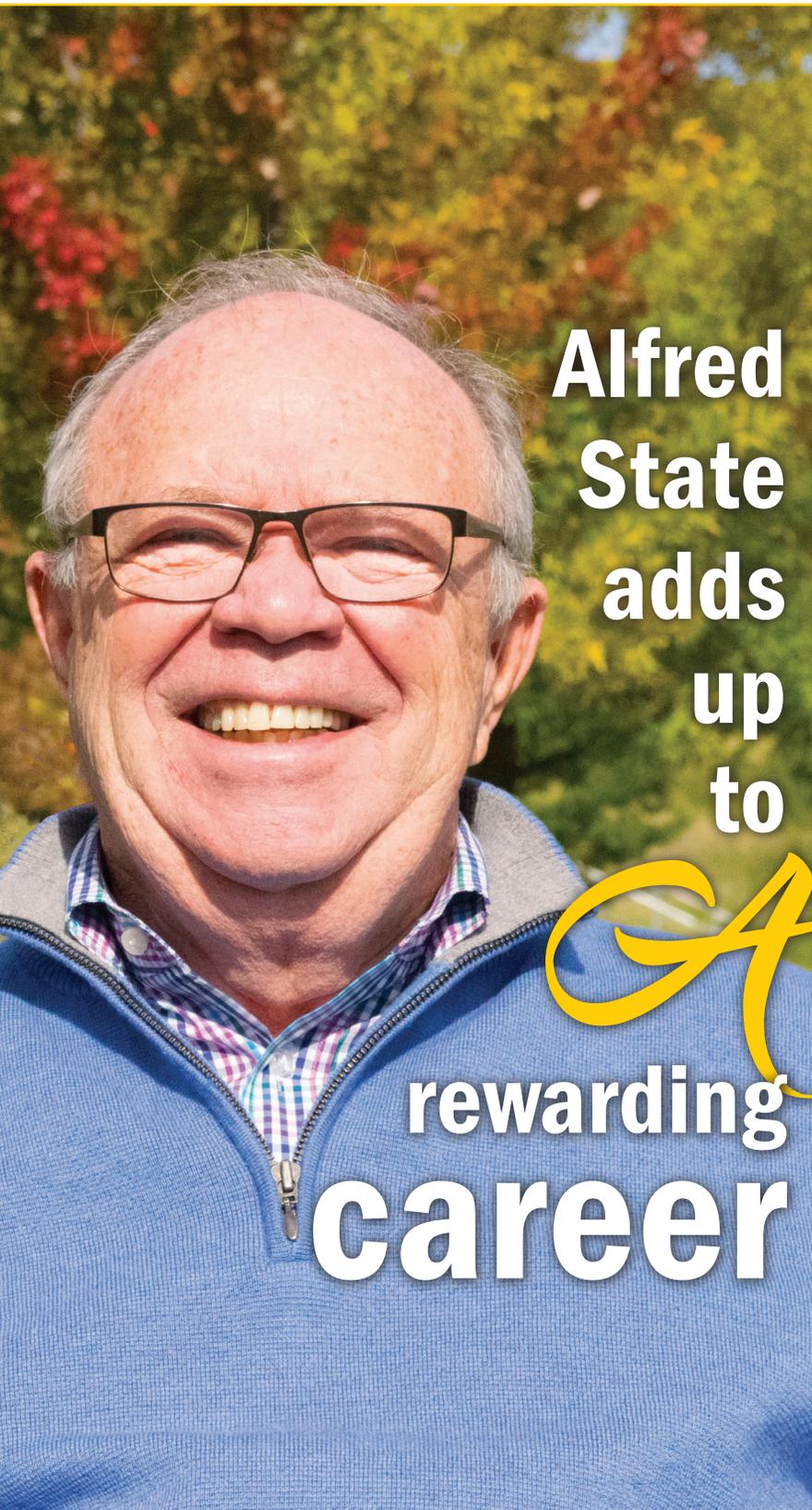
What else hasn't changed, and what will likely never change, are the longstanding friendships of these Theta Gamma brothers and Pi Nu Epsilon sisters, who continue to reunite and reminisce of days gone by.

"Our common bond is Alfred State, and especially Theta Gamma and Pi Nu," Shirley said. "Although our jobs, our families, and our interests have taken us in many different directions, I can truly say that there is a great amount of love in our group. We tell the same stories over and over. We laugh, sometimes we cry, but we never forget."

Left: Ed and Shirley Hatter.

Above: Bob Granger, Gail Myers Granger, Judy Allein Abraham, Bill Abraham, Earl Herrington, Marcia Augrom Aloï, Sue Herrington, Larry Hall, John Aloï, Ed Hatter, John Blazey, Judy Blazey, Shirley Reigle Hatter, Connie Darling Oaks, Ken Oaks, Helen Kidd, Wayne Kidd.

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Alfred
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adds
up
to

A
rewarding
career

When Rochester native Tom Ward enrolled at Alfred State in the mid-1960s, he wasn't sure what to expect. He had chosen the college at the urging of a guidance counselor and because of its proximity to home.

Today, however, after having carved out a successful career in the financial world that spanned more than four decades, Tom reflects upon how important his time at Alfred State was, describing it as "two of the happiest years of my life."

"Teachers like Tom Dunn, Bob Aftuck, EJ Brown, and Joe Flynn had a very positive influence on me," he said. "My small world had opened up and I was able to attain far more than I could ever imagine."

Tom, who grew up in the northern portion of the Greece/Charlotte area, achieved his accounting degree from Alfred State in 1966. That year, he also secured a job as an auditor with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

At the time, the country was in the midst of the Vietnam War, and Tom was convinced to join the National Guard by his parish priest, who had also joined and was serving as a chaplain major.

"I was still able to keep working, attend my meetings, and grow into the job with the Tax Department," he said.

Tom's employment with the department lasted until 1976, when he took over as comptroller for the town of Henrietta. Though he was still intent upon earning his bachelor's degree, a number of factors had arisen that prevented this, including financial constraints, serving in the National Guard, and the arrival of the first of his four children.

In 1979, taking his third job as a financial advisor "interrupted the process just before the finish line," he said. By that point, he was spending his spare time studying to obtain his securities and insurance licenses so he could join Investor Diversified Services (IDS), a financial planning firm that was bought by American Express, and 10 years later was spun off as Ameriprise Financial Services.

1966 = 50 Great Years

“American Express and Ameriprise became the largest financial planning company to allow advisors who were certified financial planners (CFPs) to retain ownership of their client base,” he said.

“We became franchises.”

Through this job, Tom met his second wife, Ann, whose two brothers had also joined Ameriprise.

“The economies of scale drove the three of us and two other colleagues to combine the five separate franchises, and grow to one of the largest Ameriprise franchises in the country, starting in 1998,” he said.

Tom’s franchise had been awarded in 1986, and in 1992, the partnership was formed that led to the creation of Ward, Wyand and Associates, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., located in Rochester, which assists with a variety of things including retirement planning, investing, insurance, tax planning, and more.



Following his retirement in December 2012, Tom’s son, Andrew, returned to Rochester and joined the firm. At the time he retired, Tom had already begun a systematic reduction of his client base six years prior to that.

“A smooth transition is paramount in a career as personal as financial planning,” he noted.

Reflecting upon his career as a financial advisor, Tom said the most appealing part of his job was the contact he had with clients.

“I was able to shed almost all administrative duties and help clients seek, attain, and maintain financial security,” he said. “To be trusted and appreciated by clients and their families, through good times and bad, was and is well worth the risks and long hours required to build a practice. Asset management and comprehensive planning are dynamic endeavors and need constant monitoring.”

Also important to Tom, as well as his family, is the act of giving back, which he has done in multiple ways to the college since graduating 50 years ago. For several years, Tom has been a donor to Alfred State - having given funds for general scholarships - and been a member of the President’s Society for a portion of that time, as well. He has

also purchased a memorial bench and garden on the Alfred campus. Tom has returned to Alfred State several times over the years, including once to speak to a group of financial planning students after graduation, and in another instance when he and his wife toured the campus. He has also officiated men’s basketball games for both Alfred State and Alfred University.

This fall, Tom returned to campus during Homecoming and Family Weekend to see some of his Kappa Sigma Epsilon brothers that he hasn’t seen in 50 years, and others that he has seen only a few times.

“These brothers brought pride, teamwork, and honesty to the fore and we all grew,” he said. “In my second year, we won the Greek awards for cumulative index, and football and softball championships!”

These days, Tom spends his time golfing, woodworking, reading, traveling, enjoying his house in the Adirondacks, and tutoring a third-grade class in the Rochester City School District.

And because of the invaluable experience he had as a student at Alfred State and the impact the college made on his life, Tom will also continue to make time for his alma mater. He may not have known what to expect as an incoming student, but as an alumnus, he now knows what Alfred State means to him.

“Whatever I am able to do for the college is in appreciation and recognition of my entire experience there,” he said. “Thank you, Alfred State.”

connections that span the years



**Bill and Jane Lusk
have maintained strong ties
with Alfred State
AND fellow alumni
for more than half a century.**

As Bill Lusk knows, it's amazing what can happen in just 50 short years.

In addition to serving in Vietnam, owning his own general contracting firm, and becoming a city council member, Bill has also raised twin sons, along with his wife and fellow Pioneer alum, Jane (Ferguson).

It was at Alfred State, in fact, that the couple met and fell in love. And no matter where life has taken them in the 50-plus years since graduating, the Lusks have continued to cherish one another, as well as the college where their life's journey together began.

Bill and Jane's relationship formed in the early '60s when, as was customary, upperclassmen, such as Bill, greeted incoming freshmen, such as Jane. Bill

admits he "made it a point to meet Jane," and their relationship evolved from there.

"And after 54 years, it is still evolving," said Bill.

Some of the best times at Alfred State, Jane notes, were the simplest ones.

"I can remember in the winter, especially after a snowfall, we would borrow trays from the cafeteria and use them to slide down the hill by the Gamma Theta Gamma House," she said. "Wednesday nights at the Collegiate for spaghetti were also a treat."

In 1963, Bill graduated with a degree in construction engineering. Jane earned her degree in horticulture a year later in 1964.

Upon receiving his diploma, Bill took a job with Ridge Construction Co., a division of Eastman Kodak, working as a field engineer. While employed there, he joined the United States Navy Reserves in a Seabee (Construction Battalions) unit in Rochester.

In 1965, the couple became engaged and Bill went on active duty, attending Builders School in Port Hueneme, CA. Upon graduation, he joined Mobile Construction Battalion Four in Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam.

After that deployment, Bill returned to the US and trained for six months, including two weeks with the Marines at Camp Pendleton, CA. His battalion returned to Vietnam in January 1967, and Bill was shipped to Khe Sanh near the Laotian border in a small


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detachment, where he helped build bunkers and other support facilities for the Marines.

The year 1967 proved to be an important one, as Bill was discharged in August and went back to college at Tri-State University (now Trine University), where he would earn his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in 1970.

“It was a severe culture shock to go from the jungles of Southeast Asia to a remote Indiana farm town in three weeks,” he said.

At the end of 1967, Bill and Jane tied the knot, and three years later after earning his bachelor’s degree, Bill took a position with the Detroit Metro Water Department in the Waste Water Division.

While living in Michigan, Bill not only became registered as a professional engineer, he also became a father. In 1972, he and Jane welcomed twin sons, Matthew and Mark, who had been born prematurely.

“I like to think that they arrived early so they could get a head start on everyone else,” Jane said. “They did. Both are very healthy and successful. I can’t believe they’re turning 44 this year.”

Following the birth of their sons, Jane became a stay-at-home mom, after having worked in a couple of flower shops in Rochester following graduation from Alfred State. She and her mother also ran a craft business together for several years.

“I am quite a creative person,” she said. “My Alfred State education brought out the potential in that area.”

In 1973, Bill joined an engineering firm in Peachtree City, GA.

“Unfortunately, that was in the midst of the ‘oil crisis,’ which lasted for about a year, as did that job,” he said.

For the next 12 years, Bill worked for a number of general contractors, including J.A. Jones, on several projects in Atlanta. These included Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority projects, high-rise office buildings, hangars at Atlanta Airport, and a variety of other projects.

In January 1986, Bill and a friend of his opened their own general contracting firm, named Lusk & Devine, Inc.

“Three years later, I bought him out,” Bill said. “Our clients included many of the colleges in Georgia, assisted living developers, and the state and federal government. We eventually became involved in building churches and became known as a quality builder in that select group of the industry.”

In 2013, Bill changed the name of the business to Lusk & Company, Inc., and took on two partners, who purchased the company from him in 2015. The business continues to work throughout Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and the Carolinas.

Today, the Lusks live in Milton, GA, about 30 miles north of Atlanta. Bill has served on several boards and commissions in Georgia, and became one of the first licensed general contractors in the state.

In addition to his professional duties, Bill has also served on the Milton City Council since the city was created in 2006, and was one of five people who helped form the Friends of the Milton Library. The group collects and sells used books, with all proceeds supporting unfunded programs at the library.

Last year, Bill published a book of his own about his family history, titled “Lusks in America – the Connecticut Line – 1715-2015.” The book will soon be available on Amazon.

While their lives may have taken them to many different places, the Lusks continue to maintain a strong connection to Alfred State. They have been members of the President’s Society and have hosted several reunions for alumni in the Georgia area.

“I enjoyed my time at Alfred State,” acknowledges Jane, who was a member of the cheerleading team and the Pi Nu Epsilon sorority. “Being a small school, it was easy to make friends and get involved in activities.”

Bill, who was a member of the wrestling team and of Gamma Theta Gamma, said his experience at Alfred State “opened my world.”

“It provided a sound education, the instructors were great, practical, and approachable, and the location was outstanding, especially in the fall with all of its splendor,” he said. “We have a strong connection to Alfred State based not only on our educational training, but also on the lifelong relationships we made there. Those are connections that endure and span the years.”

late alum's generosity lives on



THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP

ALFRED STATE ALWAYS MEANT A GREAT DEAL TO FRANK OPPEDISANO



It was here that the Honeoye Falls native was able to further his passions for learning and playing sports. As a student, he joined the Alfred Society of Refrigeration Engineers and was a member of the 1959 men's basketball team that won the first Region III Championship in Alfred State history. Oppedisano would also frequently comment that the college provided him with the foundation that allowed him to excel in his career.

And just as Oppedisano cherished his alma mater, so too was he beloved as a longtime employee at Postler & Jaeckle Corp. out of Rochester, NY. After he passed away in June 2015, the company

literally paid tribute to Oppedisano by making a generous donation of \$50,000 to the college to create the Frank Oppedisano '60 Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

A 1960 graduate of the refrigeration program, Oppedisano worked from 1974 to 2015 at Postler & Jaeckle, a mechanical contracting company.

According to Beth Howard, principal at Postler & Jaeckle, Oppedisano's core competency was that he was an incredibly talented mechanical engineer. This allowed him to perform various duties, including sales, estimating, project management, design-build, and value engineering.

Above: 1960 Alfred Society of Refrigeration Engineers -

Front row I-r: Sturr, B.; Cott, D.; Oppedisano, F.; Mr. Joyce, Advisor; Mishoe, G.; Aloj, J. Back row I-r: Rapini, L.; Welles, D.; Johansson, H.; Simpson, B.; Glover, M.

During his tenure at the company, Oppedisano held multiple roles at the VP level, with functions ranging from engineering to construction execution. He was directly responsible for the completion of larger projects, particularly the most challenging ones, Howard said.

As stated in the scholarship's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), "Oppedisano was very highly regarded in the construction community in which he lived and worked. He was revered not only for his technical skill, but also for always striving to do the right thing and exceeding expectations. He had high ideals and inspired the same from those around him."

The MOU continues, "His professionalism and care for his customers and peers are unparalleled. He left the construction industry he loved so much in a better place, having mentored so many who are now enthusiastically carrying on his vision. It is in this spirit that the Frank Oppedisano Memorial Endowed Scholarship was created."

The first disbursement of funds for the scholarship will be in the fall of the 2017-18 academic year. In order to be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be an incoming or current student in one of the mechanical engineering technology programs at Alfred State.
- Be currently in and remain in good academic standing.
- Exhibit leadership and/or service to school and/or community.
- Exhibit a strong sense of responsibility to self and dedication to family.
- Exhibit potential and willingness to accept a challenge.

The company that Oppedisano worked for and whose generosity made the scholarship possible, Postler & Jaeckle, was founded in June 1964, and continues to please customers to this day by combining the latest in mechanical systems with Old World pride in workmanship. The company focuses on construction, service, HVAC/plumbing, and fabrication in New York State and northern Pennsylvania.

According to its website, Postler & Jaeckle "established an organization that has built a solid reputation by providing craftsmanship and service second to none. They pride themselves on integrity and the level of expertise they bring to each of their projects."

Postler & Jaeckle, the website continues, "became a leader in the field by meeting the needs of private owner, developers, environmental contractors, general contractors, and subcontractors. Their business philosophy is to do an excellent job, no matter what the size of the contract and in the most economical way possible. Integrity and quality will always be their mission statement."

Integrity and quality are two words that can also be associated with Frank Oppedisano. With his vast amount of knowledge, Howard said, he never passed up an opportunity to help those around him grow.

"He was constantly mentoring both his coworkers and clients," she said. "Frank was the best kind of leader in that he never shied away from asking tough questions and holding people accountable. What made him so special is that he never set out to solve others' problems for them, but rather to guide them in developing their own solutions. He taught those around him to be critical thinkers."



As for his relationships with his customers, Oppedisano was very detail-oriented and concerned himself not only with the construction phase, but also with ensuring peak performance after installation.

"He was not afraid to ask questions if he thought there might be a better way," Howard noted. "One of the greatest feelings is achieving a level of success that enables you to help others. Frank was a great contributor to our success."

Given that Oppedisano was not only an invaluable employee at Postler & Jaeckle, but that he constantly sought the best for his clients and always looked to bring out the best in his fellow workers, it is only fitting that the company memorialized his legacy of helping others by creating a scholarship at Alfred State. Through this, Oppedisano's spirit of generosity will live on, as future generations of mechanical engineering technology students will be able to attend college and fulfill their dreams at the same school that meant so much to him.

"We are very appreciative of having Frank in our lives for 40-plus years," Howard said. "He was selfless with his time in teaching others, so we thought it would be fitting to have him memorialized through a scholarship where he can continue to help others grow."

[HOMECOMING]





Get fired up!



With so many exciting events taking place, Pioneers and their families were easily able to get fired up for Alfred State's Homecoming and Family Weekend.

Friday's festivities began with a tour of the new \$5 million Sustainable Advanced Manufacturing Center as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Wellsville campus. The center, which opened for the first time this fall, houses freshman and senior welding students and senior machine tool technology students.



Later that night was a spirit rally and bonfire that included a car smash, games, carnival food, and prizes, followed by fireworks and the always-entertaining Alfred's Got Talent Show. The college community was introduced to the 2016-17 men's and women's basketball teams during Pioneer Basketball Midnight Madness, in which the teams competed in various contests before battling in a scrimmage.

Saturday's events began with the sixth annual Race for a Cure 5K Run/Walk to battle cancer. A Greek chili cook-off, barbecue tailgate, and car show preceded the football game, which saw the Pioneers take on the Buffalo State Bengals. Also that afternoon, family-friendly comedian, hypnotist, and mentalist Eric Mina entertained a crowd at the Cappadonia Auditorium in the Orvis Activities Center.





Since developing Alfred State's veterinary technology program 17 years ago, Dr. Mel Chambliss

has touched the lives of countless people and animals, both on campus and in the community. The impact of his skills, knowledge, and expertise in his field has been felt by students, pet owners, and animal care organizations alike.

An associate professor in the Agriculture and Veterinary Technology Department, Mel joined the Alfred State faculty in 1999, after having taught at SUNY Delhi and Michigan State University. He had served his residency in veterinary pathology at Cornell University, and earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Bachelor of Science in animal science degrees from Tuskegee University.

At the beginning of his Alfred State career, Mel was initially tasked with assisting the Agriculture and Horticulture Department (now the Agriculture and Veterinary Technology Department) in the development of a new veterinary technology major.

The two-year program welcomed its initial class of students in the fall of 1999.

After receiving accreditation in the early 2000s, the program, under Mel's leadership, soon formed valuable partnerships with the SPCA Serving Allegany County, and later with the Hornell Area Humane Society. Both of these organizations have provided animals for the hands-on education of students, who learn about animal husbandry, assist in the spaying and neutering of animals, monitor the anesthesia of patients, perform diagnostic blood work, and more.

"I think we've done a great job in building a relationship with both institutions," Mel said. "It's beneficial not only to the program to have the students out there in the community so that the public gets to understand that Alfred State students are doing positive things, but it also builds confidence in the community and an understanding about veterinary technology and what veterinary technicians do within a practice situation."

In addition to the students, Mel has also made quite an impact on the community himself. From 2008 to 2014, he served as the director of shelter veterinarian care at the Hornell Area Humane Society, responding to on-call emergencies, providing suggestions on disease control, and leading free rabies clinics, in which an average 150 animals were vaccinated over a two-hour period.

For his work with the Humane Society, the organization's Board of Directors in 2007 presented Mel with the Dr. Ted Beyer Award, which was established as a way to honor its namesake for his years of endless commitment to shelter vet medicine and shelter animals. Mel was chosen for the award on the basis of his commitment to helping animal shelters and the animals served by the Humane Society.

Speaking first-hand to Mel's work in the community was Alfred State colleague Wendy Dresser-Recktenwald, who served as the president of the Board of Directors at the

Humane Society during Mel's tenure there. She said it was an incredible opportunity for a small shelter to have a veterinarian of Mel's caliber working at the Humane Society and also being available for emergencies.

"Rural areas experience a shortage of veterinarians, and knowing he was there for our stray animals was like a dream come true," she said. "I always knew if we had a middle-of-the-night tragedy and needed a vet, I could count on him to help me. We spent many nights handling animal emergency situations, and I always appreciated his compassion and expertise during these difficult times. The shelter had a nationally renowned expert in vet medicine and veterinary technology education, and the community was able to benefit from his experience."

Additionally, Mel has also provided vaccination and triage treatment for the Southern Tier chapter of Guiding Eyes for the Blind, which provides guide dogs to people with vision loss.

"I've been doing that for the last 12 years," he said. "My daughter, Mekalea, started raising Guiding Eye puppies 14 years ago. We have puppy raisers in the area who come to me for vaccinations or call me if they have an animal that may have eaten something it shouldn't have, prior to going to their recommended veterinarian. I'm sort of that first-call station and I really do enjoy working with them."

Mel and his wife, Kathi, are the parents of four children: Mekalea, Kameron, Kalem, and Makenzie. Kalem is currently employed at Alfred State in the Print and Mail Services Office.



As the founder of the veterinary technology major, Mel has taught every course in the program (except for clinical techniques), with topics ranging from anatomy to physiology to surgical nursing and more.

Since its inception, the program has grown leaps and bounds, starting with eight students in 1999 and increasing to 125 at its peak enrollment. In the spring of 2013, the program also welcomed the opening of a new Vet Tech Center, a roughly 7,500-square-foot facility that includes animal housing, teaching labs, a radiography suite, and a surgical suite.

In addition to leading the program from the beginning, Mel has also led its department, serving as chair from 2002 to 2004. In recognition of his efforts both inside and outside of the classroom, the college honored Mel with the Pioneer Award in 2012.

Dr. Robert Curry, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, said Mel has done a great deal for Alfred State, noting his critical role in the development, registration, and accreditation of the college's veterinary



technology program, and building it into what it is today.

"Mel has remained a forceful and tireless advocate for the program and his academic department," he said. "His work at the local, regional, and national levels has been instrumental in forging partnerships, and has elevated the profile of the veterinary technology program and the college." For Mel, the most rewarding part about being an educator at Alfred State has been the impact he has had on students.

"I get to see a scared, shivering student come in and go out a mature, confident young lady or young man," he said. "I've seen a great deal of success in the students that we have produced. Now, Alfred State has a reputation for producing excellence in veterinary technicians and employers are looking for our graduates. I think that's the most rewarding thing for me in the 17 years I've been a part of this program."

SAMC

Ribbon-cutting marks 50th anniversary celebration



Cutting the ribbon, front row l-r: College Council Chair Pat Fogarty, State Sen. Catharine Young, President Dr. Skip Sullivan, Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul, Assemblyman Joe Giglio, and Educational Foundation President Julie Hart; and, back row l-r: V.P. Craig Clark and Allegany County Board of Legislators Chair Curt Crandall.

ALFRED STATE'S NEW SUSTAINABLE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CENTER (SAMC) was officially dedicated during a ribbon-cutting ceremony in October, which kicked off a celebration of the 50th anniversary for the School of Applied Technology campus in Wellsville.

The \$5 million, 16,000-square-foot facility includes large open bays for hands-on learning by welding and machine tool technology students. It was funded through the State University of New York (SUNY) 2020 Challenge Grant Program and is the first building on the Wellsville campus funded by the State of New York. The Educational Foundation of Alfred, Inc. is leasing the site to SUNY for 30 years. Empire State Development and the Western New York Regional Economic Council supported the project with \$500,000 for equipment inside SAMC.

The ceremony was the first event in a yearlong celebration of the 50th anniversary for the Wellsville campus. Displays will line the entrance hall to the new building, showcasing the skilled trades training available from Alfred State in culinary arts, building construction, automotive, electrical, computerized design, and manufacturing.

An historical display included a congratulatory telegram dated Oct. 21, 1966, and addressed to the Wellsville Vocational Training School from Robert F. Kennedy, who was serving as a US Senator from New York at the time of the school's opening.

The Wellsville campus was originally developed as an oil refinery, and was once one of the largest in the Pennsylvania oil fields. Opening in 1901, it was rebuilt by Sinclair after a major fire in 1938, and played a significant role during World War II. As regional oil supplies dwindled, the refinery struggled, closing in 1958 after a second significant fire. Many of the refinery's buildings still stand today and are used for job training to feed high-need industries such as advanced manufacturing.

Classes began in Wellsville on Oct. 19, 1966, for 110 students enrolled in five programs taught by 10 faculty members. These five initial programs were automotive service, building construction, drafting, electrical service, and food service.



The second event in the 50th celebration was titled "Electrical Trades Tips for Homeowners," and took place Nov. 12. Additional dates for 50th anniversary events include:

Tuesday, Feb. 28:
Culinary Arts Mardi Gras Dinner

Saturday, April 1:
Building Trades Landscape Design Advice

Wednesday, April 26:
Hog Wild Day Celebration and Time Capsule Dedication

Saturday, April 29:
Automotive Trades Child Safety Seat Inspections



HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER NEWEST ADDITION TO PIONEER STUDENT UNION

FOR STUDENTS ON ALFRED STATE'S WELLSVILLE CAMPUS, the Pioneer Student Union (PSU) is a place to relax and have fun in between or after classes, whether it's kicking back in the MindSpa or enjoying a game of basketball.

Now, with the addition of a new Health and Wellness Center, it is also a place where they can receive physical, personal, and emotional treatment.

In September, the college celebrated the opening of the new center with a reception attended by faculty, staff, students, and College Council members. The center includes two exam rooms that provide privacy, a centralized nurse's station for convenience, a well-designed lab, a handicap-accessible bathroom, and plenty of storage space.

Hollie Hall, senior director of Health and Wellness Services, said the center's offerings make the space conducive to providing excellent medical services on a college campus. She added that its location in the Pioneer Student Union (PSU), which was formerly known as the Student Activities Center, allows the medical staff to provide outreach and programming opportunities to students who frequent the building because of all its wellness offerings.

The health center is just the latest addition to the Pioneer Student Union, which has made some major upgrades within the past couple of years, thanks largely in part to the Educational Foundation of Alfred, Inc. The private foundation provides monetary support to enhance learning opportunities for students through scholarships, work grants, and academic club activities.

The Foundation's connection to the Pioneer Student Union goes back to the facility's origin in the late 1960s, when the Foundation hired a company to construct a student activities building on the Wellsville campus for about \$54,000.

Each of the college's two campuses has a Health and Wellness Center to treat student illnesses, accidents, and personal or emotional needs. A registered nurse and counselors are available during posted hours on a non-appointment basis.

NEW PROGRAM IS FIRST IN THE NORTHEAST

CONTINUING TO ADD UNIQUE AND IN-DEMAND PROGRAMS, Alfred State now offers a two-year motorcycle and power sports technology major that will be the first of its kind among all public colleges in the Northeast. Classes for this program will begin in the fall of 2017.

The Associate in Occupational Studies degree program will prepare students for a career as a motorcycle/power sports/small engine technician, incorporating a progressively challenging format and hands-on laboratories, using full-size functioning vehicles.

Training will include all aspects of motorcycle and small vehicle repair, including the diagnosis and repair of gasoline and diesel engines, transmissions, electrical/electronic systems, brake systems, steering systems, and suspension systems.





FOR THE THIRD TIME, THE ALFRED STATE BASIC UTILITY VEHICLE (BUV) TEAM CAME OUT ON TOP IN A NATIONAL COMPETITION.

The team tied with Purdue University for first place in this year's intercollegiate BUV Design Competition, sponsored by the Institute for Affordable Transportation and held April 23 in Batavia, OH. In addition to its three first-place finishes, Alfred State's BUV team has also come in second four times since first entering the competition in 2006.

The contest is a combination of a race and manufacturing design competition. For building a highly efficient pumping system, which was almost twice as fast as any other team's, Alfred State was recognized with the Most Innovative Award.

This year, the competition involved producing a vehicle capable of operating in rough rural terrain and hauling up to three 55-gallon drums full of water. The event was primarily concerned with endurance, as the teams had to pump

water from a pond to fill the three drums and negotiate three laps over a rugged 2.2-mile course including changes in elevation and plenty of twists, turns, and mud.

Upon completion of the three laps, the teams then had to empty the drums and refill them and repeat the exercise. Each lap was worth 10 points and each full drum was worth five points per lap.

Alfred State BUV team members who competed this year included mechanical engineering technology students Mitchell Rogers, of Troupsburg; Robert Rousseau, of Hyde Park; Kyle Jones, of Ransomville; William Easterly, of Brewerton; and James Haveron, of Falconer. The team was accompanied by Tezak and Academic Support Technician Ray Gleason.

In addition to Alfred State, the other major competitors were Purdue University, Baylor University, two entries from the University of Cincinnati, and Trine University. Baylor and Cincinnati tied for third place in the competition.

SENIORS CONTINUE TO EXCEL IN ASSOCIATE CONSTRUCTOR EXAM

Proving that they have achieved a high level of skill and knowledge within their field, 35 seniors in Alfred State's construction management engineering technology program last semester aced the eight-hour Associate Constructor (AC) Exam.

Collectively, the students scored 14.88 points higher than the national average and accounted for a pass rate that was 11 percent higher than their peers across the country.

The exam is the first level of certification in the Constructor Certification Program. This level of certification is ideal for recent graduates of four-year construction management programs or those transitioning into construction management from other industries. AC's are individuals who have a high level of skill and knowledge in managing the process of construction.

"Those of us in the Civil Engineering Technology Department are very proud of our seniors," said Erin Vitale, department chair. "For many years, they have outperformed, scored well, and excelled. And this year they've exceeded our expectations even further when comparing their scores with peers."

The professional exam covered all four years of course work in the construction management engineering technology curriculum. This included communications skills; project administration; bidding and estimating; materials, methods, and project modeling and visualization; and more.



Nursing program celebrates

Golden Anniversary

LIKE CLOCKWORK FOR 20 YEARS NOW, past faculty members of the Alfred State nursing program have returned to the Southern Tier in the fall for a reunion. This year, they had even more reason to celebrate with a golden anniversary.

Fifty years ago, Alfred State welcomed its first incoming class of nursing students and the Allied Health building was under construction. Since then, it has been transformed into the modern Physical and Health Sciences building to meet the needs of today's nursing students.

While much has changed for Alfred State nursing, the enthusiasm of students eager to help others, the dedication of faculty, and the building of relationships that last a lifetime, are all traits that have endured.

"We're very proud of the program and the fact that we had an integral part in the beginning," said past department chair Marilyn Lusk. "Each generation of faculty has brought something new to the program that makes it special, and we meet graduates all the time who have achieved great things and are well respected by employers."

Speaking to the continued success of Alfred State nursing grads, past department chair Cynthie Luehman said, "So many of our graduates have far surpassed our level of expertise, and it's just amazing when you hear what they've done. It's humbling."

Today, students utilize newer technology such as SimMan 3G manikins, new facilities such

as the high-fidelity simulation labs, and have clinical experiences at hospitals in multiple locations in Western New York and even Pennsylvania. They can also take one of five academic pathways to earning either an associate or a bachelor's in nursing, including the online format for the bachelor's program.

Margaret Brady was the first chair of the Nursing Department, serving from 1965 until 1970, while guiding the establishment of the program. Next, A. Donald Insley became the new chair, a position he would hold until 1982, when he returned to teaching until his retirement in the early 2000s.

Lusk then served as department chair from 1982 to 1996, when the first faculty reunion was held. Joining Lusk for the reunion this year were Luehman, who chaired the department from 1997 to 2008; current chair and nursing program graduate Linda Panter; former interim chair and faculty member Kathy Decker; as well as retired faculty Pam Jones, Mary Amphlett, Rosemary Fischer, Mary Smith, and Therese LeGro.

"One of the things that made us such a strong faculty was that when those of us who were new came, there were already people there who were really effective, hard-working, and very supportive of the students, so we had others to look up to as role models," Smith said. "Then we ended up all staying for many years."

Sadly, two beloved members of the reunion group, Loretta M. Smith and Joanne Daniels, passed away in the spring of 2016. The

two of them had co-authored a book in 1987 titled "Clinical Calculations: A Unified Approach," a dosage calculations textbook based on dimensional analysis that has now been used in nursing education for almost 30 years.

Lusk, who joined the faculty in 1971, has provided two deserving nursing graduates with a \$200 Annual Award for Clinical Excellence in Nursing for each of the past 13 years. She noted that she plans to increase the amount this year in honor of the program's 50 years of graduating students.

Some very important aspects of Alfred State nursing have remained the same since its inception, such as the high academic standards, graduates who achieve great success, experienced and knowledgeable faculty, and a desire to assist the next generation of nurses.



A celebration of the nursing program's 50th anniversary will take place Thursday, May 11.

Updates will be posted at [f/AlfredStateAlumni](#) and [f/AlfredStateNursing](#), with dinner and department tour details to follow.

Top: Nursing faculty: Seated, L. Smith, A. Insley. Standing J. Daniels, M. Giedlin, M. Lusk. Lower right: Pam Jones works with a student and SimMan manikin.



No. 1 Regional College in the North in Two Categories

Making the *US News & World Report* Best Colleges rankings for the 10th straight year, Alfred State performed better than ever before.

For colleges with out-of-state tuition below \$18,000, Alfred State is the number one regional college in the North. For schools with an undergraduate population of 3,000 students or more, again Alfred State is ranked in first place among northern regional colleges.

When considering all factors in the Best Colleges rankings, Alfred State advanced seven spots, coming in at 12th place overall for regional colleges in the North, up from last year's 19th ranking.

The college also earned a sixth-place ranking among all public regional colleges in the North. In the rankings for Best Regional Colleges for Veterans in the North, Alfred State moved up eight spots, coming in at sixth, and also ranked third among public regional colleges for veterans in the North.

ALFRED STATE ROLLS OUT NEW 'FEAST BEAST' FOOD TRUCK

Students, faculty, and staff can now enjoy a brand-new and exciting dining option on campus: a 24-foot mobile food truck known as "The Feast Beast."

Alfred State President Dr. Skip Sullivan drove the Beast through the inaugural blue ribbon, in June, signaling the arrival of the college's first mobile dining venue. The Beast, which will serve exclusively on the Alfred State campuses and property, will offer signature sandwiches and hand-crafted burgers and salads.

The food truck is owned and operated by Auxiliary Campus Enterprises and Services, Inc. (ACES), the not-for-profit corporation that provides dining services on campus.



Psychology, Leadership MINORS ADDED FOR FALL

The college recently added a pair of new minors to its academic offerings just in time for the start of the fall semester.

With the new minor in psychology, students now have the opportunity to explore various psychological processes and their impact on human behavior. The minor is open to students in any of the college's baccalaureate programs.

The leadership minor is intended to expose students to existing courses and experiential credits (internship or practicum experiences) at Alfred State that focus on and/or include leadership topics. The minor will provide students with essential leadership qualities and principles that will enhance and solidify success both in the classroom and the workplace.

PHASE ONE: MacKenzie Makeover Begins

The first step in transforming the MacKenzie Complex to meet the needs of students both today and tomorrow got underway this fall semester.

Phase one involved renovating the East Tower to create a new entrance and gathering spaces for students on each floor, while reinventing the Central Quad to create an attractive core for the 1,200-student residence hall that is warm, welcoming, and feels like an extension of one's own home.



Alfred State Surges Ahead in ENERGY EFFICIENCY

According to a new report from the New York Power Authority, no similar-sized SUNY campuses perform better than Alfred State for the least amount of energy used per square foot. Several campus buildings were approximately 40 percent more energy efficient than the average among college campuses across the country.

Through evaluating building-by-building benchmarks, the college as a whole performed very well in the Preliminary Energy Analysis report, which was not weather-normalized. According to the analysis, out of seven similar-sized SUNY campuses, Alfred State's energy consumption is noticeably lower than five of them, and ties results for first place.

Nigerian College Looks to Alfred State AS A MODEL OF EXCELLENCE



Alfred State's reputation for hands-on training and job-ready graduates is attracting international attention, and is now identified as a model for building a new college half a world away. In May, the college hosted representatives from a Nigerian school who came to Alfred to discuss best practices for running a successful technical college.

Visitors from Nigeria's Kwara State Government and the International Vocational Technical & Entrepreneurship College (IVTEC) in Ajasse Ipo came to discuss a partnership and to see how well suited Alfred State is for meeting their goals.

Both Sullivan and Abdulfatah Ahmed, executive governor of Kwara State, signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a plan that would allow IVTEC faculty to visit Alfred State to shadow and work alongside its faculty for at least one full semester. The plan would further allow an IVTEC administrator to spend a semester at Alfred State to learn processes and administrative structure to help determine and define the needs of IVTEC.

GRASSTRAVAGANZA Gets Good Crop of Attendees

Held at Alfred State for the first time ever Aug. 4-6, this year's Grasstravaganza event was a huge success.

Roughly 120 people attended the three-day event for farmers, conservationists, and consumers who are interested in soil health, grazing, and sustainable agriculture. Grasstravaganza featured presentations from nationally recognized grazing and soil health experts, specialized workshops, and a trade show.

Attendees were also able to take tours of farms in West Sparta, Angelica, Birdsall, and even Alfred State's own 800-acre farm, which is home to horses, alpacas, swine, poultry, sheep, and both conventional and organic dairy herds.



AUTOMOTIVE TRADES STUDENTS CRUISE TO THIRD-PLACE X-CUP FINISH IN GREAT RACE

After traveling thousands of miles in a controlled-speed endurance rally known as The Great Race, Alfred State came away with a third-place finish in the X-Cup division with its 1953 Dodge Power Wagon tow truck.

For the second straight year, Alfred State competed with the Power Wagon in the X-Cup division, which is designed for high school and college teams. The college also partnered with a family from Illinois to enter a 1928 Model A Speedster in the race.

**Online Programs
Ranked Among
New York's Finest by
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BestColleges.com, a nationally recognized source of college planning information, has named Alfred State to its list of Best Online Colleges in New York.

The school came in third in the statewide rankings, which were created using a methodology that weighs affordability, enrollment, graduation rates, student outcomes, and other data curated from the National Center of Education Statistics (NCES). Such rankings are designed to help prospective students explore their academic options in New York State and determine which accredited postsecondary institution is a suitable match for their budget, degree pathway, and career goals.

Every gift will enhance our students' experience, impact their work, and change their life and the lives of others. Your support of the college shows us and our students that your education had a wonderful impact on your life and now you want to pay it forward. This is a great example to set for our students.

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Consider joining the Pioneers Athletic Corporate Partnership Program. Designed to bring area businesses and Alfred State together as partners, a sponsorship promotes your company, and shows that we support each other in our future successes.

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Help create the foundation for a new tradition, and remind fellow Pioneers of the faithful alumni and friends who paved the way for them. Honor yourself or pay tribute to a friend, family member, or favorite faculty or staff member. Declare your devotion to a fraternity or sorority, Pioneer team, club, or chapter.

The Alfred Alumni Plaza and the Wellsville Campus Courtyard are central gathering places in the heart of our two thriving campuses. You may acquire your piece of Alfred State by purchasing a brick (or bricks) to be included in either of these dedicated sites.

Prices range from \$65 to \$85.



One Day.
One Goal.
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BE A PART OF HISTORY

Join us on **Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016** (*Giving Tuesday*), and be a part of one of the biggest days in Alfred State's history during our first-ever Day of Giving!

OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE **\$50,000** FROM AT LEAST **300 DONORS** DURING OUR DAY OF GIVING, and we want it to be as easy as possible for you to participate.

Here are some ways you can:

- **Mail in the form** you received with the Day of Giving message along with your gift, and consider yourself part of this historic day! Any donations received between Nov. 1 and 29 contribute to the Day of Giving, so you can get a head start on being a part of the action.
- **Virtually join in** on the excitement that day! Simply go to our website, www.alfredstate.edu/give, on Nov. 29 and make your gift there. You'll find real-time updates and be able to see what groups are having the biggest impact.
- **Pick up the phone.** We will have students, faculty, and volunteers calling our alumni, so you can share in the excitement and make a difference just by answering the phone.
- **Be a social ambassador.** Like our Facebook page ([f](https://www.facebook.com/AlfredStateAlumni)/AlfredStateAlumni), and follow us on Twitter ([@AlfredStateAlum](https://twitter.com/AlfredStateAlum)) and Instagram ([i](https://www.instagram.com/AlfredStateAlum)Alfred State Alum) to watch the day unfold. You can be a part of the challenges unlocked, matching gifts awarded, and see live videos that day. We even have an online toolkit for you to share our big day with everyone you know!

If you have never donated to Alfred State before, Nov. 29 would be an excellent time to do so. Every gift, no matter the size, makes an everlasting impact on our students, their education, and their Alfred State experience. You will be supporting scholarships, programs, technology, and athletics with an unrestricted gift to the Annual Fund. Our students need you. Alfred State needs you.

If you are one of our past donors, you know that your gift can have a significant impact on the life of a current student or that of a future Pioneer. This could be your time to shine, too, by taking your giving to the next level, and having a greater impact on the lives of our students. We look to you to lead the charge on Nov. 29.

From all of us at Alfred State, thank you for being a part of our inaugural Day of Giving. We appreciate you, your gift, and your Pioneer Pride. Now let's do this!

It's all about coming together to make a difference in the lives of our students.



GREETINGS Alfred State Alumni!

When the beautiful summer here in Western New York winds down, it marks the time of year when the college comes alive, as new and returning students fill the classrooms and labs, the athletic teams are back in competition, and the clubs and organizations set their schedules and goals for the semester. It is also the time of year when we begin plans for reconnecting with our alumni through new events and engagement opportunities.

One of our primary goals for 2016-17 is to continue to grow our alumni networks, not only in New York State, but around the country. As mentioned in my previous alumni letter, alumni chapters are being developed in the Buffalo, Rochester, and Southern Tier regions. These chapters, alumni events, and other network opportunities allow Alfred State to leverage our outreach to alumni throughout the US.

However, to be successful, we need your help. You can attend one of the events in your area, join one of the chapters, or return to Alfred for a visit and tour. I am confident you will be pleased to learn about the new programs, aesthetics, new and updated buildings, activities, and technological amenities now available.

We also encourage you to reach out to fellow alumni. If you wish to connect with other Alfred State alums by participating in an existing alumni chapter or have other networking suggestions, we are happy to work with you to start a new chapter or opportunity if none are available in your area. For more information on how to get involved, visit www.alfredstate.edu/alumni/get-involved-with-alfred-state.

Together with our dedicated faculty and staff, alumni also play an integral role in the development of our graduates by participating on advisory boards and providing key perspectives on business and industry needs, in turn helping to prepare our students for the workforce immediately following graduation.

Our alumni continue to be among our most valued and talented resources in maintaining the legacy and long tradition of excellence at Alfred State. I hope our paths cross in the near future at one of our alumni events or other networking opportunities! Never forget - it's always good to be a "Pioneer!"

Warm regards,

Colleen H. Argentieri, '85
Director of Alumni Relations

Be our *quest*

Watch for an alumni event in your area!

JANUARY 21

Alumni Event in Nashville, Tennessee
Gaylord Opryland Hotel

FEBRUARY 4

Holiday Valley Ski Event – Ellicottville, NY
Invitations will be going out soon. Save the date and plan to reconnect with alumni on the slopes!

MARCH TBD

Alumni Events in Multiple Florida Locations
Details to be announced

JUNE 16

Alfred State 3rd Annual Pioneers Drive for the Development Fund Golf Tournament – SAVE THE DATE
9 a.m. registration, shotgun start 10 a.m.
Twin Hickory Golf Club, Hornell, NY (rain or shine)
Limited to 36 teams- Last year they filled quickly!
(\$100/person or \$400/foursome)

JUNE 24

Alumni Event in Seattle, Washington
Aboard the "Mooring Glory" yacht.
Bell Harbor Marina, Seattle, WA

JULY 27

Alumni Trip to Rome and the Amalfi Coast
Ten days in beautiful and historic Italy. Travel from Rome to the Amalfi Coast and see some of the most tranquil and majestic countryside and treasures of the old world.



For additional information, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 607- 587-3930. Updates and details on these and other alumni events can be found on the Alfred State Alumni Facebook page and the Alfred State Alumni Events website as they progress.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Distinguished Alumni & Outstanding Young Alumni Awards

The Alfred State Alumni Council has established awards to honor alumni who bring distinction to our alma mater and to themselves through their outstanding personal and professional achievements.

We are honored to present the following awards to a group of distinguished alumni who have been nominated by you, the alumni community.

We are now accepting nominations for our 2017 Alumni Awards. Please take a moment to read the two categories and nominate someone you feel deserves to be recognized for their achievements.

CATEGORIES:

Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Award

This award is presented to an Alfred State graduate for significant accomplishments in his or her personal and professional life, or for distinguished service in his or her community.

Outstanding Young Alumna/Alumnus Award

This award recognizes an Alfred State graduate who, within 10 years of his or her graduation, has demonstrated outstanding service to his or her profession, community, and Alfred State.

Letters of nomination can be submitted via email to Alumni Relations at alumni@alfredstate.edu. Nominations should be no more than 750 words, and should include a description of the leadership qualities, honors, accomplishments, and other supporting information that qualify the nominee for the award. Please include the nominee's full name, class year, address, telephone number, and email address.

Nominations need to be submitted no later than Dec. 31, 2016.

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Here's a few more ways you can make a difference for Alfred State:

- Host an accepted-student reception in your home for area students.
- Attend a college/career night program with a representative from the Admissions Office.
- Share your story.
- Have a current student shadow you at work.
- Provide an internship opportunity.
- Join an alumni chapter.
- Make a donation.

Exclusive Alumni Benefit

The Alumni Relations Office is excited to announce exclusive hotel discounts to our alumni community through HotelStorm. This service negotiates hotel discounts, so all you have to do is search the website for your favorite destinations – whether for business or leisure – and you'll find savings of 10 to 55 percent over other online travel agencies. Visit www.hotelstorm.com and use the password "Pioneer" to unlock our discounts.

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The second annual Pioneers Drive for the Development Fund golf tournament was a "hole-in-one" again this year, raising \$27,000.



PIONEER PRIDE IS ALIVE



Alumni took in the sights, scents, and tastes of the beautiful Keuka Lake Wine Trail.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

We need volunteers!

The Alfred State Alumni Council is developing alumni chapters in the Buffalo, Rochester, and Southern Tier areas in the hope of spreading chapters in geographic areas where we have a large concentration of alumni. The purpose of these chapters is to enhance stronger relations between alumni, currently enrolled students, and Alfred State. We recognize our alums as among our most valued and talented resources, and encourage alumni participation in continuing the legacy and long tradition of excellence at the college.

General chapter goals are to promote the interest and welfare of Alfred State; provide opportunities to participate in and serve the Alfred State community; promote programs that enrich the professional, cultural, and personal lives of alumni; and to represent alumni interests and concerns.

Your participation as an alumni encourages Alfred State students and other alumni to strengthen ties with the college, to create new friendships and networking opportunities, and to serve the students of today and tomorrow.

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AND WELL



Alumni enjoyed the Buffalo Bisons game from the Coca-Cola Field Party Deck.



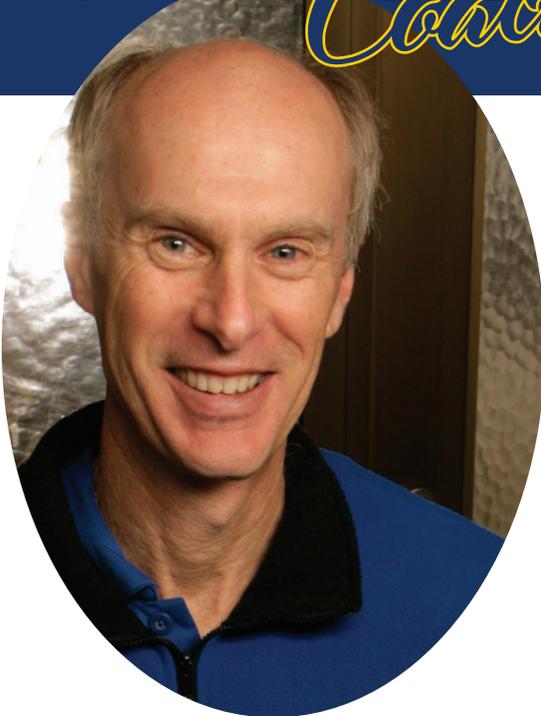
Orvis showed off his skills on Mascot Night during a Rochester Red Wings baseball game - alumni cheered him on from the Hardball Café.





Coach Moore

INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAME



RECENTLY RETIRED CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK & FIELD COACH GARY MOORE was inducted into the Alfred State Athletic Department Hall of Fame at a ceremony held at the Lake Lodge. The 2000 national champion men's outdoor track & field team and the 2007 national champion women's outdoor track & field team also were honored at the festivities.

Moore, who coached at Alfred State from 1978 to the spring of 2016, led four teams to NJCAA DIII National Championships (2000 men's outdoor track & field, 2003 women's cross country, 2007 women's outdoor track & field, and 2011 women's cross country).

He coached the Pioneers to 47 NJCAA Region III championships, helped coordinate Alfred State hosting three NJCAA Cross Country Championships and three NJCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships. Alfred State also hosted numerous Region III Championships during his tenure.

Moore also was the college's swim coach for a few years, taught in the physical education department, and ran the intramural program. Current Athletic Director Dr. Kelly Higgins, past Athletic Director Kathy Feldman, former student-athlete and Alfred State Athletic Hall of Famer Dawn Reinhart, and women's basketball coach Gina Boyd honored Moore with remarks before he accepted his Hall of Fame plaque.

Eight members of the 2000 men's outdoor track & field team returned for the

ceremony. The national champion Pioneers registered 15 NJCAA Outdoor All-American performances after winning both the indoor and outdoor Region III titles. The national championship was the first team national championship since 1973.

Five members of the 2007 women's outdoor track & field team returned for the ceremony. They became only the second women's team to win a national title at Alfred State. On their way to winning the national championship, the Lady Pioneers won both the indoor and outdoor Region III titles. Alfred State registered 10 NJCAA Outdoor All-American performances, eight All-Region performances outdoors, and 16 All-Region performances indoors.

During the ceremony, Moore praised both teams for their efforts and hard work that led to the national championships. Each team member present was introduced and received a commemorative plaque.

The day started with the annual cross country alumni 5K, and Moore and the two teams were also honored prior to kickoff of the football game.



Dr. Rex Olson, professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences, presented a paper at the 124th

Annual American Psychological Association Convention in Denver, Aug. 4-7. The paper, "Crossing Lines: A Question of Science, Torture, and Ethics in Psychology," was presented as part of a symposium on "The Inescapable, Ever-Evolving Dynamic of the Social and Psychological."



Mark Payne, assistant professor, Building Trades, was welcomed as a new board

member of the Educational Foundation of Alfred, Inc.



David Hunt, associate professor, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering

Technology, received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.



Matthew Ryan, senior director of Residential Services, was honored with the Chancellor's Award

for Excellence in Professional Service.



Scott Bingham, lieutenant, University Police, was presented with the Chancellor's

Award for Excellence in Classified Service.



George "Joe" Richardson, chair, Building Trades, was named a recipient of the Chancellor's Award

for Excellence in Faculty Service.



John Santora, chair, Culinary Arts, was named recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in

Faculty Service.



William Dean, professor, Architecture and Design, AIA, NCARB, LEED® AP, was appointed

to the Board of Directors of the Community Design Center of Rochester, the region's only non-profit, citizen-driven organization dedicated to promoting healthy, sustainable communities.



Dr. Earl Packard, assistant professor, Mathematics and Physics, was selected

to participate in the College Board's Annual AP Reading in calculus. This was Packard's 14th consecutive year of serving in this capacity.



Mark Amman, chair, Physical and Life Sciences Department, was presented with the Innovation Award

for his dedication, commitment, and creativity in advancing Alfred State.



Dr. Richard Kellogg, professor emeritus of psychology, is the author of an article appearing

in the most recent issue of Paperback Parade, a quarterly journal for readers and book collectors. The article is titled "Tales of Cosmic Disaster." He also recently authored "Barry Baskerville's Blue Bicycle," the fourth entry in a popular series of mysteries for children.



Dr. Jon Owejan, assistant professor, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering

Technology, was nominated as a Campus Connector for the 2016 Upstate Venture Ecosystem Awards for his role in developing a new environmentally friendly cooling system.



Dr. Craig Clark, vice president, Economic Development, and economic developer for

Allegany County, was named the executive director of the Allegany County Industrial Development Agency (ACIDA). He will now lead all county economic development projects, supervising efforts, and coordinating groups to fulfill his predecessor's vision of one goal and one voice for Allegany County.



Trevor Huntley, *masonry*, Conklin, earned a bronze medal in the masonry category for placing third against competitors from across the country in the 52nd annual National SkillsUSA Championship in Louisville, KY.

Andrea Koston, *culinary arts: baking, production and management*, Rochester, also earned a top 10 national finish, coming in fifth place in the commercial baking category.



ACHIEVER

1957

Donald F. Ames, *Farm Power and Machinery*, Elba, was inducted into the Elba Hall of Fame at a banquet held Sept. 24 at Batavia Downs.

1980

Lee R. Tilden, *Construction/Architectural Engineering Technology*, Austerlitz, retired after 27 years with the Greenlawn Fire District.

1984

Susan K. Aul (Kerr), *Food Service*, Kane, PA, joined the Kane Area School District as a new board member.

1987

David G. Redding, *Liberal Arts and Sciences: Math and Science*, Clover, SC, opened Lake Wylie Wellness & Chiropractic Center. He is a member of The American Chiropractic Association and The South Carolina Chiropractic Association. In August 2015, Redding and wife, Kris, were honored as Nutrametrix Health Professionals of the Year at an International Conference with more than 20,000 people in Greensboro, NC.

1988

Michelle L. Ebert, *Liberal Arts and Sciences: Math and Science*, Lake View, was awarded one of the first NYS Teacher of Excellence awards from Gov. Andrew Cuomo. In addition to a \$5,000 stipend for professional development, she receives the opportunity to sit on an Educational Advisory Committee twice a year with Gov. Cuomo as a consultant to advise on the future of education in New York State.

2009

Joseph T. Greenthal, *Financial Planning*, Hornell, along with his wife, Brandy, opened Brandy's Cup of Joe, a coffee house at 12 Maple St., Hornell, the former site of Cynthia's Cookies.

2012

Justin T. Clark, *Construction Engineering Technology*, Rochester, was one of 21 people who graduated from the Associated General Contractors of New York State's Future Construction Leaders of New York State Program on Aug. 5.

CAREER

1979

Perry T. Dewey, *Agricultural Science*, Madison, was chosen as district superintendent for the DCMO BOCES.

1981

Jeffrey J. Ahearn, *Accounting*, Holt, was named the superintendent of the Vestal Central School District.

1982

Linda C. Klancer (Payne), *Executive Secretarial Science*, Gowanda, was promoted to secretary 2 at the DOCCS Gowanda Correctional Facility.

1986

Lorraine M. Gaffney (Mesch), *Chemical Technology*, Deltona, FL, joined Florida Food Products, Inc. as an HPLC lab chemist.

2001

Derrick D. Harper, *Individual Studies*, Norcross, GA, is now a broadcast and film teacher at Gwinnett County Schools in Georgia.

2008

Brad J. Bidwell, *Applications Software Development*, Phoenix, joined the Elmira-based marketing communications firm Howell Liberatore & Associates.

2011

Kelsie M. Brennan, *Agricultural Business*, Wyoming, joined Rock River Laboratory, Inc. as a laboratory technician at the company's newest laboratory location, Rock River Laboratory-Northeast in Binghamton.

Heath E. Mennig, *Business Administration*, Oneida, US Air Force airman first class, graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, TX.

Jeremy J. Smith, *Surveying Engineering Technology*, Bradford, joined Foit-Albert Associates, Architecture, Engineering and Surveying, as a survey party chief.

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2014

Rory J. Spain, *Business Administration*, New York Mills, was sworn in as a police officer at the Rome Police Department.

John Wade, *Financial Planning*, Farmington, joined the Council Rock Wealth Advisory Group in Rochester as a planning assistant.



2015

Brittany N. Varengo, *Architectural Technology*, Baldwinsville, joined N. K. Bhandari, Architecture & Engineering, P.C. as an intern architect.

2016

Chelsea E. Dunn, *Human Services Management*, Endicott, began working at Northeast Parent and Child Society in July 2016.

1975 Shults Hall friends got together last May at Lake Lodge, l-r: Tim Anderson, Mike McCormick, Jim Wallace, Chuck Livingston



PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS, a photo of a new baby, a recent marriage, a promotion, etc. We want to share it with your classmates and Alfred State friends. You may forward information to alumni@alfredstate.edu.

MARRIAGE

1970

Karen L. Moravec (Tauffener), Executive Secretarial Science, Fort Mill, SC, married Brian Moravec on Nov. 27, 2014.

2009

Kaleigh B. Ligoci, Culinary Arts: Baking, Production & Management, Cicero, and Paul Snell were married on June 17, 2016, at Dibbles Inn in Vernon.

2011

Timothy E. Heaney, Heavy Equipment Operations, Greenport, married Alexis Sulahian on May 1, 2016.

2013

Maria Tonkery, Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Science, Wayland, married **Andy Imhof**, Heavy Equipment, Truck & Diesel Technician, Wallingford, VT. The former Main Gate A sweethearts wed at the Loon Lake Chapel on Aug. 27, 2016.

2015

Lita M. Brown (Schwitzer), Human Services Management, Hornell, married Andrew Brown on May 5, 2016.

REMEMBRANCE

1944

Frederick F. Witter, Electrical Technology, Addison, passed away Aug. 12, 2015.

1951

Richard J. Velzy, Marketing, Midlothian, VA, passed away Dec. 21, 2015.

1953

Richard L. Corp, Marketing, Orange, CA, passed away Jan. 6, 2016.

1956

James E. McCann, Business Administration, Bronxville, passed away May 6, 2016.

Richard Neeland, Secretarial Science, Corfu, passed away June 25, 2016.

Richard C. White, Office Technologies, Lake View, passed away Jan. 30, 2016.

1957

Robert L. Chaffee, Technical Institute, Wellsville, passed away June 12, 2016.

1959

Kenneth W. Beckerink, Business Administration, Arkport, passed away

Aug. 28, 2016. From 1967 - 1992, he served as professor and chair of the Business Department at Alfred State. Ken received the Outstanding Business Management Student of the Year award at Alfred State, the Distinguished Service Award by the Lakewood Area Jaycees, and the Alumni Award for Outstanding Teacher at Alfred State. He was a member of the Alfred State Development Fund Board of Directors, the Alfred State Alumni Association, as well as chair of the Department Chairs Council at Alfred State.

Lawrence E. Hall, Construction Engineering Technology, Leesburg, FL, passed away Jan. 24, 2016.

1960

Jerry Eaton, Industrial Technology, Allegany, passed away Nov. 1, 2015.

1961

Christine F. De Long (Flynn), Executive Secretarial Science, Penfield, passed away Sept. 5, 2016.

Richard Nuijens, Floriculture, Macedon, passed away July 29, 2016.

Jane M. Stewart (Muskopf), Executive Secretarial Science, Williamsburg, VA, passed away March 24, 2016.

1963

Charles D. Acker, Internal Combustion Engineering, Largo, FL, passed away April 24, 2016.

1970

Judith D. Gemmer (Devine), Nursing, Lancaster, passed away April 8, 2016.

Edward Young, Air Conditioning Engineering Technology, Buffalo, passed away June 26, 2016.

1971

Frank Schreiber, Animal Science, Perry, passed away April 21, 2016.

1977

Nancy A. McGranaghan (Clark), Agricultural Science, Portville, passed away Aug. 20, 2016.

1978

Mary Heider, parks and grounds management. Mary's father, John Heider, of Spanish Fort, AL, passed away Sept. 23. John and his wife, Dorothy, created an annual scholarship several years ago in memory of Mary. The Heiders recently created an endowed scholarship so Mary's memory could live through perpetuity.

1982

Steven Opladen, Drafting/CAD, Rochester, passed away Aug. 3, 2016.

1995

Shane D. Lipe, Drafting/CAD-Tool & Die & E-M, Skaneateles, passed away July 15, 2016.

1998

Steven S. Dong, Automotive Service Technician, Huntington Station, passed away March 19, 2016.

2002

Jacob A. Shepherd, Culinary Arts, Bemus Point, passed away May 12, 2016.

2005

Daniel R. Sellen, Autobody Repair, Genoa, passed away June 19, 2016.

2012

Patrick R. Parker, Business Management, Jamaica, passed away March 17, 2016.

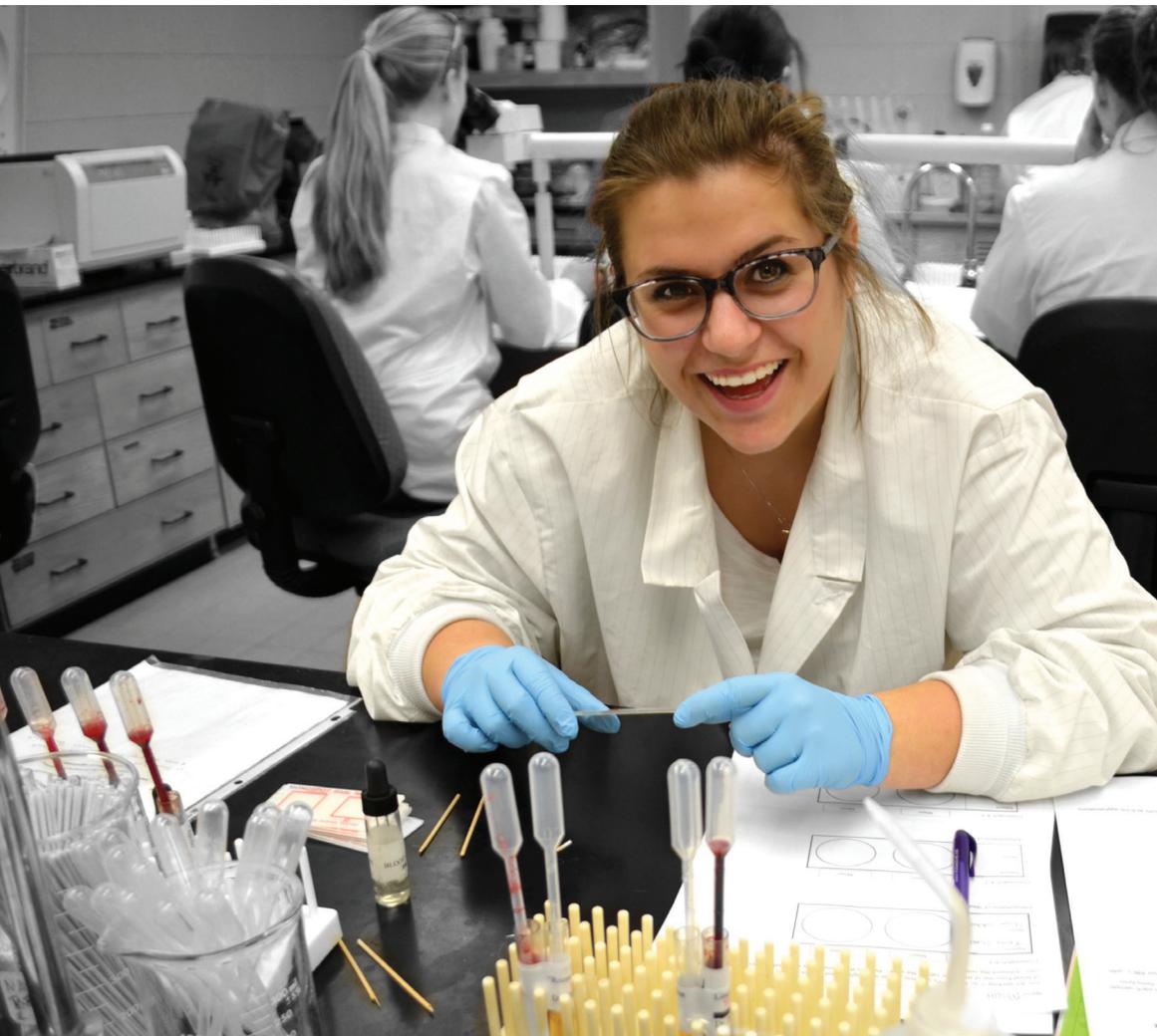
Faculty/Staff

Loretta M. Smith, nursing professor, Alfred, passed away May 29, 2016.

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