

Transitions

NEWS FOR ALFRED STATE ALUMNI, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS

To Those Who Have Fallen

A soldier runs into battle, doing what he does best.
With bullets and grenades flying everywhere
Even the best may not make it out alive.
This is their fight, to end the evil in the world.
Taking on the enemy one at a time
The bravery and loyalty of Americans shine through.
And when we realize why we are there,
Memories of that horrific day
Still burn at the souls of men each day
To those who have fallen
We salute you.
You will always be remembered.

Marcus Phillips, '06
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Alumni Relations Director's Message

Happy Autumn, Alumni!

How quickly summer passes and fall moves in. Once again, summer and early fall proved to be an extremely busy and fun time at Alfred State. On behalf of the Alumni Council, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the many alumni and friends who joined us at one or more of the alumni events. Meeting new alumni and hearing the wonderful stories of their time at Alfred State is one of the most enjoyable aspects of my position!

As the Alumni Council continues to move forward to support its mission, we encourage feedback from alumni on events previously held or recommendations on different programs or events alumni would like to see. Remember, our efforts are placed on the betterment of all of you as well as the mission of the College.

Come back for a visit to the place that was once a second home for at least two years. There are many terrific and exciting projects that have been completed and many currently underway. I also strongly encourage alumni who are interested in serving on the Council or becoming more involved to please contact our office at (607) 587-3931 or e-mail us at alumni@alfredstate.edu. We want to hear from you!

May all your holidays be filled with health, happiness, & love!

Warm regards,

Colleen Argentieri, '85
Director of Alumni Relations

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Upcoming Events

New Horizons Forum: Restoration after Katrina - ASC Wellsville Volunteers Keeping On
Thursday, Dec. 1,
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Culinary Arts Holiday Buffet
Thursday, Dec. 1,
5 - 7 p.m.

Open House
Saturday, March 24,
8:30 a.m.

Open House
Sunday, April 15,
8:30 a.m.

Hot Dog Day 2012
Saturday, April 21

Alumni Weekend Choir Concert
Sunday, April 29

Commencement 2012
Sunday, May 13,
12 noon

Innovation in Technical Education to Advance Sustainability Conference
June 14 -17

Veterans' Business Boot Camp
June 18-22

Dear Friends of the College



It is indeed an honor to introduce this issue of Transitions to you.

As you know, at Alfred State we have been stressing civic engagement and leadership for some time. In this issue, we honor those who represent the epitome of civic engagement: our American service veterans and first responders...from our earliest military heroes to those current heroes who continue to volunteer to the ultimate degree, risking their lives to serve the larger community...their beloved country.

And so, in this issue, we honor our veterans, our servicemen and women, first responders, and everyday heroes who keep us protected at home. They are the definitive role models, not only for our students, but for us all, as we continue to make our way in this unsettled world.

Our nation was plunged into temporary chaos on Tuesday, Sept. 11 (2001). 9/11, the numbers we Americans turn to for help in an emergency, have taken on new meaning for us. We remember where we were and our reactions as we watched the horrific scenes unfolding on TV before our eyes as the world trade towers collapsed.

These tragic memories remain indelible in our minds because they remind us of the responsibility we all have to preserve our free society...which is unlike any other in the world.

We are a society of heroes...heroes who are committed to the relentless preservation of freedom.

We set aside the anniversary of 9/11 to honor and demonstrate our unyielding gratitude to those who not only lost their lives on 9/11, but to all of those who have fallen in the pursuit of freedom and democracy. But it doesn't end there. Many sacrifices are required to maintain a free society, whether that sacrifice is made by an innocent bystander, a rescuer, or defender of freedom. We honor those heroes, and we also remember as heroes the victims who died that day. They died because, in

the words of their attackers, they were Americans. They died because of how they lived—as free men and women, proud of their freedom, proud of their country, and proud of their country's enduring cause: the cause of human freedom.

Despite the great tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, we also count our blessings, as ironic as that might seem. But we still have plenty to be grateful for:

- the astonishing courage of the responders who went into the burning trade center and saved lives, 400 of whom did not return...
- the remarkable bravery of the workers at the Pentagon who went into burning rubble to save lives...
- the compassion of the people in the World Trade Center who comforted one another and never gave up to the very last...
- the workers who spent weeks, then months, extending into years, in the recovery and now, rebuilding at Ground Zero...
- the outpouring of international support in the days and weeks following those attacks, and finally;
- the American soldiers and our allies, many of whom have also sacrificed their lives protecting our freedom.

We continue to look to them for leadership and the true spirit of civic engagement.

Thank you.

John M. Anderson, PhD

PS: Be sure to read some of the letters ASC has received from veterans throughout the years reproduced in these pages. It's an interesting glimpse into the past!



The Marketing & Communications Department recently came across a box of old letters from veterans who were keeping in touch with their alma mater. We found them too interesting not to share. *Ergo*, student literary & artistic magazine, also recently published a Veterans edition, some of those entries have also been reprinted here. What follows is just a sampling...



April 8, 1945

Dear Mrs. Cottrell, [editor's note: Helen Cottrell was an ASC secretary]

I have had the good fortune to receive two letters from you within a month. The first letter was a little bit long in getting here, but the news was just as good as ever. If you have as much enjoyment getting them to us as we do reading them, then I am sure we have something that just can't be beaten.

I suppose you are interested in some of the things that I am doing, so I will try and write about them as much as the censor will permit. First of all I would like to say that my outfit was the first to cross the Rhine river. They captured the Remagen bridge before the Germans had a chance to destroy it. I suppose you read all about it in the papers, however, I feel so proud of it that I just have to include it in all of my letters. Now we are well into Germany and heading straight for Berlin. I am seeing a lot of interesting things as we move forward. I guess it will be pretty hard for any of us to come back to a classroom and learn history out of a textbook after having traveled thru these countries. I found the Rhine valley to be a beautiful country. It is a great farming district and also it has many vineyards. Yes, I even had a taste of the famous Rhine wine and it met my approval a hundred percent.

It is now beginning to get warm here and the trees are beginning to leaf out. Germany reminds me a great deal of New York State with all its rolling hills, woods and country brooks. It seems that every piece of land that is tillable is being plowed for raising crops.

I can't tell you much about the German people as we aren't allowed to fraternize. However to sum them up in a few words, they are like that title of a song "They're either too young or too old." Yes, one doesn't see many people my age as they are all engaged in the war.

I have seen many foreign workers that we have liberated and they sure are a happy people now. The roads are always full of these people walking back to their native country. They are always waving and cheering at us. I guess if I waved at every one that I would wear my arm out because it seems that there just isn't any end of them.

I don't suppose you would recognize me if you could see me. I am now sporting a moustache and have my hair cut down to about a quarter of an inch. You know looks don't mean much around here as there are no girls to be attracted by. The way the Germans have been giving up lately, I think all you have to do is look ugly enough and they will come running out of their foxholes yelling "Komrad." Yes the war certainly looks very good for us now and I am hoping that it won't take long now. I am sure that if we can all get together after this is finished, that we will be able to have a representative from every outfit in the Army and then we can all tell you every detail about this war. By then you will be able to become a first class WAC. Gee, wouldn't that be nice.

Well, I hope you get as much enjoyment out of reading this as I have writing it, and I'll try to write again when time permits. Until then, keep the home front humming as it won't be too long before we will all be back again.

Sincerely,
Edward Yochem

Cpl. Edward Yochem 32139601
Hdgs. Co. 131st Ordnance

A Soldier's Code

January, 15, 2003, changed my life forever. On this day I was called upon for leadership, loyalty, duty, respect, self-service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. I took an oath to defend this great nation with my life. I volunteered my services for a war thousands of miles away. Why was I going? I don't know. When would I return? Who knows? But, as God is my witness, I vow I will return. On a jet, I flew into the clear blue skies, to a land I did not know. Will I make it? Will I go on? This I must, for I am an American soldier, a protector of the greatest nation on Earth, sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States. A year goes by with many sights and stories, but all must come to an end. Not by jet, but this time by ship, I travel the many seas: the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea, the Mediterranean, and the Atlantic. With my journey almost at an end, I keep telling myself, I will make it home. With seventeen months behind me, I can say that I'm proud to be home. I am proud to be an American Soldier. I am proud of my country and its flag. I want to look back and say I am proud to have served my country as a soldier. This is a Soldier's Code.

Anonymous (2004)
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UNITED STATES NAVY

"The Rock"
July 26, 1945

"The Rock"

July 26, 1945

Dear Mrs. Cottrell,

I have owed you a letter for along time. Now that another interesting bulletin has come to me, it's about time that letter got written.

The scoop of the season is that Bill Tkach was married on July 3rd. He was given a reception at their folks home at Hudson, NY. His wife, Susan, is a Dayton, Ohio, girl. Bill is expecting his captaincy in a short time and is now on his way or is already in the Philippines. Yes, I know it surprised me, too, and we've been corresponding ever since we've been in the service. He'd evidently been going with her for some time but never mentioned her in his letters. Don't know his new address yet.

Got a letter from Gene Moyer the other day. He's in Atlanta, Ga. in instrument school. When his Squadron (UPB-215) was decommissioned, he got orders to NATS (National Air Transport Service). His address is only temporary, so won't bother to enclose it. He told me he got married. Got 30 days leave after the Squadron's decommissioning.

My Squadron (UPB-206) was also broken up, but we ensigns had to go where they wanted with no choice of duty. You can see where I ended up. This is an island of volcanic origin. The only animals are goats and iguana. The latter are not nearly so fierce as the picture in the encyclopedia would indicate. Guess this is one of the few sections of the world where they exist. I'm still patrolling in PBM's.

Thanks a lot for that pamphlet on vocational training. I'm particularly interested in the electrical machining and power, and electrical construction service. Could you send me more details? My electricity will need a lot of brushing up before I'm ready for a job again, and those courses look on the outside what I've been looking for. I feel I'll be too old to want to go on to get an engineering degree and I know what Alfred is like already. Would there be apartments so we fellows could bring our wives? I've been away from mine too long now and would most emphatically want her with me, then.

Guess that will have to be all for this time. Thanks a lot for the bulletin and hope to see all of you sooner than we expect.

Sincerely,
Dick

Incidentally, where did you obtain my address?

Ensign Richard L. Allen
VPB-74

Dear Mrs.
I have a
another
about time
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his Squadron (UPB-215) was
to NATS (Naval Air Transport Service)



July 21, 1945

Dear Sirs,

I have been intending to write for some time but writing happens to be just one of the things that I seldom do. I was home on leave a short time ago and while home I had planned on doing a little visiting in Alfred however the only time that I was in Alfred was in the evening. There were quite a few changes that I noticed one in particular. Instead of finding the Bartlet full of fellows there were girls running around in their place. It was almost like going to a girls school instead of a coeducational school.

I heard from quite a few of the class mates but it is getting so I receive very few letters from any of the fellows. The one I hear from most is Wendell K. Smith. Wendell seems to like army life quite well but like the most of us he can hardly wait for the war to end so he can be home once again.

I have been quite fortunate since I have been in the Navy especially since I was able to follow the same type of work I was studying for while I was in school. I am sure that the start I had in school helped me very much since radio was the subject I was taking.

I would like to give you a little description of what goes on in submarine warfare but that is impossible and no doubt will be for some time. Life aboard a sub is quite interesting and we all have the best that can possibly be given to us. The food is the best that can be found in the Navy and to make it even better we have open ice box so we are able to eat any time of the day. Liberty whenever possible is hard to beat as most of it is spent in rest camps where we can go and come as we please. One good example of the rest camps we stay at is the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. It is the best hotel on the Hawaiian Islands. We don't always have the best places for these rest camps but we do have the best living quarters available. There are many more advantages however I will not try to say that every thing is perfect because there are a few disadvantages of course but no matter what a person does there a few drawbacks.

I wouldn't mind coming back to Alfred School but for the type of work I am doing I think I will have to go to some other school as I have completed my two years of radio at Alfred. I would however like to find out what engineering schools you would recommend with radio and television as their curriculum. The reason I am asking this is I feel that you probably have better contact with these schools and can give me better information than any one person. I would like to find out the very best school possible no matter where it is located. This will give me a chance to find out what the entrance requirements are so that I will have a little chance to prepare for entrance.

I would appreciate it very much if you could send me this information. I also want to thank you for sending me the school paper it has helped me in keeping in contact with some of the class and I enjoy reading the paper very much.

Sincerely,
John T. Lusk

John T. Lusk RT 1/C
USS Tilefish (S.S. 307)

Gerald F. Babchak, '80,
Agriculture-Plant and Soil Science,
Wellsville, enlisted in the Army in June 1966 after high school graduation. He completed basic training at Paris Island, NC. He was a security file manager with the 3rd Battalion, 4th Service Regiment at Okinawa, Japan; a firefighter with the 1st Force Service Regiment, 1st Marine Division in Vietnam; and served in operation control for the Headquarters Battalion in Philadelphia. Babchak is a member of the Allegany County Vietnam Veterans Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and 1st Marine Corps Association. He's a Marine Corps representative at the Bath VA Medical Center. Among the awards Babchak has earned are the Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Navy Unit Citation and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Cross Palms.

Gerald, speaking about the Allegany County Vietnam Veterans Organization camp in Alma, with which he has long been involved: "Over time, the membership grew from 35 to 100. We are in the process of expanding our membership to include all veterans. We want these young guys to come (to the camp) who are having problems with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. It's quiet and peaceful. They've got a camp to stay at and people to talk to."



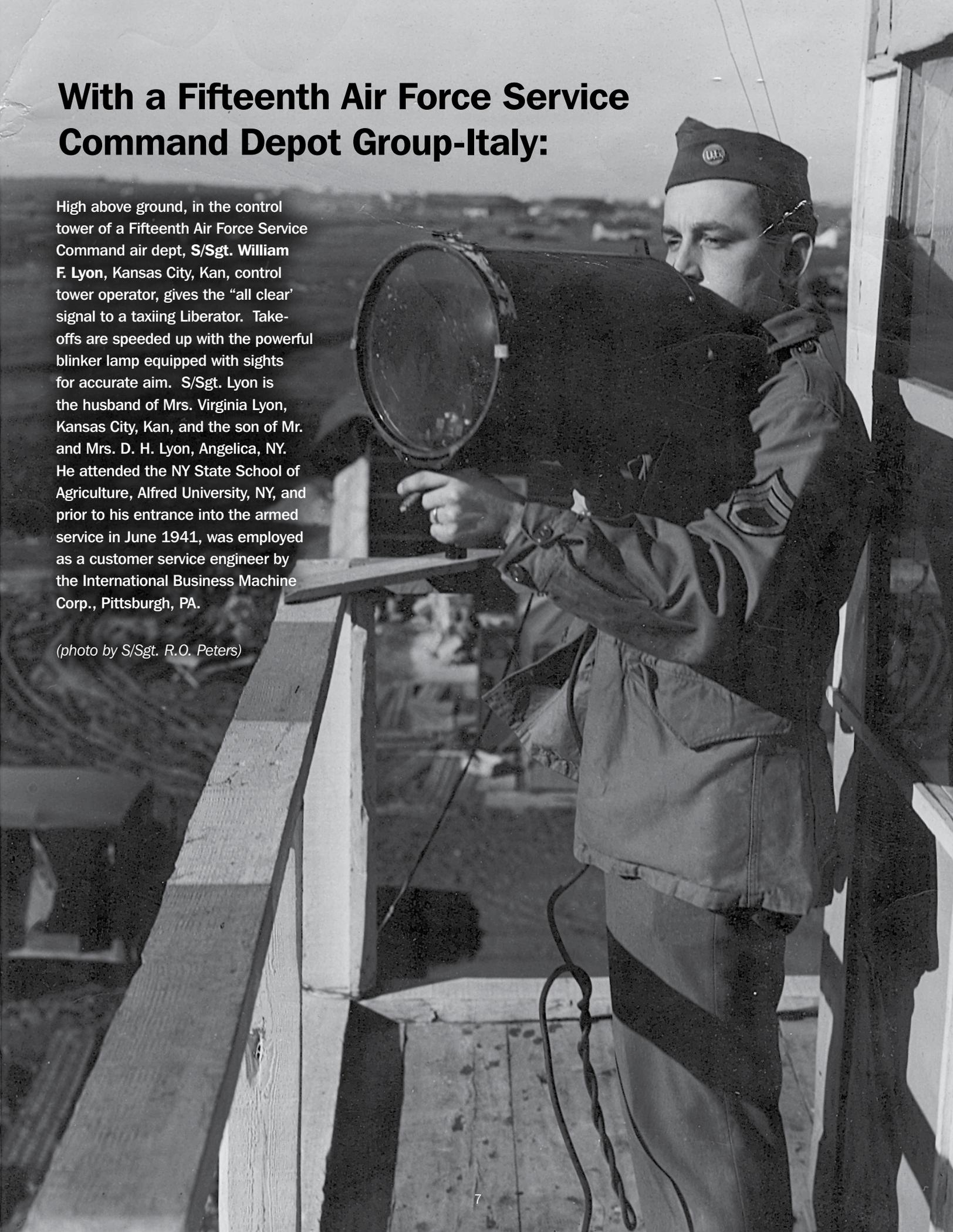
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www.facebook.com/groups/ASCVeterans. This group is for Alfred State College veteran

alumni, faculty, staff, and students to meet, share information, reconnect, and network. Veterans' dependents and friends of Alfred State College who support veterans are also welcome to join as well as family members of those who are in active duty. We want to meet you and hear your story.

With a Fifteenth Air Force Service Command Depot Group-Italy:

High above ground, in the control tower of a Fifteenth Air Force Service Command air dept, **S/Sgt. William F. Lyon**, Kansas City, Kan, control tower operator, gives the "all clear" signal to a taxiing Liberator. Take-offs are speeded up with the powerful blinker lamp equipped with sights for accurate aim. S/Sgt. Lyon is the husband of Mrs. Virginia Lyon, Kansas City, Kan, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Lyon, Angelica, NY. He attended the NY State School of Agriculture, Alfred University, NY, and prior to his entrance into the armed service in June 1941, was employed as a customer service engineer by the International Business Machine Corp., Pittsburgh, PA.

(photo by S/Sgt. R.O. Peters)



September 2, 2010

Dear Dad,

I am writing this to let you know how proud I am of you for your service to our country.

World War II was a devastating event for all involved and you served proudly. You were one of the fortunate ones who returned home safely, and you didn't squander your safe return; you made the best of what your veteran status brought you.

Why I am so proud of you?

Well you served in WWII during the time* when a black man was not respected, and you didn't make excuses or let that deter from your goal of becoming a successful person and raising a family. I am writing this letter to say, "Dad, you have succeeded; you raised me and my sister and made sure that we had every opportunity to become successful adults. Your outlook on life and your experiences as a black soldier during WWII allowed you to give your family all that you could and to extend that support and help to your sisters, to your brothers as well as to your in-laws."

I am especially proud that my father has been so unselfish and giving, yet a sage leader and a veteran of WWII.

Thank you for having such great values and for making sure you passed those values on to all that cared to listen. Thank you for being there for me and most of all thank you for being my DAD!

Sincerely your son,
Melvin C. Chambliss



*It was not until July 26, 1948, that President Harry Truman issued Executive Order 9981 and ended segregation in the Armed Forces

Comer Chambliss' son is Mel Chambliss, DVM, Associate Professor, ASC Agriculture and Veterinary Technology Department

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Business Bootcamp for American Veterans

June 18 - 22, 2012 • 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Join us for a week-long business boot camp offered to American veterans - free of charge. Space is limited to the first 25 registrants, so register early!

Each day will include three meals, two classroom instruction periods, and guest speakers. On-campus lodging will be available in close proximity to classroom locations. Participants staying on campus will be required to arrive on Sunday evening, June 17. All materials, as well as expenses for food and lodging, have been donated.

To register, or for additional information, please contact Alfred State College's Center for Continuing Education at (607) 587-4015 or e-mail ccet@alfredstate.edu, or visit www.alfredstate.edu/ccet.

Journal Entry, Japan, 1961

And we're up. The C 124 heaving off the runway like a bull rhinoceros, storming into the air, most unbirdlike... some ungodly beast god, trumpeting, demanding the Earth let him go... Most everyone is unbuckled, walking about the interior of the plane, feeling it out, like customers in a showroom smells like your first day on the factory floor, machinery and metalwork of all sorts. Sweat and pee in steel running in steel channeled rivulets. Up front sits a helicopter – its blades clipped, packed away, a huge pair of chopsticks.

Many sleep. Some in overcoats, fatigue jackets, shirtsleeves, clothes draped and drying anyplace you can find a hook or strap in this architecture of an emergency room, a waiting room, a lost cave in the night.

We sway with the grinding engines, only the bright orange of the wing tip to feed the eye... And then below a lighted metropolis, coming up, lights from eight car electric express trains, idly fast, phosphorescent rod bacilli skittering over some huge dead host. Bounce; landed on the concrete stretches of Atima, near Osaka, where Project 14 drops from its nightsize jaws two black tusks, skids rolling down the helicopter and its long, slender boxed blades. And then, tiny, mostly unnoticed, the other silent cargo. Metal coffin. And our running commentary.

"I wonder if he has a copy of his orders."

"Oh yeah, got em direct from Saint Pete."

"Sent straight from the big bad joke in the sky."

Sealing up the front once more, good friends with our huge metal room, we roar again away from the lighted earth, shuddering into a sea of darkness, comrades minus one.

Joe Flynn, ASC SUNY distinguished service professor emeritus
Specialist Fourth Class - US Army Security Agency 1959-62

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Joe Flynn in
Seoul, Korea
1961



Twelve Roses

A Rose: for the father and mother who lost their only son/
daughter.

A Rose: for the man or woman who lost their only grandson/
granddaughter.

A Rose: for the mom who lost her son. "On one occasion when I took a package to the post office to be sent to my son, not knowing if he would ever receive it," she said, "I was told by the postal clerk that anyone in Vietnam didn't deserve to get a package."

A Rose: for all the men and women who died not listed on the Wall.
From my heart for the 28 men who died on the USS Enterprise en route to Vietnam, their names are not on the Wall.

A Rose: for the 900+ who lost their life the first day in country.

A Rose: for the 1400+ who lost their life the last day in country.

A Rose: for the over 7,000 women who served 8 names on the Wall. Especially for Sharon Lane 23W112 who died from shrapnel wounds from a rocket attack.

A Rose: for the more than 300,000 wounded veterans.

A Rose: for the 2.7 million men and women who served.

A Rose: for the 4,120 men and women lost from New York State.

A Rose: for the 13 men lost from Allegany County.

A Rose: for the 58,253.

*Skip Merrick, ASC associate professor emeritus,
Automotive Trades Department*

The Plane Ride

Descending through the clouds over a land that I have never seen before is exhilarating, but the uncertainty that waits beyond this aircraft ride is enough to drive someone insane. We have been on this plane for over fourteen hours, and the air has gone stale with the smell of sweaty bodies and the oil from the weapons that lie at the feet of soldiers who have only fired at pop-up targets. I've been in the Army for three years, and I have experienced many trials, but none has prepared me for this moment.



One month ago I was working my regular 7 to 5 and had the luxury of going home each night. If anyone were to tell me then that I would be here now, I probably would have laughed. No amount of training is enough to prepare us for the real life situation we are about to face. No one told me about this gut feeling I have as the airplane tilts sideways, and out the window, from this elevation, all I can see are flames scattered along the miles of darkness. I know the blazes are coming from the large smoke stacks of the oil refineries, but I envision they are the ceremonial bonfires the warriors of the tribe would use to ward off evil spirits. I can't help but wonder . . . are we the evil spirits?

Looking around the plane, I feel a rush of guilt run over me. I find myself thinking, for only a brief moment, that someone on this plane might not be coming back. Maybe that someone is me. I can tell who is thinking about his kids or a loved one, who is scared, and who is excited to be a part of something that will go down in history. Every face appears to glow with its own problems; every face has a different story. Almost everyone on this plane is young, as young as a freshman class on the first day of college. The youth of our nation sits in these undersized spaces, sworn to protect a life and a way of living that they have hardly been a part of long enough to enjoy.

Up until this moment, this was just an ordinary plane ride, but now the airplane is flying low enough that my ears are beginning to pop, and a serious atmosphere spreads over every seat in the cabin like a toxic gas. All conversations stop, and reality sets in. We are in a different country with a culture we don't understand, about to fight a war we know very little about. Thoughts continue to race through my head. I'm not going to see home for a year. There are people on this plane who haven't been in the military six months, and they are about to spend every moment of the next 365 days with complete strangers, in a strange land, doing a job they haven't learned yet. I'm twenty years old, and I am responsible for five other lives on this plane. Five other people will look to me for answers to questions I've never been asked. How do I lead someone through a situation I've never encountered myself? I am starting to question whether I'm up to this task. How well do I know my job? I would like to believe I'm pretty proficient; I have many awards and certificates that say I am, but those pieces of paper don't amount to anything now. All I can do is believe in myself and know that God will see us through. Sometimes it can be hard to find comfort in faith, but faith is all we have right now. My heart feels as if it has jumped up in my throat, and all I can do is swallow what little saliva I have left to push it down. Every muscle in my body stiffens at the sound of the landing gear taking position. The only sounds now are minds racing. The plane touches down.

Joseph Greenthal, '06
ASC payment service assistant
Army Sergeant E-5

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On a more local scale, faculty, staff, and students at Alfred State have been sacrificing their time and talents in the service of others. Not, perhaps, the life-risking activities of their armed forces counterparts, but working for the greater good nonetheless.

What follows are stories highlighting only a sampling of the civic outreach ASC community members have engaged in recently.

ASC Staffers Lend Helping Hands to Flood Victims

After a 25-hour drive, the volunteer team got right to work in Minot, ND.

Five members of the Alfred State professional staff recently spent a week in Minot, ND, where they participated in flood relief efforts. What follows is a first-person account of the trip.

After a 25-hour drive, the five-member Alfred State volunteer team pulled into Minot on Friday morning and went to the coordination center, housed in the Minot Public Library. After changing clothes, Chanel Wright, executive assistant to the College president; Liz Raterman, director, Multicultural Affairs; Deb Mayes, staff assistant, Technology Services; and Scott Bingham, officer, University Police, and I (Greg Sammons, University Police Chief) went directly to two assigned addresses to join work teams in progress. The organization supplied the masks and tools.

While the addresses might change day-to-day, the work in each home was essentially the same: remove all drywall and flooring right down to the studs and sub-flooring, de-nail the walls, floors, and ceilings, and remove and carry debris to piles within 10 feet of the street curb. In the basements, the work was much darker and more physically taxing: not only did we remove saturated insulation, drywall and nails, but we also shoveled and carried out the muck that had covered the cellar floors and seemingly everything else below ground level. Looking at largely empty streets, debris piles, and the amount of destruction, the group was in agreement that Minot was the most under-reported American tragedy of the year.

With close to 4,000 homes flooded and severely damaged (This community was one of the areas hardest hit by the flooding of the Souris River in late June, when 10,000 residents of Minot were forced to flee from the worst flood seen in over 130 years. The prolonged flooding has displaced a quarter of the



area's population and devastated more than 4,100 properties) – and fewer than 400 homeowners reportedly having flood insurance, the homeowners were left with few choices: (1) with equity or clear ownership, sell the house 'as is' to recover as much of the investment as possible, (2) repair and rebuild the house through personal funds or a loan, or (3) with little equity or a big mortgage, walk away and declare bankruptcy.

The Souris (Fr. for Mouse) River comes from Canada and after passing Minot, makes its way back north into Canada. When record-setting waters threatened Canadian communities, dams were opened up and the water was sent to Minot. Warned in advance, people abandoned their homes which received historic amounts of water that surged well past all attempts to build the river banks higher and futile attempts to erect sandbag walls around their homes. With waterlines visible as high as 10 feet above ground level on some homes, the damage was extreme. Many homeowners started to gut their homes themselves, but became overwhelmed. The people in this area are both proud and resourceful – but they clearly need help.

Volunteers working with All Hands (hands.org), worked until 4:30 or 5 p.m. Each night, the organization

holds a mandatory team meeting followed by dinner prepared by volunteers who take turns with all chores required to keep the facility humming along. At every meeting, the project leader recaps the day's events, hears reports from the team leaders on their day's activities (each house had a team leader), sets up assignments for the following day, and allows people to give "shout-outs" in recognition of volunteers spotted working especially hard or doing something special. Alfred State got an immediate "shout-out" at the first meeting for driving 25 hours and going directly to work at a job site.

On the meeting room wall, under the organization banner, is a compelling project 'scoreboard' that illustrates the number of volunteers who have passed through, the cumulative number of volunteer hours contributed, and a rough cost estimate based on prevailing laborer wages that reveals the amount of money the project has saved the residents of Minot.

All Hands manages to accomplish great things with minimal bureaucracy. Because they don't charge people to volunteer, don't have a minimum time commitment, do house and feed the volunteers on site, expenses for the volunteers are very low. All Hands estimates its daily cost to maintain a volunteer at \$15. With the average volunteer contributing \$100-\$200 in labor per day, the format becomes a force multiplier and an incredible return that All Hands believes exceeds 800% return on investment. The personal volunteer costs are essentially getting there.

Coming home tired, muscles sore, both mentally rewarded and exhausted, with a re-energized faith in the human spirit, the team agreed that the trip was well worth it.

Haiti

One Year Later



by Douglas Pierson, DVM, assistant professor, Agriculture and Veterinary Technology Department

Twenty-three Alfred State College students sacrificed the first several weeks of their summer to travel to Haiti and offer assistance to that struggling country. These students returned to Christianville, the same locale that Alfred State students had visited the year before. Christianville is located only several miles from the epicenter of the January 2010 earthquake that devastated Haiti. About 75% of the buildings in this area were either damaged beyond repair or collapsed completely. Alfred State has partnered with Christianville to help rebuild the much-needed medical facilities that were destroyed by the 2010 earthquake.

We were heartened this year to see continuing progress and improvements in Haiti. Christianville continues to offer medical services in temporary quarters housed in some school buildings that survived the earthquake. However, the new medical complex is beginning to take shape - looking more like buildings than piles of block and rebar. Some new school buildings have been erected on the Christianville site and life is slowly returning to normal for the Haitian people.

Alfred State work teams were again composed of students from the building trades, nursing, and agriculture and

veterinary technology disciplines. Although the main purpose of the work in Haiti continues to be construction, the nursing and ag/vet tech students were able to do some work in their areas of specialization. Nursing students helped Dr. Jim and Sandy Wilkins, expatriate directors of the medical mission at Christianville, provide care to the many Haitians that depend on the medical services at Christianville. They were able to apply what they have learned at Alfred State in a very hands-on fashion in Haiti and they benefited from seeing some conditions that are unique to both an impoverished population and a population that lives in a tropical climate.



“Our trip to Haiti was life-changing. Working alongside the Haitians to help rebuild their country allowed us to see how much you can change someone’s life by even the small things.”

Chanel Wright, executive assistant to the president, ASC.

Ag/vet tech students also utilized their skills to provide care for livestock in the Christianville area. Veterinary services are not very accessible to Haitian farmers, so the skills of these students were much appreciated.

Building trades students became teachers as they molded their classmates from other disciplines into efficient block-laying teams. We worked side-by-side with a Haitian crew of about 20 workers and block walls rose skyward during our weeks in Haiti. We were also able to interact with the United Nations troops in Haiti, and our work became a very multicultural affair. The UN has provided a lot of heavy equipment for the rebuilding effort in Haiti, and during our time at Christianville, the UN was excavating and moving dirt at our building site. Our students rubbed shoulders with Korean and Sri Lankan soldiers who were working alongside us at the site.

The highlight of the experience in Haiti was again the opportunity the Alfred State students had to immerse themselves in Haitian culture. Our students did things that they may never do again. They chewed sugar out of raw sugar cane, drank milk from coconuts that hung from the tree minutes before,

hunted tarantulas after dark, and swam in the warm Caribbean Sea. They learned words and phrases in Haitian Creole, communicated without language when necessary, laughed and played with the Haitian children, and baked under the sun with the Haitian work crew. They learned that they could stretch their comfort zone and experience things that will enrich their lives. Above all, they put feet to the Alfred State motto “hit the ground running” as they spent themselves helping the Haitian people.



ASC students have the skills, tools, and compassion to Help Schoharie

Despite general grumblings of how today's youth spend too much time texting or living in cyberspace, students enrolled in Alfred State College's heavy equipment operations program would certainly silence those grumblers.

On a recent Wednesday morning, Professor Mark Payne asked his students if any of them would be interested in a trip to the Schoharie area to assist in flood relief efforts there. At the time, the plans were tentative, and students would have to be prepared to leave early (4 a.m.) Saturday morning and work long hours Saturday and Sunday.

Once the logistics were worked out with disaster relief officials, Payne and his student volunteers got to work on their own logistics.

"Without the help of Roy Gay, (Wellsville), a local businessman who often lends us equipment and know-how, we wouldn't have been able to transport the necessary equipment to the site," says Payne. "And without our students'

compassion, skill, and dedication, as well as their willingness to take on challenges, this trip would not have been as successful as it was."

In addition to their equipment needs, team members also needed food and shelter for their weekend. Other members of the Alfred State community stepped up to the plate to help out. Students in the Culinary Arts Department filled two coolers and several boxes with provisions for the crew, and Dr. Kathleen Sellers, a recent addition to the ASC faculty, provided a spaghetti dinner for all team members, a room for the sole female student on the trip, and arrangements with SUNY Cobleskill to house the males in the group.

The Alfred State team loaded an excavator, chipper, and Gay's track loader onto Gay's trailer (he also donated the fuel for the trip), loaded up an ASC trailer, hooked it to a van, and away they went.



When they arrived at their destination, they were given a map and a list of tasks that needed to be completed.

Of the students who made the trip, three of the seniors, TC Carroll, Bath; Angelia Cavanaugh, Whitesville; and Jonathan Wist, Deposit, were on hand recently to talk about their experience.

"The devastation was unbelievable," noted Carroll, as he recalled what he saw when the group arrived in Schoharie. "Where there were houses, there was nothing," he said with awe in his voice. "The people told us they were given only minutes to grab what they could and evacuate. They lost everything. I was brought to tears by the depth of their gratitude at our being there."

Wist, who had seen flooding before in his home town, expressed the views of the group when he said, "We heard they were in rough shape and how much they needed the help. How could we not go?"

"You just can't imagine the devastation," said Payne. "You hear news reports that the unrelenting rain had caused the Schoharie River to overflow its retaining walls, sending water coursing down city streets, destroying buildings, and even lifting a huge barn from its original site and dropping it down several hundred



yards away. We'd heard that the water level was at one time higher than 25 feet! "But until you see it first-hand, and witness the damage and the people's devastation, first, you feel grateful for being spared, and then you roll up your sleeves and get to work helping the folks who weren't so lucky."

Most of the work performed by the Alfred State group included cleaning up the debris—that is the detritus which was once the homes and businesses of a small community, and carting it to a central dumping spot.

"Because we had the equipment and the certified drivers, we were allowed to use some of the town's (Schoharie) trucks as the regular crews were at their own homes cleaning up," notes Payne. "And thanks to Jonathan's family's business, Wist Lumber, Deposit, which lent us a dump truck, and another local student (Paul Briggs, Schoharie) for the use of a pickup and dump trailer, we were able to keep working while loads of debris were sent to the central dump site."

Cavanaugh, the only female crew member, says that "if we hadn't had to come back to school, we'd have all stayed to keep helping. We did a lot, but there was so much more that needs to be done."



When it was time to return to Alfred State, team members decided to give the remainder of the food they brought with them to some of the families they had met. In fact, there was so much left, that three families benefited from their largesse.

"One fellow, who had been eating MRE's (meals ready to eat) for weeks, had tears in his eyes when he saw the sandwich meat and other fresh food we dropped off," noted Gay.

When asked how they felt about the experience, the students were of one mind when they said they were just a group of average folks helping out other average folks.

"We are happy that we have the skills and the tools to help out," said Carroll. "And when you have those advantages, you should do what you can for others."

Additionally, the students wanted to thank the folks at Alfred State who made

the experience possible: Dr. Steven Tyrell, vice president for student affairs, who made the contact with the relief workers; Sellers, who arranged dinner and housing for them; Gay, who lent his equipment, time, energy, and talent to the project; Culinary Arts who provided good eats; and Professor Payne, who led the charge.

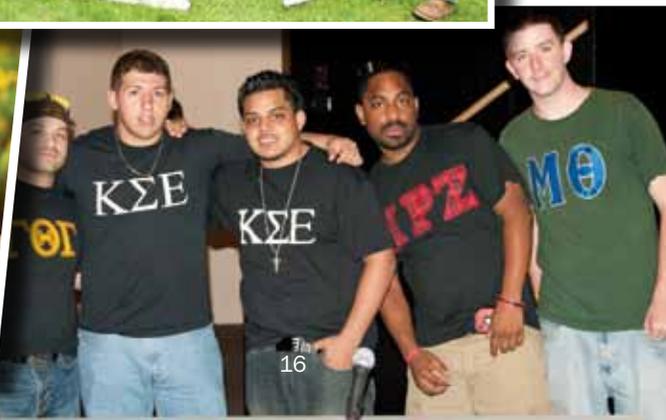
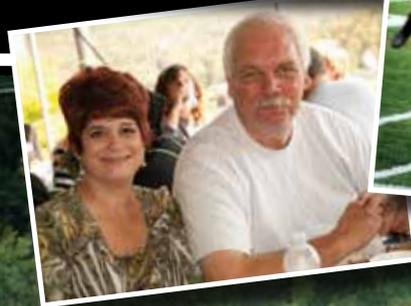
Payne is unstinting in his praise of his students: "Not only did they do yeomen's work, not only did they ably use their skills, not only did they work well with people outside our group, but the depth of their compassion and their ability in their trade did the college proud."

Other students who participated in this relief effort, but were not available for the interview, included Jon Cook, Campbell; Cody Madigan, Bath; Adam Kline, Johnstown; Mike Kashdin, West Seneca; Chris Smith, Rochester; Joseph Capuano, Knox; Josh Wilcox, Middleburgh; and Paul Briggs, Schoharie.

Homecoming Family Weekend

Hundreds of visitors came to campus for ASC's fourth annual Homecoming/Family Weekend in September. Guests enjoyed athletic competitions, a tour of the Village, family entertainment, and a carnival. A tailgate party and basket raffle led up to the big football game in Pioneer Stadium, where the ASC Pioneers defeated Stevens Tech 49-27. Pioneer Pride prevailed throughout the weekend.

GoldRush 2011





ASC Participates at AASHE Conference

Alfred State served as a Campus Host Sponsor for the AASHE 2011 Conference and EXPO “Creating Sustainable Campuses and Communities,” in Pittsburgh in October. This annual three-day conference, presented by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), is the largest North American conference focused on sustainability in higher education, typically drawing over 2,500 participants to Pittsburgh, from more than 10 countries.

Alfred State showcased the all-electric vehicle created by a class of seventh semester seniors in the mechanical engineering technology program in fall 2010. In addition to being on display throughout the conference, there was a presentation by members of the class discussing the project and how other schools can implement a similar program of project-based learning.

Alfred State’s faculty, staff, and students presenting at the conference included:

- Craig Clark, dean, School of Applied Technology
- Timothy Cochran, associate professor, Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Technology
- Matthew Dunn, student, Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Technology
- Jeffrey Johnston, assistant professor, Computer Imaging & Architectural Engineering Technology
- Dr. Matthew Lawrence, assistant professor, Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Technology
- Dianne Tuzzolino, associate professor, Business Department
- Witcliffe Williams, student, Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Technology

Additional campus hosts included Carnegie Mellon University, Chatham University, Cornell University, Duquesne University, Frostburg State University, Pennsylvania State University, Point Park University, Portland State University, Slippery Rock University, University of Pittsburgh, and West Virginia University.



99 Percent Employment/Transfer Record

Alfred State’s 2010 graduates garnered an employment/transfer record of 99 percent. The employment and transfer figures are based on an annual survey sent to all ASC graduates; 2010’s questionnaire netted a 73 percent response rate from surveyed graduates. Sixty-two percent of the graduates who responded are employed, while 37 percent opted to continue their education. One percent remains available for employment. Among those employed, 94 percent are working in jobs related to their college field of study.

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If you are an Alfred State grad currently looking for work or maybe an employer who is in need of talented employees/interns, Career Development has the answer for you – JobLink! JobLink is our job posting system that connects employers with job seekers. In fact, we are proud to announce that our database of employers on JobLink has now officially surpassed 2,060! JobLink is available to all alums seeking employment and to all employers who want to post jobs/internships (and it is all FREE).

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Career Development also has many other online resources that can be very valuable in networking and job searching. These online resources include a group on LinkedIn (Alfred State College – Career Development), a Facebook page (Career Development - Alfred State College), and a Twitter page (ASCCareerOffice) with over 1,500 followers.



l’Institut d’Administration des Entreprises de Lille Signs MOU with ASC

Dr. Dominique Besson, director of the BBA (bachelor in business administration) program at l’Institut d’Administration des Entreprises de Lille (IAE Lille) France, traveled to Alfred State to sign a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ASC to offer joint study abroad programs in business. IAE Lille and Alfred State, in recognition of their common interests in developing bilateral relations and in agreement that cooperation between institutes of higher learning contributes to cultural enrichment, scientific progress, and the consolidation of friendship between countries, have agreed to establish a student exchange program between their respective BBA programs.

Pictured above seated at the table, l-r: Besson; Dr. John M. Anderson, president, Alfred State College and co-signer, with Besson of the MOU; and Dr. Stephen Havlovic, ASC vice president for Academic Affairs. Standing behind, l-r: Diane Tuzzolino, ASC associate professor, Business Department; Kathy Markel, ASC associate director, Admissions; Jason White, ASC staff associate, Student Records and Financial Services; Marcus Tagliaferri, Rome, technology management; Francine Staba, ASC associate professor and chair, Business Department; Jacob Willson, Lee Center, technology management; and Tricia Herritt, interim coordinator of International Student Programs. Tagliaferri and Willson have both expressed a desire to participate in the new program.

Wetland Treatment System Transferred to Ed Foundation

Atlantic Richfield (a BP-affiliated company) transferred the wetland treatment system site, which sits on the site of the former Sinclair refinery, to the Educational Foundation, Inc. After a major blaze which closed the refinery in 1958, AR dismantled the refinery site, donated much of the property to Alfred State to build its Wellsville campus, and performed various cleanup activities. This most recent remedy involved construction of a wetland treatment system, which is designed to remove any residual contaminants from the groundwater that passes beneath the site and prevent contamination from migrating to the Genesee River.

ASC Is Now Smoke Free

Smoking is prohibited on campus except in outside designated smoking areas. View the Alfred and Wellsville campus maps online for designated areas. This policy reduces involuntary exposure of second-hand smoke and facilitates a healthier environment for all.



Dining Services Team Wins Gold Award from NACUFS

A Mediterranean cruise in March is a treat; this year at Alfred State, it was an award-winning event as well. The Dining Services team at Alfred State College won a Gold Award from the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) for a special event it hosted at the college. The Dining Services team is part of Auxiliary Campus Enterprises and Services, Inc. (ACES), the not-for-profit corporation that provides dining services on campus. The cruise theme for the event was designed to highlight the college's study abroad program at Sant'Anna Institute (formerly Sorrento Lingue Institute) in Sorrento, Italy. The Terrace was transformed into a cruise ship with a gangway, outdoor café seating (complete with a hand-made lemon tree), a vineyard, and floor-to-ceiling painted windows depicting a shoreline and ocean views.



Pictured here l-r: Mike Murray, '78, assistant director, Food Court Operations; Bron Norasethaporn, catering manager; Christine Loper, assistant director, Dining for Cash Operations; Karen Canne, director, Dining Services; Cindy Harrison, kitchen manager; and Denise Brownell, assistant director, Resident Dining Services.

ASC Receives National Recognition for Community Service



The Corporation for National and Community Service honored Alfred State as a leader among institutions of higher education for its support of volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement. Alfred State was admitted to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for engaging its students, faculty, and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community. The CNCS, which has administered the Honor Roll since 2006, admitted a total of 641 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from literacy and neighborhood revitalization to supporting at-risk youth. Of that total, 511 were named to the Honor Roll, 114 received the recognition of Honor Roll with distinction, 11 were identified as finalists, and six received the Presidential Award.



Clean Energy Summer Teacher Workshop

Alfred State's Center for Renewable Energy held its first Clean Energy Summer Teacher Workshop, in July, on its School of Applied Technology campus in Wellsville. The two-day hands-on workshop for technology teachers from across New York State covered instruction on installation and maintenance of solar and wind energy systems. The laboratory's goal is to use the latest new building systems and renewable systems achieving a zero energy home that can be used in advanced course work for ASC students. Its energy use will be monitored over time and it will also be used for community awareness programs, such as this two-day workshop. The real goal of this hands-on training workshop was to strengthen and enhance the current skill sets of these educators to strengthen the training they offer to their students. Alfred State College is committed to working with institutions and educators, as well as industry partners, to develop and strengthen New York State's workforce.

Pictured above, l-r, are: Associate Professor Jeffrey Stevens, ASC's workshop instructor and workshop participants Ed Moloney, Three Village Central School; Craig Clark, dean, School of Applied Technology; Keith Perry, Syosset WM School; Rich Monroe, Genesee Valley BOCES/Batavia; Jason Millington, Rochester City Schools; and Joseph Castelli, Levittown School.

Students Help Rebuild Two Cities Ravaged by Hurricane Katrina

For the second consecutive year, senior carpentry students enrolled in the College's Building Trades programs embarked on a "Semester in the South" where they will use the skills they acquired during their first year of study to help rebuild New Orleans, LA, and Bay St. Louis, MS. Under the direction of Assistant Professor Norm Ellis, and in conjunction with the Episcopal Diocese in the 7th Ward, New Orleans, and Habitat for Humanity in Bay St. Louis, 13 students are spending 15 weeks building houses for those who continue to be displaced by the storm.

ASC Wins "Customer's Choice Award" for Best-designed BUV

Five baccalaureate-level mechanical engineering seniors at Alfred State, under the guidance of project advisers, SUNY (State University of New York) Distinguished Service Professor Dr. Edward Tezak, and Ray Gleason, instructional support technician, competed in the 11th annual BUV (basic utility vehicle) competition recently in Indianapolis. A BUV is, according to the Institute for Affordable Transportation (IAT) which sponsors the competition, a vehicle to help meet peoples' everyday needs in developing countries. Besides rural transportation, BUVs also represent a mobile power source for further development. Thanks to a thrown bolt on the shive, the part of the CVT that controls the drive belt, during the Enduro Run the last event, the team was forced to make repairs on the course. Without the correct length bolt to replace it, team member Kevin Sullivan was able to jury rig one with electrical tape that allowed the vehicle to finish the event. However, despite these difficulties, JAARS (formerly the Jungle Aviation and Radio Service), a group that provides technical support such as aviation, information technology, and media for missionary programs, awarded Alfred State the "Customer's Choice Award" for the best-designed vehicle. It was presented by Mike Smith, the organization's automotive supervisor/trainer.



Pictured here, l-r, the Alfred State College BUV team: Steve Manzoni, Rochester; Pat Mohr, Limestone; Kevin Sullivan (team leader), Gasport; Brad McClean, Lake View; and Mike Marsigliano, Staten Island.

Hands-on Internships with LeChase Construction

Two construction management engineering technology students, Zachary Towner and Andrew Meeder have been chosen by LeChase Construction, LLC, Rochester, to work with the company on construction management for the campus student leadership center which is currently under construction. The top 11 candidates of 26 resume submissions were chosen for formal interviews. Towner and Meeder, both sophomores, began work at semester's end.



Dignitaries Gather to Break Ground for Alfred State's Center for Organic and Sustainable Agriculture

The excitement was palpable as faculty, staff, administrators, friends, and special guests gathered on a perfect summer day to break ground for Alfred State's Center for Organic and Sustainable Agriculture (COSA). The project, which was made possible, in part, thanks to a \$4.9 million state grant obtained by NYS Sen. Cathy Young, R-Olean, will house not only ASC's conventional dairy herd, but also an organic dairy herd so students can learn both protocols. The Center will include a 60-stall dairy barn, new heifer and dry cow housing (conventional and organic), a new calf-raising barn, and upgrades to existing farm structures. Although dairy farming is one of COSA's prominent programs, it is not the only one. Thanks to some Genesee Valley farmland in Groveland, faculty and students will have access to some of the region's most productive cropland for hands-on learning about sustainable production of grain crops, vegetable crops, and forage crops. Alfred State also plans to take a leadership role in the integration of alternative energy technology, not only on the farm, but throughout campus. Dr. Terry Tucker, dean, School of Arts and Sciences, noted that "We are preparing our students for a very different future. The need for good stewardship of land, water, and soil, as well as savvy consumers who will want to know how and where their food products are produced will require agriculturists to be familiar and comfortable with the new technologies." Additionally, Tucker noted, "The projected growth in population [9 billion people by 2050] will increase the demand for food by nearly 70%. It will be imperative for farmers to know how to use the same amount of land, probably less water, and possibly a less favorable climate for food production to meet the increased demand. And that's what COSA is all about: we're creating a new generation of problem solvers and innovative entrepreneurs whose influence will reach beyond Western New York." Principals involved in the project include AES Agricultural Engineering Services, LLS, Auburn, NY; Baker Construction, Alfred; and Spoletto Construction, Rochester.

Pictured above, l-r: Dave Spoletto, president, Spoletto Construction; Patricia K. Fogarty, chair, Alfred State College Council; Tucker; Dr. John M. Anderson, president, ASC; Sen. Young; Eunice A. Lewin, trustee, State University of New York; and Matthew A. Morgan, deputy commissioner, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

HIT Program Granted Continuing Accreditation by CAHIM

The health information technology program has been granted continuing accreditation by CAHIM (Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education). The institution received notification for its health information technology program for 2009-10 APAR. (The 2009-10 APAR was submitted in March 2011, allowing lag time for graduates to take the national credentialing R HIT exam after graduation).

Alfred State offers an online associate's degree in health information technology/medical records. Graduates are eligible to take the national certification examination to become a Registered Health Information Technician. Since 1968, when the program was created, Alfred State HIT graduates have traditionally achieved a passing rate above the national average. Graduates are also eligible to take the Certified Coding Specialist (CCA, CCS and CCS-P) and Certified Professional Coder (CPC, CPC-A, CPC-H-A, CPC-H, and CPC-P) exams.

Support ASC and Save Tax Dollars

The U.S. Congress reinstated the Individual Retirement Account (IRA) charitable rollover as part of its Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010.

That means if you are age 70½ or older and have an IRA account, you can roll over up to \$100,000 a year from an IRA directly to a tax-exempt charity, such as Alfred State College, free of federal income tax. The IRA charitable rollover was reinstated through Dec. 31, 2011.

You can also include Alfred State College in your estate plans. A bequest to Alfred State College costs nothing during your lifetime; it can lower estate taxes, and a bequest can easily be revised or revoked if plans or circumstances change. Moreover, the flexible nature of bequests allows you to leave an exact amount or percentage of your estate, which can be used to support a specific program at Alfred State, if you choose.

For more information, contact Danielle White, director of annual giving, at (607) 587-3931 or whitedm@alfredstate.edu.

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Major Gift Received for Heavy Equipment Operations Program

A gift of \$50,000 from Laverne ('56) and Mary Lou Billings of Boynton Beach, FL, is going to support equipment purchases for the heavy equipment operations program.

"This is a critical gift during a critical growth period for this popular program," said President John Anderson. "Heavy equipment operators acquire their skills through the hands-on instruction for which Alfred State is famous. Gifts like this allow us to purchase large pieces of machinery that give the students an excellent education and prepare them for the large infrastructure construction projects that will build the future of New York State. Mr. Billings is committed to the long-term growth of this program."

The heavy equipment operations program provides instruction in the skills required by heavy equipment operators for the light construction and heavy highway industries. Instruction is provided in theory and hands-on for heavy equipment operations, as well as instruction on grades, soils, blueprint reading, safety, and project supervision.

This is just one of several major gifts the Billings family has made to the College. In 1999, Laverne and Mary Lou Billings donated \$126,882.25 and Donald and JoAnn (Billings) Axtell donated \$376,658.71, for a combined gift of \$503,540.96 to create a scholarship endowment in memory of their parents, Evelyn and Rumsey Billings. The purpose of Evelyn C. and Rumsey C. Billings Memorial Endowed Scholarship is to recruit students from Steuben and Otsego counties into any one of Alfred State College's programs. Students must have a minimum 75 high school average.

"The Billings are friends who provide truly transformational gifts to the College," said Anderson. "Their student-focused gifts perfectly reflect our philosophy here at Alfred State, and our students are fortunate to have such advocates."

We reprint this article which appeared in the last issue of Transitions because information regarding the Axtell portion of the gift was unintentionally omitted; we apologize for the error.



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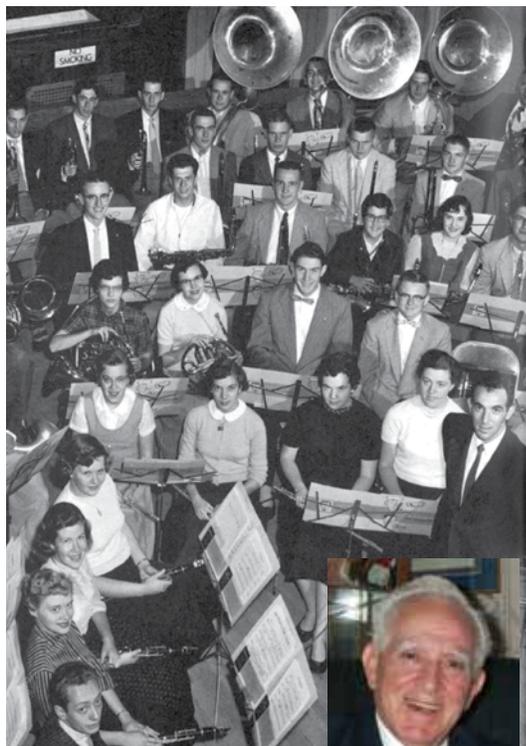
ASC has established an Alumni Plaza, beginning at the base of the Bell Tower, that pays tribute to the College's friends and alumni while serving as a reminder of the accomplishments of the many generations of the Alfred State College family.

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We Need Your Help to Reach Our Goal!



Alfred State is very pleased to report that \$45,000 has been raised to date toward the \$100,000 goal for the Anthony Cappadonia auditorium renovation. We are also excited to let you know that the College has increased the amount of funding available for the renovation from \$250,000 to \$400,000 to expand the scope of enhancements that will transform the auditorium. Therefore, there will be \$500,000 in renovations completed to the auditorium. This renovation and naming is a wonderful tribute to Cappy's lasting legacy on campus as well as in the community.

Your support is very important to this project and will ensure that all of the renovations will be complete. All gift levels are greatly appreciated and have a tremendous impact. Your name will be engraved on a permanent plaque which will be mounted in the auditorium at the dedication during the Alumni Choir Concert on April 29, 2012. We hope that you will be able to attend and enjoy the celebration.

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Please take a moment to review the following link to see some additional ways you can help Alfred State: www.alfredstate.edu/alumni-services/opportunities-for-involvement.

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Elizabeth "Ysmay" Gray, Austin, TX, is the CEO of MetroSeeker.com (an online residential guidebook geared toward college students).

A local with family members on the faculty, it made sense for Ysmay to attend Alfred State. She is the daughter of Ken Gray, who worked for the engineering school until his retirement in 2010, and the granddaughter of Jim and Anne

Wenslow, who taught math and business, respectively. Homeschooled, Ysmay was a liberal arts major in spring 1999.

In 2004, Ysmay moved to New Mexico where she became the overnight Web editor of the Santa Fe New Mexican newspaper. Returning to Alfred in 2006, Ysmay re-enrolled, studying life sciences. She became involved with the Alfred State Rescue Squad, Ergo, and the Biology and Environmental Clubs.

In 2008, Ysmay left Happy Valley for the Silicon Valley; she was hired as the marketing director for a social networking start-up in Los Gatos. In 2010 she started MetroSeeker.com.

When asked how she became a corporate executive, Ysmay says. "It took a lot of hard work and the education I got at Alfred - both academic and social."

Distinguished Alumni Award Call for Nominations 2012

The Distinguished Alumni Award was created to recognize an alumnus/alumna whose achievements and recognition have reflected honor on his/her alma mater, chosen field, community, or region.

The criteria for the Distinguished Alumni Award are:

- The recipient must be an alumnus/alumna of Alfred State College, and must have made significant contributions in his/her chosen field.
- The recipient has exhibited current or past service to the Alfred State community.
- The recipient has exhibited current or past service to his/her community or region.
- The recipient has demonstrated an understanding of the importance of maintaining current knowledge in his/her field, and has used that knowledge or skill to contribute to his/her community or civic organizations.

Nominations, including a one- to two-page summary of nominee, are accepted from alumni, faculty, and friends of Alfred State College. The deadline for the 2012 nominations is Dec. 31, 2011. The vice president for institutional advancement together with the director of alumni relations will make a final recommendation to the president of Alfred State for his acceptance.

For additional information, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at (607) 587-3931.

Do You Want to Become an Alumni Council Member?

The Alfred State College Alumni Council is always seeking interested alumni. The Council meets three times per year on the campus, and is engaged and works for the current needs and mission of the College.

Your participation as an alumnus 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 future generations. If you are interested in being a member of the Alumni Council, or if you wish to forward another alum's name for nomination, please send information to alumni@alfredstate.edu. Be a part of it all, give back, and serve on the Alfred State College Alumni Council!

Thank you to all alumni who participated in the contest by forwarding your updated contact information and e-mail address for the opportunity to win an Alfred State sweatshirt or travel mug, or the grand prize drawing to win a weekend at the Saxon Inn during Homecoming/Family Weekend 2011.

And the winners are:

April – **Roy Hughes, '61**

May – **Janine Kemp, '06**

June – **Edgar Ueno, '09**

July – **Alex Spicola, '09**

August – **Steven Lough, '76**

Grand prize – **Craig & Donna Bisbing, '66**

Alumni Events



Jay Wilder, '77, and Michael Smith, '77, catching up at the Alumni Family Picnic at Letchworth State Park.

Class of 1961

Honored at Alumni Luncheon during Homecoming/Family Weekend



Front row, l-r: Peter Logel, E. Lee Remley, Fred McNeil, Ronald Moore
Second row, l-r: Richard Graves, Joseph Rieger, Tracy (Hargrave) Logel, Charles Button, and Stanley Durham.



David Post, Alumni Council Chair, '83/'85, with his mother at Castaways Riverside Restaurant during the Syracuse Alumni reception.



Colleen Argentieri, '85, director of Alumni Relations and Ernest Bower, '53, during the Buffalo Alumni Brunch at Templeton Landing.

Peter Logel: "Tracy & I really enjoyed the luncheon and the program on Saturday. The food was great and we liked the gifts commemorating our 50th anniversary of graduating from Alfred; it really hasn't been that long has it?"

Ron Moore: "Thank you for all your hard work in bringing the 2011 alumni luncheon and other events together. Thank you and your staff for a job well done."



Alumni enjoyed the Grand Slam BBQ Buffet before watching the Rochester Red Wings vs. Columbus Clippers in Frontier Field's Hot Corner in August.



Alumni gathered on the Coca-Cola Field Party Deck to watch the Buffalo Bisons take on the Durham Bulls in August.



Dr. Rex Olson, director, Counseling Services, served as

a discussant at the symposium, "Psychology as a STEM Discipline and as Logos of the Soul: The Critical Necessity of the Humanities for Psychological Science," at the American Psychological Association Conference in Washington, DC, in August.



Dr. Matthew Lawrence, assistant professor, Mechanical and Electrical

Engineering Technology, and two co-authors were the recipients of a Superior Paper Award 2011 from the American Society of Agricultural & Biological Engineers (ASABE). The paper, "Producing Solid Fuel from Non-Recyclable Agricultural Plastics," was submitted to a peer-reviewed journal administered by the ASABE.



Dr. John Williams has been named dean of the School of Management

and Engineering Technology (SMET).



Dr. Daryl Arroyo has been named the new director of Athletics,

Physical Education, Recreation and Intramurals. Arroyo comes to Alfred State after working at Springfield College (MA) for the past 21 years.



Peter von Stackelberg, lecturer, School of Management and

Engineering Technology, invited by the European Futurists Conference, presented to and participated in a conference in Lucerne, Switzerland, in May. This invitation was a result of groundbreaking work that he's done on forecasting abrupt technological, social, economic, and political changes, which was the focus of the conference. Von Stackelberg's work on the use of timelines and other methods for predicting future trends and events has been recognized as leading edge by futurists and those involved in strategic issues management.



Joseph Damrath, associate professor, Business Department, and **April Lawrence**, secretary, Office of the Vice President

for Administration and Enrollment, were honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence this spring. Damrath won the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching which has as its primary criterion mastery of teaching techniques and superb skill in teaching. Lawrence won the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service which was established to give SUNY-wide recognition for superior performance and extraordinary achievement by employees in the Classified Service.



Chanel Wright has been named executive assistant to the president.

Wright joined Alfred State in 2008 as a residence hall director and holds a bachelor's degree from Nazareth College, Rochester.



Hollie Hall, has been named interim senior director of Health and Wellness Services. She holds an MS from Alfred University and a BS from SUNY Brockport.



Dr. Ron A. Rhoades, CFP, assistant professor in the Business Department,

and curriculum coordinator of its financial planning program, presented at the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc.'s registered programs conference in Washington, DC. Rhoades is the recipient of The Tamar Frankel Fiduciary of the Year Award for 2011, from The Committee for the Fiduciary Standard. He was also named as one of the Top 25 Most Influential persons associated with the investment advisory profession in 2011 by Investment Advisor magazine.



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

of an article appearing in *Paperback Parade*, a quarterly journal for readers and book collectors published by Gryphon Books. The article is titled "Philip Wylie: Saving the Planet through Science Fiction."



Jeffrey Stevens, assistant professor, and **Sean Kelley**, adjunct instructor, Electrical Trades Department, recently



earned the industry's leading recognition of expertise as a certified installer of solar electric systems from the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP). Designation as a NABCEP-certified solar PV installer is widely recognized to be the most important and meaningful certification of its kind in the renewable energy industry.



Paul D. Posener, director of Residential Life, presented "Alfred State

College's first LLC—A Success Story," at the 2011 ACUHO-I Living Learning Programs Conference in Orlando in October. Posener's topic, a review of Alfred State's first venture into a "living-learning" community lifestyle for select students, reviewed the 2010-11 academic year and how this LLC program was developed and shaped, the physical changes executed by Hank Colker of WTW Architects to renovate a residence hall to fit the program, and how this program reached its initial retention goals within the first year.



Jeffrey Johnston, assistant professor, Computer Imaging and Architectural Engineering Technology; and



Michelle Green, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, Physical and Health Sciences Department; and **Douglas Pierson, DVM**, assistant professor, Agriculture and Veterinary Technology



Department, were honored with the President's "Innovation Award" to acknowledge innovative thinking and problem solving. Honored for their "creative approaches to their respective disciplines," according to President Anderson.



Leon Buckwalter, assistant professor, Building Trades, and **John Buckwalter**, SUNY Distinguished Teaching

Professor, Physical and Health Sciences, traveled to Poland and Russia, respectively, to use their skills in the service of others. Leon worked with an international team of students and professionals to build a replica of the Gwozdziec Synagogue timber frame roof structure and the vaulted ceiling for permanent exhibition at the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Poland as the first major element of the core exhibition for the new Museum of the History of Polish Jews. John, who was awarded the Fulbright Community College Faculty Award for teaching in Russia, will teach for the fall semester at Astrakhan State Technical University (ASTU) in Astrakhan, Russia. ASTU has about 7,000 students in a variety of technical programs at the bachelor's and master's level.

1971-74 Swimming & Diving Teams Honored

During Homecoming 2011, the Athletic Department also honored the 1971 through 1974 men's swimming & diving teams. During that span the Pioneers swam to four straight national championships. In the history of athletics at Alfred State, Pioneer athletic teams have won a total of 12 national championships. This is the third team brought back to campus and honored by the Athletic Department. The 1971-74 swimming & diving teams join the 1984 cross country team and the 1959 men's basketball teams as honored teams.

Hall of Fame Nominations Sought

The Alfred State Athletic Department seeks nominations for the 2012 hall of fame ballot; the nominations for the 2012 ballot need to be received by May 15, 2012. A nomination form is available at www.alfredstate.edu/athletics/athletic-hall-of-fame or by contacting Gary Moore (607) 587-4358.

Five Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

During Homecoming 2011, five Alfred State alumni were inducted into the Athletic Department Hall of Fame. Swimmer John Meade, track & field athlete Damian Rodriguez, lacrosse player Matthew Covert, baseball player Joe Greany, and swimmer Ashley Vogl joined the 56 inducted athletes.

Meade, a co-captain, was the cornerstone of the swim team as the program started a run of four straight NJCAA National Championships. He had:

- six individual national championship titles
- was part of four national championship relays
- ASC Freshman Athlete of the Year-1971
- ASC Senior Athlete of the Year-1972
- holds: eight school records, six pool records, and seven NJCAA records
- because of his strong performance at the 1972 NJCAA National Championships, he was named the most outstanding junior college swimmer
- was the first athlete in NJCAA swimming history to swim to 10 National Championships

Rodriguez was one of the top pole vaulters in ASC track & field history. He was:

- ASC's first NJCAA Indoor Track & Field National Champion in 1998
- two-year member of both the indoor and outdoor track & field teams
- Region III champion
- is tied for 2nd all-time in the ASC indoor record book with a vault of 15'1"
- won the outdoor National Championship in the pole vault with a height of 14'6.25"
- Rodriguez and the Pioneers finished 3rd at outdoor nationals in 1998
- ASC Senior Athlete of the Year-1998
- remains one of two Pioneer athletes to ever be a national champion during the indoor National Championships

Covert, the first lacrosse player inducted into the ASC Athletic Hall of Fame, was one of the program's most electrifying offensive players, helping put the Pioneers in the national spotlight. He was:

- two-time All-Region selection
- NJCAA All-American during his two-year career (first time a Pioneer lacrosse player was ever honored by the NJCAA)



*The Hall of Fame Class of 2011 in attendance,
l-r: Joe Greany, Ashley Vogl, Matt Covert.*

- scored 30 goals and passed out 44 assists in his freshman year
- 105 points on 38 goals and 67 assists his sophomore year as he led the Pioneers to their first national ranking and an 11-2 mark
- is the only person in ASC lacrosse history with more than 100 points in a season
- is tops in career points with 179
- his 111 assists are tops all-time
- his 68 goals are 5th best

Greany, a constant starter for two championship teams at ASC, started in every game of his career as the Pioneers accumulated an 82-34 record. He was a leader on the 2001-02 WNYAC Championship team and the 2002-03 Region III and WNYAC Championship team. His record:

- hit .332 as a freshman
- hit .423 as a sophomore
- hit .374 career (9th all-time)
- 377 at bats (8th all-time)
- 125 runs (7th all-time)
- 141 hits (8th all-time)
- 12 triples (4th all-time)
- 39 stolen bases (career-7th all-time)
- all-time leader in assists (154) in a season
- named All-Region twice
- named All-WNYAC
- named the ASC baseball MVP and the Most Dedicated Player

Vogl, the first female swimmer inducted into the ASC Hall of Fame, was a two-year member of the swim team and earned All-Region and Coaches All-American during both seasons.

During the 2004 NJCAA National Championships, she was:

- 3rd in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.69)
- 5th in the 200 breaststroke (2:42.51)
- 7th in the 50 free (26.62)
- 5th in 200 breaststroke (2:35.62)
- 6th in 100 breaststroke (1:13.1)
- 11th in 100 free (58.61) during the 2005 National Championships
- her times in the 50 free (26.62), the 100 free (57.64), the 100 breast (1:13.10), and the 200 breast (2:35.01) are school records.
- ASC Freshman Athlete of the Year-2004
- Senior Athlete of the Year-2005.

Class Notes

1954

Earl D. Brown, *Mechanical Engineering Tech-Internal Combustion Engines*, Columbus, GA, has lived and worked in numerous countries and states in the US. He has traveled to the Caribbean, England, Iraq, China, Syria, Egypt, Arabia, Mexico, France, and been to 46 states...

1956

Robert A. Dicks, *Mechanical Tech-Mechanical Design-Design & Drafting*, Whitesboro, keeps busy with eight grandchildren. He spends January-March in Myrtle Beach, SC, playing golf...

1961

William J. Borst, *Agriculture-Plant and Soil Science*, Indianapolis, IN, retired from the Indiana Board of Animal Health & USDA in 2001. William states, "after graduation from Alfred Tech, I continued my education and obtained a BS from Georgia and MS from Clemson with agricultural majors and then worked in various agriculture positions with the federal government and state of Indiana for over 34 years. I made the right choice attending Alfred Tech because it led to a very enjoyable and satisfying career..."

William Cady,

Agriculture-Engineering Tech Power & Mach, Clermont, FL, and wife **Margaret (Miller),** *Clinical Lab Tech*, (1961) are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. (They wed in Alfred, Jan. 7, 1961.) William has been retired from Corning, Inc. since 1995. Margaret has been retired from teaching in the Elmira School District since 1995...

Wilbur C. Mull, *Agricultural Business*,

Athens, GA, originally from Albion, was recently inducted into the State of Georgia Auctioneers Hall of Fame. The high honor was presented during the association's annual summer meeting at the King & Prince Resort on St. Simons Island, GA. He also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Green Industry...



Roy Hughes, *Electrical Engineering Tech*, Westminster, MA, retired from Simplex Time Recorder Co. as a training director in February 2000...

1964

Diane L. Turchiarelli (Pietrowski), *Executive Secretarial Science*, Niagara Falls, retired from Praxair, Inc. in 2003 after 30 years of service as an administrative assistant...

Richard H. Weldgen, *Horticulture*, Webster, has retired from the Weed Man Lawn-care Co. He continues to specialize in landscape lighting under Dramatic Landscape Lighting by Woodlawn Landscapes. He recently built a semi-retirement home in Webster and enjoys free time with his eight-year-old granddaughter, Zazie...

1966

John M. Ameroso, *Agriculture-Plant and Soil Science*, Brooklyn, retired in March 2010 after 34 years as an ag agent with Cornell Cooperative Extension, New York City Programs, Urban Agriculture. John was featured in an article in the New York Times Dining Section May 19, 2010...

1967

W. Eugene Burkhart, *Ornamental Horticulture-Floriculture Merchandising*, Blandon, PA, has been selected as the 2011 AARP Pennsylvania's State Andrus Award for Community Service. This is AARP's most prestigious and visible volunteer award, recognizing outstanding volunteers who are making a powerful difference in their communities, in ways that are consistent with AARP's mission, vision, and strategic direction, who inspire others to service. The award was formally presented to Eugene at a ceremony at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Reading, PA...



Frederick M. Jenness,

Building Trades - Plumbing & Heating, Golden Valley, MN, has retired from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Prior to retirement Fred was named "Minnesota Governmental Engineer of the Year;" recognition for the award was made by MPCA Commissioner Corrigan, and Deputy Commissioner Applegate. He also received degrees from Michigan Technological University in civil/environmental engineering, and engineering administration. His engineering career included O'Brien & Gere Engineers in Syracuse, the United States Navy Seabees, and the State of Minnesota. Fred is currently the commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Dresser, WI. He and his wife, Dr. Jeanne Mohler, live in Golden Valley, MN. Their children are Andrea, Caitlin, Chris, and Jon, and grandchildren Ella, Breonna, and Brenden...



Dale A. Tones, *Industrial Controls*, Corning, served on the curriculum advisory committee for Engineering Department at Alfred State for 10+ years...

Elizabeth Pinkocze (Gracin), *Executive Secretarial Science*, Boca Raton, FL, retired from IBM and is seeking to reconnect with Delta Chi sisters from 1965-67...

1969

Kenneth Beglinger, *Agricultural Business*, Varysburg, retired from NYS Corrections after 35 years of service in production control...

Thomas Grealish, *Business Administration*, Toronto, ON, (class of '69 president) and his best bud Mike "Fitz" Fitzpatrick met in Toronto for an Alfred reunion of two. Thom, who resides in Toronto, is still toiling at his consulting practice...

Lois B. Lehning (Bennett), *Medical Secretarial Science*, Newberry, FL, has been employed with the State Attorney's Office in Florida as a legal secretary since 2005. Lois states, "My degree and time at Alfred gave me great life experiences. I also benefited greatly throughout my life because of my experiences with the choral program at Alfred. Singing has certainly added to my life..."

1970

Bob Allgrim, *Audio Visual Tech*, Canandaigua, was promoted to director of Flight Operations at Seneca Flight Operations, a Division of Seneca Foods, in Penn Yan...

Wesley L. Lyons, *Business-Retail Business Management*, Oswego, retired from Metropolitan Water Board for Onondaga County, Aug. 31, 2010, after 30.5 years. He still works part time for the village of Phoenix as its water operator. He resides in Oswego, and has three grown children. Wesley would like to hear from any classmates or friends from Alfred State, and can be reached at: wesley749@yahoo.com...

Bryant Hozempa, *Industrial Tech*, Horseheads, is employed as a manager of Information Systems in Horseheads...

1973

Jack H. Howe, *Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities*, Lake Havasu City, AZ, retired and relocated to Arizona after completing a 30-year career with the US Government..."

Log on to the alumni page of the college Web site alfredstate.edu/alumni-services/transitions-newsletter to update your class notes.

**Annual TG Reunion 2011
Gannett Park, Canandaigua**



Front row, l-r: John Blazey, Dave Willet (holding photo of the Beacon in early '50s), Ford Easton, David Pupo, Dick Ash. Back row, l-r: Larry Hall, Dave Connelly, Roger Comstock, Ron Kenville, Tom Ferguson.

Attention class of '69

Join the next "reunion" with Thom Grealish and Mike "Fitz" Fitzpatrick in Buffalo (date TBD). Interested parties can reach Mike at mfitzpatrick5@roadrunner.com or Thom at intgo@rogers.com.

1974

Carol Moore (Serino), Business-Secretarial Science-Executive, Iliion, retired in November 2010, as a court reporter for the NYS Court System for 32 years. She now freelances, still using her court reporting skills learned at Alfred...

Jane Ryan, Nursing, is an incumbent school board member running for re-election. Currently the president of JE Ryan & Associates...

1976

Brian C. Lynch, Drafting/CAD, Hampstead, NC, was promoted to Corning project manager-senior associate with Corning, Inc., in Wilmington, NC. He started working at Corning, Inc. just two days after graduation from Alfred State's Wellsville Campus. He currently manages a project for Corning, Inc., near Pune, India, and will return to the US in early 2012. Other members of his immediate family are also graduates of Alfred Tech: father Charles George Lynch, '37; sisters Victoria Lynch Gibson, '66; and Martha Lynch Shippey, '68...

1977

Stephen Clacherty, Nursing, Coram, has been employed at the NYS Office of Mental Health Suffolk Mobile Crisis Team as a community mental health nurse since May 2008...

Brenda Griffin, Business-Secretarial Science-Executive, Wallkill, and **Kathryn "Kelly" Kimball, Nursing**, '77, got together in August 2011 to spend "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" on the porch of Elmira-based The Christmas House...

Michael A. Smith, Industrial Tech/Broadcast, Middlesex, is employed with WFLR Radio as a program director/morning show host. "Thanks to the Alumni Office for reconnecting me with fellow WETD alums!..."

A restaurant in Sodus Point, NY, was the destination for a group of ladies who hadn't been together in entirety for 25 years. Chris (Long) Loperfido, MLT '72; Joyce Wichie, Accounting, '72; Sue (Mason) Hickey, MOA, '73; Laura (Villardo) Schultz, MLT, '72; Kathy (Yahn) Machado, MLT, '72; enjoyed looking and laughing at their photos from their time at Alfred State.

1978

Michele T. Davenport (Thurston), Nursing, McHenry, IL, completed an RN to BSN program at Olivet Nazarene University. Michele graduated May 2010...

Tracey L. McCarthy, Medical Assistant, West End, NC, moved to Pinehurst, NC, in 2008 and works as a clinical pharmacist at the Aberdeen Prescription Shoppe. She does competitive show jumping with her horse "Black Tie Affair," grandson of 1977 Triple Crown winner "Seattle Slew"...

1979

Beth Fitzpatrick (Fuhrman), Ornamental Horticulture-Floriculture Merchandising, Dansville, is a new grandmother! Her son, **Casey Fitzpatrick, '03, Building Trades Construction**, had a son, Lucas Robert Fitzpatrick, July 17...

Andrew DeSantis, Audio Visual Tech, Wheatfield, won the 5th & 6th Emmy Awards in New York City for his news photography in the Spring of 2011. The categories were Health Science "The Death of Justin Stryznek" & "Historical Lost & Found, 60 Years Later." Lost & Found also won The Edward R. Murrow Award and the Associated Press Award for Best Historical piece. It's about a WWII war plane that went down in a Russian lake during the war only to be found 60 years later and returned to Niagara Falls where it was built. It is now being restored...

1981

Robert J. Skvorecz, Mechanical Engineering Tech-Prod & Mach Design, Kinnelon, NJ, was awarded patent # 7,954,772 for a new way to manufacture a wire chafing stand on June 7, 2011. Below, Robert, his wife of nearly 20 yrs, Alexandra, and in front, l-r: Natalie 17, Kevin 14, and Robert 16...

**1983**

Susan M. Parker (Perrone), Business-Secretarial Science-Executive, East Rochester, became a proud grandma for the first time on March 23, 2011...

1985

Michael Schirmer, Mechanical Engineering Tech-Prod & Mach Design, Wilmington, DE, joined Peirce College in Philadelphia as an assistant professor of business administration responsible for the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management concentration...

1986

Patrick W. McParlane, Air Conditioning Engineering Tech, Orchard Park, appointed vice president of client solutions at John W. Danforth Co.

1992

Trina LaFleur (Trumble), Human Services, Wellsville, enlisted in the Air Force in June 1992 and was discharged four years later as a sergeant. She was assigned to Spangdahlem Air Force Base, Germany; Aviano Air Force Base, Italy; and Travis Air Force Base, California. For her services as a purchasing agent for supplies, she earned the Air Force Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Training Ribbon, Air Force Recognition Ribbon, Air Force Overseas Ribbon, and Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon...

1993

Sarah E. Horton (Vogt), Human Services, Hornell, has been employed with Hornell City Schools for 17 years. Sarah states, "I have always wanted to work with children. I also have a part-time job at Rite Aid Pharmacy as a drug tech and clerk, and I love working with the public...LOVE IT..."

1994

Monica J. Acomb (Lewis), Nursing, Whitesville, graduated from Stony Brook University July 2009 with a master's degree in child health and pediatric nurse practitioner degree. She is now employed with Dr. M. Z. Kassas as pediatric nurse practitioner in Wellsville...

Geoffrey Hoyt, Electrical-Electronic Service Tech, Dansville, is employed as a SharePoint Administrator in Baghdad, Iraq...

Kristen A. Stewart, Agricultural Science, Bath, employed in May 2011 by Central Steuben Chamber of Commerce as a volunteer services coordinator. Kristen states, "I really enjoy the social interaction and assisting tourists and businesses with their needs..."

Terri J. Tebo (Morrow), Nursing, Anniston, AL, has been employed with the Veterans Health Administration as a nurse educator for two years. She is also an adjunct instructor for the nursing program at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, AL...

1995

Eric C. Bosworth, Computer Science, Guilford, hired Aug. 2010, at Family Enrichment Network as an IT director...

1984-87 alumni from Shults Hall, 2nd floor, reunited in April 2010



Top, l-r: Jeff Gagnier, '87; Eric Valentine, '87; Mike Boadway, Elaine (Murphy) Leppien, '86; Andrew Mulchinski, '87; Ed Leppien, '86; and Marshall Patton, '86.

Bottom, l-r: Lynn (Wisniewski) DiRienzo, '86; Glenna (Beckary) Lechner, '86; Julie (Farham) Valentine, '88; Madeline (Otis) Shanahan, '86; and Shelley (Granato) Arcoraci, '87.

Please share your news and photos with us. You may forward information to alumni@alfredstate.edu.

David J. Dominguez, *Food Service*, Shawnee, KS, is employed at University of Saint Mary in Kansas as head track coach for men's and women's cross country. David stated, "What I learned from Coach Moore on the track has helped me excel as a university coach..."

Richard I. Nieves, *Food Service*, West Haverstraw, has been a USPS postal worker letter carrier since 2004 in Orangeburg. He has been a volunteer firefighter for the village of Haverstraw since 1993 and was elected captain in April 2011...

Michael E. Nolan, *Mechanical Tech-Mechanical Design-Design & Drafting*, Las Vegas, NV, has been employed at Las Vegas Valley Water District for 13 years and recently promoted from senior designer to engineering technician II...

2000
Gilbert E. Green, *Mechanical Design Engineering Tech*, Cuba, received the Dick Teetsel 2011 Outstanding Official Award at the NYS Track and Field and Cross Country Officials Association meeting during NYS Track and Field Championships in June at Caledonia-Mumford High School. Gilbert (1973, 2000) was a member of the Alfred 2000 National Outdoor Championship Track and Field team. As a United States of America Track and Field Official he has helped with Alfred State's hosting of national championship competitions. ...

2003
Jesse S. O'Brien, *Computer Art and Design*, Oswego, is enrolled in an MFA program in computer animation, so that he will be able to teach it at the college level...

2005
Amy E. Irvine (Beardley), *Financial Planning*, Jasper, is working for Burns Matteson Capital Management and earning a bachelor's degree in personal financial planning from the College of Financial Planning...

Christina N. King, *Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Science*, Fairport, has graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing from Nazareth College, and accepted a position as a registered nurse at Strong Memorial Hospital in the Burn/Trauma ICU starting in July 2011...

Samuel D. Rodriguez, *Veterinary Tech*, Auburn, AL, works as a licensed veterinary technician. In March, at the 46th Annual Tuskegee University Veterinary Medical Symposium, he took first place at the graduate student scientific



poster presentation session. At the Tuskegee University 126th Annual Spring Commencement exercises in May, Samuel was one of six veterinary science graduates to receive a master of veterinary science degree. Samuel is a member of the Class of 2015 of the Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine...

2007
Kyle W. Maxson, *Surveying Engineering Tech*, Shinglehouse, PA, received Pennsylvania license of Professional Land Surveyor in May 2011. He is employed with GMR Consulting LLC in Coudersport, PA...

2008
Robert T. Florio, *Individual Studies (AAS architecture)*, Belmont, Class of '97 (AOS building construction) and 2009 (certificate in heavy equipment operations) was married July 15, 2010, and runs a general contracting company in Belmont. Robert states, "I look forward to visiting the campus again soon; I see that there is a lot happening on the campus..."

Jennifer K. Lorow, *Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities*, Binghamton, working on a master's of science in education and will be certified in early childhood, childhood education, and as a literacy specialist...

2009
Christopher M. Kolmel, *Welding Tech*, Groton, is employed with Square Deal Machining, Inc., in Marathon as a welder...

Alex D. Spicola, *Information Technology: Network Administration*, Corning, is employed at Corning, Inc., as a server analyst. Alex is now the primary global administrator for Citrix and doing quite a bit of traveling around the country for work...



Front row, l-r: Margaret Kerton, '61; Albert Kerton, '57; Mary (Driscoll) Smith, '55; Audrey Mogenhan, '56; Ed Mogenhan.
Middle row, l-r: John Markwica, '57; Ramona (Moses) Allen; Nitia Cole; Agnes Comes, '56; Joan Livingston; Wayne Carter, professor emeritus, 1953-78.
Back row, l-r: Russell Allen, '55; John Cole, '55; James Comes, '56; President John Anderson; Bob Livingston, '56; Missing from the photo: John Carlenio, '57.

Some of the above alumni started in the floriculture course in fall 1953. Immediately we all bonded and became a very active Hortus Club. We had classes in an old funeral parlor which was across from the current post office. Professor Wayne Carter would always come early to stoke the furnace so we would be warm. Our greenhouses were behind our classroom, and our student-run flower shop was where the post office is now. After classes we would gather at the Huddle or Collegiate for soda pop. At times we went to "Down the Road" and also "Kant-U-Come Inn" for socializing. Marion Sapienza Brown would make spaghetti sauce for approximately 50 of us, and other girls would cook pasta and make salads at the Almond Grange. Of course we invited other friends to this gathering and they also enjoyed our group. So much so, we have remained lifelong friends. Starting

in 1955 we have met at least once a year in different places. This year was especially meaningful for us to visit the Alfred campus and see Professor Wayne Carter's brick placed at the Alumni Plaza under the bell tower.

Professor Wayne & Edna Carter were very caring toward students. Edna would invite students to their home for special desserts. Wayne attended the first reunion and has been central to all of our gatherings. He has had our admiration and respect as a mentor. Getting to know him outside our classroom we have come to love him as one of the kindest, most thoughtful, humorous, and humane individuals. He is a fine example of what we could all aspire to as we journey through life.

Submitted by Audrey Warning Mogenhan, '56

Edgar Ueno, *Computer Information Systems*, Sao Paulo, Spain, is employed at Siemens in Brazil, as a systems support engineer...

Julie Weaver, *Entrepreneurship*, Ithaca, graduated from TC3 in May 2011, with degrees with honors in: (AS) recreation leadership, (AS) liberal arts & sciences: social science, and (CERT) general studies. She is currently a student at Cortland majoring in (BS) recreation...

2010

Amy L. Cohen, *Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Science*, Churchville, employed with Easter Seals of New York...

Stephanie A. Kisko, *Veterinary Tech*, Mainesburg, PA, is employed at Veterinary Medical Center as a veterinary technician...

Richard Payne, *Liberal Arts*, Worcester, MA, has been employed at Bulbs.com as a lighting specialist/sales for five years...



Pictured here is the TG display case, located in Central Dining Hall, exhibiting TG and ASC memorabilia from the 1950s and 1960s. TG brothers invite any TG members who have additional items to send them in for inclusion in the cabinet.

Marriages

1975

Julie Porter (Kreher), *Accounting*, Clarence, and husband Tim, celebrated the wedding of their daughter Monica, to Nate Brenneman on Sept. 3 in Washington DC...

1986

Karen M. Williams (Sick), *Accounting*, Cicero, married Basil Williams Jan. 8, 2011...

1993

Jennifer N. Clark (MacNaughton), *Ornamental Horticulture-Floriculture Merchandising*, Livonia, married Shannon Clark Sept. 4, 2010...

1998

Odell L. Beverly, *Baking Production & Management*, Stowe, PA, is employed at Sutherland Global as a team leader, married Angela Beverly on Feb. 25, 2006...

2003

Patricia L. Barney (Pye), *Computer Information Systems*, Scio, married Mike Barney June 6, 2010...

2010

Matthew S. Kidder, *Heavy Equipment: Truck & Diesel Tech*, Avoca, married Ciara Katelyn Connally at Cascade Garden July 2, 2011...

Births

1999

Nicole (Eckert) Andriaccio, and her husband Dean announce the birth of Dean Michael Andriaccio, Jr., born June 2, 2011...



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1992

Jeffrey L. Nelson, *Construction Engineering Tech*, Darien, CT, and wife Cathryn, are the parents of son August James Nelson, born May 25, 2010. Jeff works as a senior project engineer with Judlau Contracting, building subway tunnels in NYC. This summer they got together with another ASC alum, **Marilyn (Heuther) Bennett, '91** and her wonderful family, during their vacation...



1997

Mindy Ostrander (Burnside), *Business-Secretarial Science-Word Processing*, Jamestown, and husband Joshua are the parents of Tyler Joshua, born Dec. 14, 2010...

2003

Erica L. Matteson (Scott), Health Information Tech/Medical Records, Whitesville, and husband Bret are the parents of Landon Timothy, born April 25. They also have a four-year old son, Holden. Erica graduated SUNY IT in 2006 (BPS). She is employed at Alfred State College as an Instructional Support Assistant for the Health Information Technology program...



Deaths

1943

Wilfrid S. Fenton, *Agriculture-Engineering Tech Power & Mach*, Lancaster, PA, June 30, 2010...

1949

Anthony D. Fragnito, *Air Conditioning Engineering Tech*, Endwell, May 14, 2011...

1950

Gerald Hart, *Agricultural Business*, Wellsville, Aug. 19, 2011...

1954

Harold J. Miller, *Electrical Engineering Tech*, Zephyrhills, FL, retired faculty, Nov. 30, 2010...

1955

Patricia A. Bowers (Parson), *Medical Laboratory Tech*, Rome, April 2, 2011...

1957

John F. McKay, *Business*, Cornelius, NC, April 28, 2011...

1958

Robert Donnelly, *Agriculture-Animal Science*, May 24, 2011...

Duane L. Graham, *Accounting*, Angelica, Aug. 9, 2011...

Jack Hanel, *Undeclared Major*, Charlotte, NC, TG brother, July 22, 2011...

1961

David A. DeVoll, *Agriculture-Plant and Soil Science*, Callaway, VA, Feb. 23, 2011...

John A. Torgesen, *Agricultural Business*, Cranford, NJ, Feb. 6, 2011...

William Walker, *Ornamental Horticulture-Floriculture Merchandising*, Interlaken...

1965

Kay G. Allen (Giles), *Medical Sec Science*, Wilmington, NC, Feb. 7, 2011...

1977

Robert E. Kristiansen, *Drafting/CAD*, Lawrence, KS, Feb. 27, 2011...

1978

David A. Sleeper, *Agriculture-Engineering Tech Power & Mach*, Alden, Aug. 5, 2010...

1983

Michael J. Mackey, *Business-Retail Business Management*, Boston, Nov. 30, 2010...

1987

Anna M. Damrath, *Business Admin.*, Hornell, Sept. 3, 2011...

1990

Christopher Lowe, *General Agriculture*, Baldwinsville, July 12, 2011...

2001

Virginia R. Haynes, *Computer Art and Design*, Yucaipa, CA, July 26, 2011...

2006

Frederick Brendan Horn, *Individual Studies*, Sayville, July 1, 2011...

College Friends

Jean W. Bailey, Homell, retired Alfred State secretary, July 14, 2011...

Julie Byron, Almond, for the past 28 years Julie had been employed as a food preparer and server for Aces Dining Hall on the Alfred Campus, May 19, 2011...

David F. Conde, began his distinguished career at Alfred State Technical College in 1959, in 1989 became dean of the School of Engineering until his retirement in 1994, May 7, 2011...

Robert Decker, retired drafting instructor, Sept. 2011...

David L. Jones, Wellsville, taught history and political science at ASC, retiring in 1994. While at Alfred, he served as president of the United University Professions and was chairman of the Faculty Senate, Sept. 5, 2011...

David Barry Lash, Alfred, retired director of libraries at Alfred State in 1991, a post he held for four years, Sept. 1, 2011...

Edward Rawady, Canisteo, retired ISA, Aug. 6, 2011...

Marjorie Stebbins, Wellsville, staff, April 20, 2011...



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