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## GREETINGS

*Alumni, faculty, staff, & friends-*

This year marks the 110th anniversary of Alfred State College, and like yourselves, I am so proud to have been a part of the history of this amazing school.

Our college has come a long way since it was founded in 1908. We've added buildings, programs, sports teams, a second campus in Wellsville, joined the SUNY system, and so much more.

One of the more recent big changes took place this fall, as we introduced a new logo, and an ox as our new animal mascot. The ox is a perfect companion for the Pioneers, and is symbolic of the hard-working nature exhibited by students and employees throughout our college's history.

As we look ahead into the future, it is important to remember our past, so that we may appreciate where we have been as we continue to evolve. In this issue of the newly renamed "Alfred State Alumni and Friends Magazine," you will read about the history of several notable alumni, all of whom can trace their Alfred State roots back to over 50 years (or in two cases, 100 years).

You will read about Brian Perry and the sweet connection that Alfred State has with his family's business: Perry's Ice Cream. You will also read about Betty Purdy, a proud Pioneer alum whose parents both graduated from Alfred State in 1917, as well as Lloyd McCall, who had a successful 37-year career at IBM and whose mother graduated from Alfred State more than 100 years ago.

As I mentioned before, much has changed at Alfred State over the years. What has remained the same, however, is the Pioneer spirit that we all have, that willingness to work hard, to strive for excellence, to think outside the box, and to keep going no matter what.

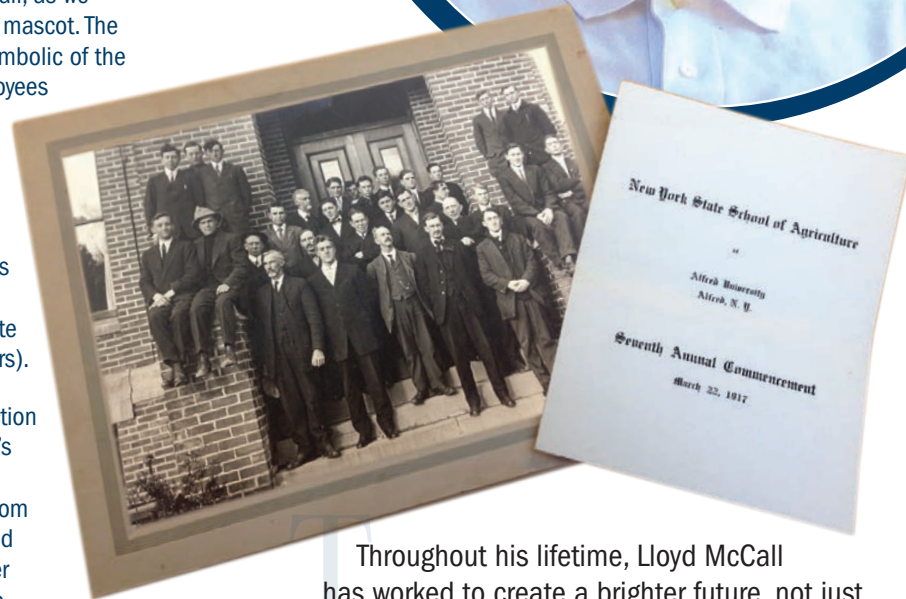
Additionally, Alfred State will always be a life changer for our students. Here, they get out of their comfort zone, make lifelong friends, and acquire the skills and knowledge they need for the careers they want. As you go forth in your own lives and careers, I encourage each of you to be a life changer, as well.

I thank all of you for being a part of the incredible history of Alfred State College. Here's to another 110 years and many more.

Respectfully,

Dr. Skip Sullivan, President

*Pictured below Lloyd is a photo of his father's Ag. class outside the Dairy Bldg. in 1917 and Lloyd's mother's 1917 commencement program.*



Throughout his lifetime, Lloyd McCall has worked to create a brighter future, not just for himself, but for others, too.

Whether through serving his country in World War II, producing state-of-the-art equipment at IBM, or creating an endowed scholarship at Alfred State College, Lloyd, 95, has long been a part of making a better tomorrow.

Growing up in the small town of Rushford, Lloyd came from humble beginnings. He worked on his family's farm, lived in a house with no electricity or telephone, and received his education in a one-room schoolhouse. Lloyd was a product of the Great Depression (shoveling snow for eight hours for \$1) and he wanted something better.

At the urging of his mother, Cleo Williams McCall, Lloyd decided to enroll in Alfred State's air conditioning and refrigeration program. His mother knew all about

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Alfred State, as she had graduated from the college in 1917 with a home economics degree. His father, Newell, also attended agriculture classes there.

As a student, Lloyd greatly valued the education he was receiving, especially the fact that he was "learning new things all the time." He credits Alfred State with helping him to land a job at IBM as a field engineer.

"Without my education, I certainly wouldn't have been considered for anything in IBM," he said.

Lloyd began working at IBM in Washington, DC, as soon as he graduated in 1942. Just one year later, however, he was drafted into the Army Air Force. He served for 30 months, 18 of which were spent in Italy with the 15th Air Force maintaining IBM equipment.

In 1945, Lloyd went back to work at IBM. Though he spent his days in the Pentagon, Lloyd stated that "working down in the basement with a hundred machines was not a scintillating activity." He then decided to better his future once more by going back to school. Taking advantage of the original GI Bill, he earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from George Washington University in 1949.

Lloyd, who had been on a leave of absence at IBM while pursuing his bachelor's degree, returned to the company immediately after graduation. He then began working in Poughkeepsie as a technical engineer, eventually becoming manufacturing manager, in which he produced the bombing-navigation systems for B-52s. He also worked as assistant general manager producing the memory for IBM in Burlington, VT.

During his time at IBM, Lloyd produced some of the first large-scale computers, noting that his engineering background helped him because anything he was involved in was state-of-the-art technology. He appreciates the technological impact that computers have had on society, noting that when the World War II veterans' bonus was approved, it took a building full of IBM accounting equipment 12 months to calculate and print the 14 million checks.

"The business world could not have developed as it has without computers," he said.

In 1979, after 37 years of working for IBM, Lloyd retired, first moving to South Carolina, then North Carolina. He then began volunteering with Charlotte-based SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), which provides counseling to small-business owners in concert with the Small Business Administration.

"For 30 years, I volunteered for that and worked with several hundred entrepreneurs, working on their business plans and financial planning and anything in the way of counseling that they needed," he said.

In addition to helping small-business owners with their futures in his retirement, Lloyd would also play an important role in the formation of an annual service trip for Alfred State students, one that would impact many lives: Semester in the South.

During a fly-fishing trip with then President Dr. John Anderson, Lloyd mentioned how he had worked repairing homes for two weeks in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Anderson, who had been considering a similar type of experience for students, then reached out to the person in

the Episcopal Diocese who had organized Lloyd's service trip.

As a result, the Semester in the South program was born. Afterward, for several years each fall semester, building trades students put their renovation and rebuilding skills to work in New Orleans and several other locations in the South.

Another way in which Lloyd will have made a lasting impact on people's lives is through the McCall and Williams Endowed Memorial Scholarship. His bequest for the scholarship was one of the first that Alfred State College received after the creation of its Development Fund.

"Having grown up in a difficult environment in which thousands still live, I wanted to provide a way for them to attend college," he said. "My hope is that it will help them on to something better."

On a personal note, Lloyd has one son, James; a daughter, Nancy; and two grandchildren. These days, he is enjoying the quiet life in Newton, NC, where he golfs with his buddies and plays bridge.

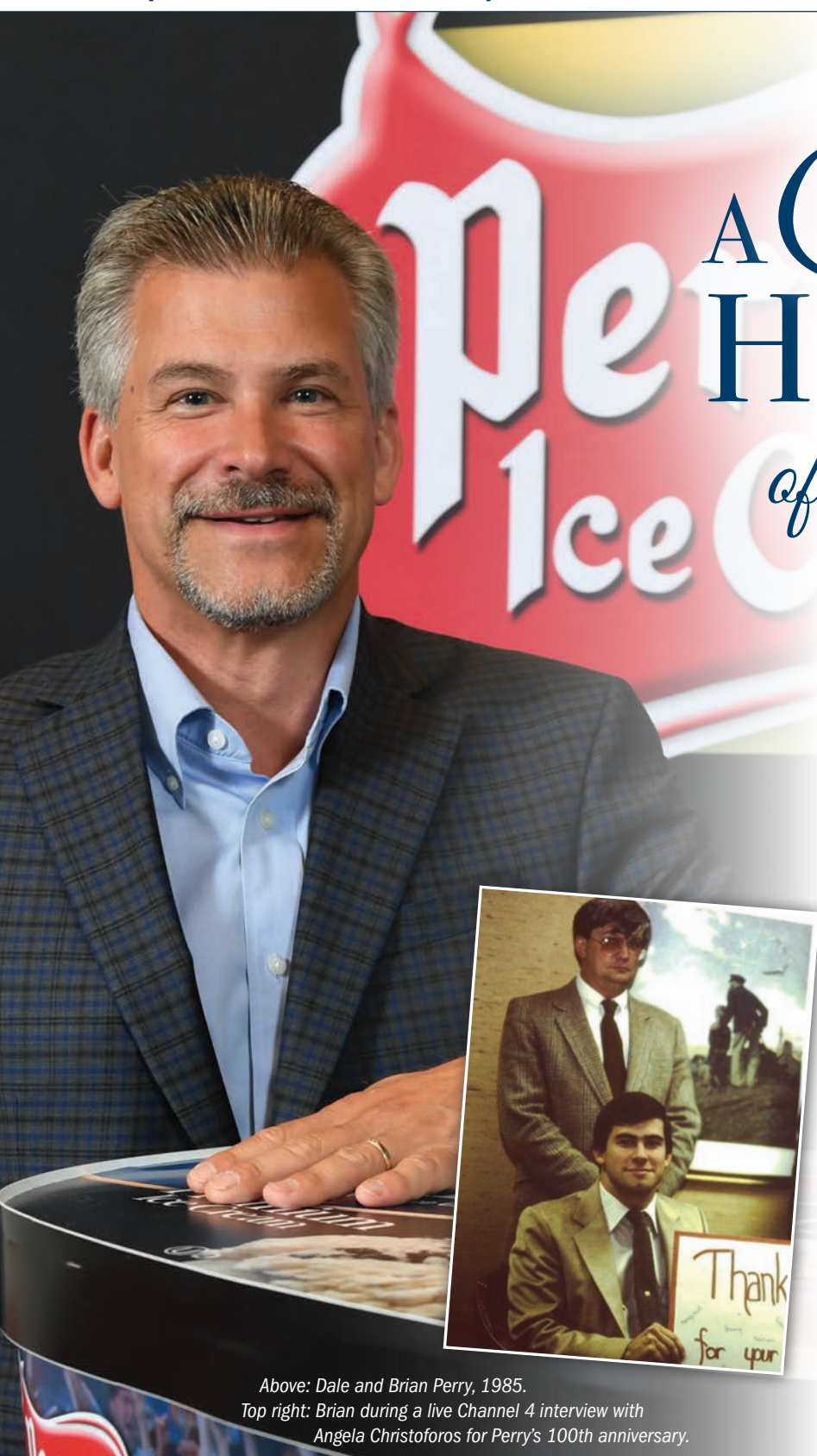
While Lloyd remains humble about his accomplishments, there can be no denying that he has made an impact on many people, whether through his work at IBM, volunteering with SCORE, or helping to start the Semester in the South program. His scholarship will also help many students afford the dream of attending college.

Just as Lloyd is thankful for the future that Alfred State was able to provide him, so too will many people continue to be thankful for the role Lloyd has played in making their tomorrows bright.



*Lloyd and his 1942 Air Conditioning classmates.*





# A Sweet HISTORY of SUCCESS

They see it at the grocery store or at their favorite ice cream shop while perusing the many flavors as they attempt to make that crucial decision: Fireball or Panda Paws™. No wait, maybe Let's Dough Buffalo™, or perhaps even Mint-Ting-A-Ling.

While Perry's Ice Cream aficionados may be very familiar with the company, what they might not be aware of, however, is the role that Alfred State College has played in its success.

Brian Perry, the executive vice president, chairman, and an owner of Perry's, is both a fourth-generation member of the 100-year-old business, as well as a second-generation Pioneer, who continues to take his company to great heights thanks in part to his Alfred State education.

Growing up in the small village of Akron, Brian lived right across the street from Perry's Ice Cream's original plant. After attending Michigan State for a year and a half, Brian decided he wanted a college that was closer to home and had smaller class sizes. He then asked his uncle Dale, an Alfred State alum, what he thought about his alma mater.

"I asked him how he liked Alfred State and he said it was a great experience," Brian said.

Convinced, Brian enrolled in Alfred State's business administration associate degree program, which he would graduate from in 1985. Every weekend during the school year, Brian returned home to work, as Perry's was



growing at an annual rate of between 20-25 percent at the time.

As a student, Brian valued the relationships he had with his professors, the interaction they had with the class, and the education he was receiving.

"It was a good mix of the academic world and the real world – book knowledge and real-world application," he said.

After receiving his degree, Brian joined the family business in 1985 as a personnel supervisor, the first of several roles he would hold in the company. While working part-time in sales, Brian attended Canisius College full time, earning his bachelor's degree in business administration in 1993.

By 2001, thanks in part to his Alfred State education, Brian had worked his way up in the company to become the executive vice president. In this role, Brian works closely with the executive leadership team on customer relations, industry relations, government relations, strategic leadership, capital projects, and mentoring. In addition, he was named chairman in 2012.

Along with being an Alfred State alum, another commonality between Brian and his uncle Dale (who passed away in 2011) is the fact that both of them were able to significantly expand Perry's. Dale, who received his business administration degree from the college in 1966, led the business as co-CEO in the 1990s. Along with his brother Tom (Brian's father), Dale was, in part responsible for the company's move to One Ice Cream Plaza in Akron, as well as the tripling of sales from 2 million gallons of ice cream to 6 million.

Similarly, since taking over leadership in 2000, Brian and his brother-in-law, Robert Denning, president and CEO, have increased production to 12 million gallons, expanded

*Ice cream lovers are well acquainted with the name Perry's.*

sales of the Perry's brand into western Pennsylvania and the state of Ohio, and enabled Perry's to become an international manufacturing company.

Brian and Dale both attributed a large part of their success to their learning experiences at Alfred State, citing small class sizes, an open-minded atmosphere, and professors willing to engage in real-world experiences as reasons that they were able to grow.

"It's both personal and professional," Brian said. "My relationships with professors and administrators were and are on a first-name basis. I can pick up the phone anytime and they can do the same. Professionally, our Alfred educations were definitely instrumental in the success of business, no doubt about it. To grow from less than a \$10 million business to one now over \$100 million requires a sound educational foundation and a lot of hard work."

In February 2016, the ties between Perry's and Alfred State were strengthened even more when the college opened a new dining option on campus named "Alfie's" that serves Perry's Ice Cream. For Brian, the fact that his alma mater is now serving Perry's means a lot.

"I am very proud of how Alfie's turned out and of the relationship between Alfred State and Perry's," he said.

Another commonality between Alfred State and Perry's is that both are celebrating major milestones in 2018, as Alfred State marked its 110th anniversary this year, while Perry's turned 100. The company was founded in 1918 by Brian's great-grandfather H. Morton Perry.

To celebrate its anniversary, Perry's earlier this year brought back four retro flavors and launched a special 100th anniversary flavor, The Good Stuff, exclusively for its

scoop shops. In addition, Perry's has planned several special events to honor its customers, partners, team members, and community members who have helped make the company a 100-year success.

As a fourth-generation leader of Perry's, Brian said his company turning 100 means a huge sense of accomplishment for him.

"I have come to appreciate each generation's ability to navigate through the adversity of not only the standard life cycles of business, but also the dynamics of a family business," he said. "We have always focused on growth, which would assure opportunities for not only the Perry family, but also for our team members. To keep good people, they must see that there are advancement opportunities, which means job satisfaction."

In addition to his professional responsibilities, Brian has also been very active in the community, serving as a 30-year member and past president of the Akron Lions Club, a village of Akron trustee, and a board member for the International Dairy Foods Association, which presented him with its Soaring Eagle Award. Additionally, he is a past Junior Achievement of Western New York Board member and a recipient of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

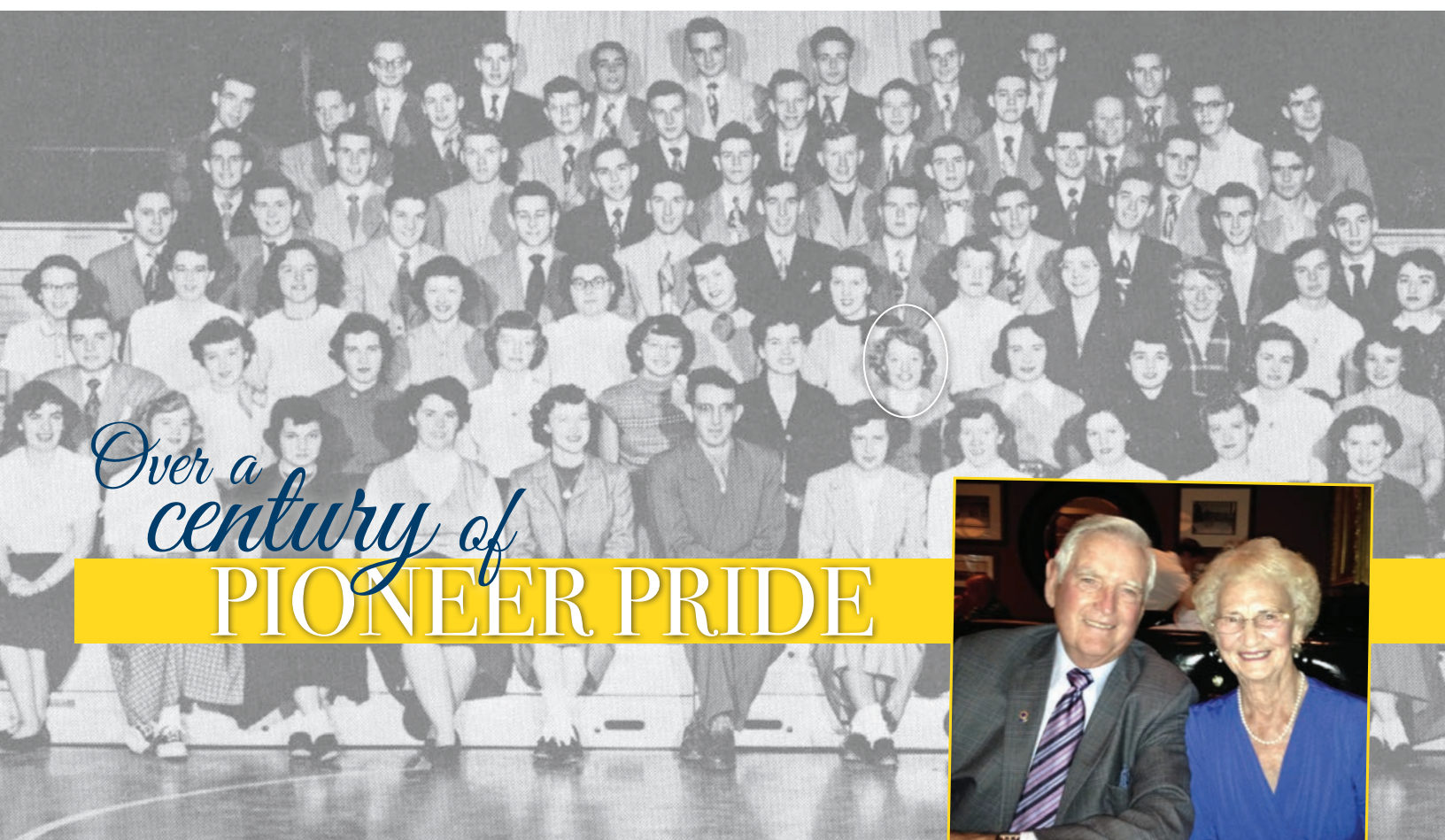
On a personal note, Brian's wife of 26 years, Jayne, has been a sales administrator at Perry's for 22 years. Together, the couple have one daughter, Jenna, 23.

No matter how much Perry's continues to thrive under Brian's leadership, he will always be grateful for Alfred State and the ways in which it helped both him and his uncle grow their family business for generations to come. Much like the feeling that comes with choosing just the right flavor of ice cream, Brian and Dale were very satisfied with their choice to become Pioneers.

Above: Dale and Brian Perry, 1985.

Top right: Brian during a live Channel 4 interview with Angela Christoforos for Perry's 100th anniversary.





Bob and Betty (Hughes) Purdy.

In 1917, Alfred State College was not yet a decade old. It was still many years away from joining the State University of New York system, adding a campus in Wellsville, and offering four-year programs.

Still, Pioneer Pride was just as strong among Alfred State graduates then as it is now. For alumna Betty (Hughes) Purdy, her family's own affection for the college harkens back to its early days, as both of her parents were members of the graduating class of 1917. Betty, as well as her husband, Bob, would also later join the Alfred State Family, thereby becoming proud Pioneers themselves, which they remain to this day.

Long before she enrolled at Alfred State, however, Betty grew up on her family's farm in the small Steuben County town of Howard. Her father, Henry Hughes, was a graduate of Alfred State's animal husbandry program, while her mother, Minnie McAdam, received

a degree in liberal arts, specializing in voice. Both Henry and Minnie worked on the family's 500-acre farm. Isabelle Fenner, Betty's sister, would go on to attend the Cadet Nursing Program at Alfred.

At her father's urging, Betty enrolled in Alfred State's medical secretary program, a rigorous major that, according to Betty, left little room for error.

"It was a very difficult schedule," she said. "Our typing had to be perfect, with no erasures, and we were typing on plain typewriters. Medical shorthand was difficult with all the terminology."

One of her fondest memories as a student was singing in the choir under the direction of Anthony "Cappy" Cappadonia, who taught and directed instrumental and choral groups at the college for 56 years.

"That was a great experience," Betty said. "We had jackets we wore when we performed."

Additionally, one of the most important moments of Betty's life happened at Alfred State. It was here that she met a fellow student named Bob Purdy.

Bob participated in track and cross country and attended the college for a year-and-a-half from 1949 until 1951. Unfortunately, Bob was unable to continue his education due to lack of funds.

"He brought a cousin down to Alfred to see the campus. I was working in the President's Office at that time and he asked me for a date," said Betty, recalling how the two of them met.

"We are very proud of the advancements in the past 60 years with new buildings, curriculum options, and programs to fit the present world."

From there, the couple's relationship blossomed. Betty continued on as a student at Alfred State, graduating in 1952, then worked as a secretary for all the professors for a year afterward. In 1954, Betty and Bob tied the knot in Canandaigua.

After her employment at Alfred State, Bob convinced Betty to move to Rochester, where she began working at Kodak.

"I worked in the Radiology and Photography Department until I had our first child in 1955," Betty noted.

Following the birth of their first child, the family continued to expand and move. Bob and Betty would eventually welcome four more children for a total of five (four sons and a daughter). The couple built houses in Canandaigua and Geneseo, before Bob's career took the family more than 360 miles southeastward.

"Bob started in the insurance business in 1957, and we moved to Long Island, where he was an agency manager for 37 years before he retired in 1994," Betty said.

Throughout Bob's career in the insurance industry, Betty was able to assist him by putting her Alfred State education to work. Thanks to what she learned in her program, Betty was well prepared to help Bob by typing his proposals, bookkeeping, taxes, and more. In addition to these duties, Betty also volunteered at Mather Hospital in Port Jefferson on Long Island, contributing 7,000 hours of service there.

Following Bob's retirement in 1994, the couple then moved to Moultonboro, NH, and became "snow birds." For 16 years each winter, they would head out to Henderson, NV, for much warmer weather and more sunshine. They continue to reside in New Hampshire in the town of Meredith.

Betty and Bob have greatly enjoyed their golden years, having traveled all over the world and taken many cruises.

"We now enjoy our 16 grandkids and many future weddings," Betty said.

During one particular trip to Nevada in 2014, Betty and Bob were able to reconnect with their alma mater during an Alfred State alumni dinner at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Harrah's Las Vegas Hotel and Casino. There, they chatted with President Dr. Skip Sullivan and their fellow Alfred State alums.

The couple had a terrific time reconnecting with the college, meeting with other Pioneers, and learning about all of the exciting things that have taken place at Alfred State since they were students.

"We are very proud of the advancements in the past 60 years with new buildings, curriculum options, and programs to fit the present world," Betty said.

Looking back on her Alfred State College experience, Betty is grateful for the skills

and knowledge she acquired as a student, not to mention the fact that she met her husband at Alfred State, and that she also made many friends there with whom she has stayed in touch throughout the years.

With a connection to Alfred State that spans more than a century, Betty and her family can proudly claim that they have been Pioneers longer than most. Without question, much has changed at the college since her parents graduated in 1917, and even since Betty herself earned her degree in 1952.



Betty's parents, members of the graduating class of 1917, Henry and Minnie (McAdam) Hughes.

What will always remain, however, are the friendships, the memories, and the lasting impact that Alfred State has made and continues to make on each and every student like Betty who will always be proud to be called a Pioneer.



[HOMECOMING/FAMILY WEEKEND]

# HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

Pioneer Pride was in full force once again during this year's Homecoming and Family Weekend.

Kicking off the "Fun Friday" festivities was the fifth annual spirit rally and bonfire in the parking lot at Pioneer Stadium. Pioneers and their families showed their Alfred State spirit and cheered on a student team during friendly competitions such as the Not-So-Naked-Half-Mile and the tug-of-war.

Additionally, a live band performed as participants enjoyed the bonfire while indulging in a walking taco, brick oven pizza, cotton candy, and plenty of other goodies. Capping off Friday's events was the always-popular annual Alfred's Got Talent show.

Getting things started on Saturday were a chili competition, car show, and a cornhole competition, followed by the eighth annual Carly's Club Race for a Cure 5K run/walk. Fans then came out to cheer on the Blue and Gold football team as they took on the Maritime Privateers at Pioneer Stadium.

Following the big game was a tailgate/barbecue party, which featured one of the area's favorite bands, Lucky Number, as well as the final Pioneer Challenge events – pie eating and a stump contest. On Saturday night, magician Daniel Martin amazed the crowd through his high-energy performance, which fuses exhilarating magic, psychological illusions, and sarcastic improv.





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18	Install Light Pole Bases	3 days	Fri 4/27/18	Tue 5/1/18	143 days
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18	Set Light Poles	2 days	Wed 5/2/18	Thu 5/3/18	143 days
22	Install Sidewalks & Curb	5 days	Wed 5/2/18	Tue 5/8/18	136 days
19	Install Roadway Signs	2 days	Thu 5/3/18	Fri 5/25/18	42 days

[FACULTY PROFILE]

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**“...I came to feel a responsibility to give my students here the best leg up into the industry I can.”**

For Erin Vitale, one of the best parts about working in the construction industry is being able to see the finished product, and knowing that she had a hand in its creation.

Similarly, one of the best parts about being a teacher for Erin is seeing what her students have been able to achieve after graduating from Alfred State College, and knowing that she had a hand in shaping their paths.

Since she was hired in 2001 as an adjunct instructor, Erin has helped numerous students construct bright futures for themselves, thanks in part to the skills and knowledge she acquired in the field prior to becoming a member of the Alfred State faculty.

Before embarking on successful careers in the construction industry and in the education sector, however, Erin’s own professional path began in the field of economics, which she studied at the University of California, Riverside.

However, a summer job working for the Kiewit Construction Group in her sophomore year ended up being a turning point for Erin.

“I saw what the project manager did all day, and I said, ‘That guy has a cool job. How do I get that job?’ I talked to a bunch of people at that company and they said, ‘Well, you should get a civil engineering or construction management degree.’”

At her parents’ urging, Erin continued to pursue her bachelor’s degree in economics, which she earned in 1991. She then enrolled in undergraduate civil engineering courses at California State University at Chico for 2.5 years, until she decided to pursue a master’s degree instead. In 1995, she earned her master’s in civil engineering, construction engineering and management from Stanford University.

After receiving this degree, Erin began working at Kiewit as an engineer in the Estimating Department. In this job, she performed estimating work on large

tunneling projects and served as the schedule engineer on the Green Line Subway Expansion in Washington, DC.

While working in the nation’s capital, Erin met her future husband, Mark, who is a graduate of Alfred State’s construction engineering technology program. Today, the couple reside in Piffard, and have two children whom are attending college.

In 1996, Erin joined Ciminelli-Cowper Co., Inc., a construction company in Buffalo, as an estimator, scheduling coordinator, and project engineer. In this role, she created and monitored bid schedules and construction schedules for a majority of the company’s projects ongoing in the field, and was also the project engineer for Canterbury Woods, a senior living community in Amherst.

Two years after joining Ciminelli-Cowper, Erin became the vice president of Vitale Contractors, Inc. in Piffard, a small site work contracting business she and her husband owned. In this position, she was involved with major equipment purchasing, insurance audits, delinquent accounts and liens, and writing subcontracts. She remained at Ciminelli-Cowper until 2001, and VP of her company until 2010.

In the spring of 2001, Erin transitioned into a teaching role when she was hired as an adjunct professor at Alfred State. She became an assistant professor in the fall of that year.

“I wanted to be around my kids more than private industry work allowed,” she said about her reason for deciding to teach. “I didn’t think I would stay very long, as I love the construction industry. However, I came to feel a responsibility to give my students here the best leg up into the industry I can.”



Mark, '84, and Erin Vitale

In addition to her duties as department chair and professor, Erin has also served the college in a number of other ways, having been a member of several committees, including the Branding Committee, which created the college’s new logo and mascot. She also accompanies two student teams each November

to the Associated Schools of Construction Region 1 Student Competition in Albany, and serves as secretary to that competition’s organization. Erin is also a member of the American Institute of Contractors.

This past summer, Erin took part in a service trip to Puerto Rico, along with Dr. Alex Bitterman, chair of the Department of Architecture and Design. Together, the two educators were members of a team that helped install solar suitcases for communities in need. The suitcases power medical lighting, mobile communication, and essential medical devices.

“That was a neat and very rewarding experience,” Erin said.

As someone who has been involved with the construction industry for more than 20 years, Erin possesses a lot of passion for her field, which she instills in her students.

“Construction is a great industry,” she said. “You get to point at a physical thing when you are done and say, ‘I helped. I was a part of that.’”

Similar to construction, one of the best things about teaching is getting tangible results. When Erin sees her former students go on to land the jobs they want, be involved in numerous impressive projects, and achieve great success in their field, she can smile proudly, knowing that, in some way, she helped and was a part of that.

Not only are students the reason Erin continued to teach, they are also the best part of her job.

“I like getting to know them and it makes me super happy when they get jobs they’re excited about,” she said. “If I can have any impact on them, and maybe they’re a little bit more successful because of something they learned in one of my classes, I’m happy about that.”

Erin also greatly enjoys the closeness of her department.

“The CET Department is a close-knit group,” she said. “We are all supportive of each other.”

Erin, who is now a full professor and has been serving as department chair since January 2016, noted that right now is an exciting time for the Civil Engineering Technology Department, which just graduated its 50th class from the AAS in surveying engineering technology program, and its 25th class from the BS in surveying and geomatics engineering technology this past May.

In May of 2019, the department will see the 20th class from the BS in construction management and the 60th class from the AAS in construction engineering technology graduate. The department also expanded recently with the addition of the construction supervision BTech program, which was added for the fall 2017 semester.





With solar power becoming an increasingly important energy source in Nigeria, the demand for skilled solar installers in that country has never been higher.

That's why Alfred State College's own Jeffrey Stevens teamed up with other groups this summer to organize and deliver an installation training program to develop a critical mass of highly skilled solar energy systems installers in Nigeria. Along with Stevens, who is the interim dean of the School of Applied Technology, support hailed from Cornell University, the State University of New York (SUNY), TelCo Europe-Nigeria, Orun Ododo Power Company Limited (OOPCL), and the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI).

For two weeks, Stevens trained installers in Abuja, Nigeria on photovoltaic systems. Though the original plan was to train 20 people, the project was expanded, and a total of 53 participants were trained. The project was made possible thanks to a \$10,000 grant from Cornell University's Institute for African Development (IAD) Students Summer Project Fund and support from Alfred State College.

According to the final report on the project, the trainees were first taught the theoretical aspects of solar energy and installation for a week, and then exposed to practical field experience for another week. During the field work portion, they were involved in the installation of a solar-powered borehole water supply system in Toko Village, a rural community in Karu Local Government Area, Nasawara State, at the outskirts of the Federal Capital Territory in Abuja.

The village is home to more than 600 members who previously had to walk a significant distance to service and obtain water for daily use. Now as a result of the project, the resource is located in the village center and has been infused to be the focal point of the community.

After the two-week training was completed as a way to encourage long term growth, the organizers began mentoring the 53 successful trainees and will continue to coach them for six months in their quest to becoming solar energy entrepreneurs and service providers, the final report states. Monitoring and evaluation exercises were also expected to take place for six months on the installed water supply system at Toko Village to ensure continuous operation and to measure the impact of the project.

Stevens brought with him extensive solar energy experience that includes serving as the consultant and lead for solar installation projects in a number of places, including county parks in Arlington, VA; the National Arboretum in Washington, DC; and the New York State Parks Department in Niagara Falls. He described the trip as "an incredible experience of sharing and teaching."

"I found it an honor to share with Nigerian professionals the foundational knowledge and skills that Alfred State has been integrating into the School of Applied Technology's skilled trades programs," he said. "The demand for skilled tradesmen and women in the workforce is one that knows no borders. The workforce shortage is one that Alfred State recognizes and is serious about addressing. We are proud to be part of the solution to training the next generation of renewable energy and skilled trade leaders."

### DC Eagle Cam Among Best Wildlife Livestreams for Summer



The DC Arboretum Eagle Nest Cam, made possible thanks to some Alfred State College students, was recognized in an article by Mashable.com titled, "From puffins to brown bears: The 10 best wildlife livestreams of the summer."

The article recognizes a variety of webcams that focus on animals in their natural environments such as gray wolves, alligators, elephants, and more.

In October 2015, a group of Alfred State College electrical construction and maintenance electrician students designed and installed a unique solar-powered trailer at the Arboretum to supply the energy necessary for the public to view the nesting and hatching of a bald eagle family online through a webcam.

As stated in the Mashable article, "The American Eagle Foundation and the National Arboretum established the livestream to give viewers access to the national bird and to also monitor and preserve the species."



### MOTORSPORTS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTS WOODHULL RACERS

Alfred State College joined the growing list of track sponsors at Woodhull Raceway ("New York's Toughest Bullring") this past summer.

Specifically, Alfred State's motorsports technology program participated in the race night on Saturday, Aug. 11. The college had contributed financially to increase the purse or offer incentives for winning heat races for all seven of Woodhull's paying divisions.

Along with the purse and incentives offered, Alfred State also added its name to the list of sponsors that have joined Woodhull Raceway's weekly Facebook Live podcast "Inside the Bullring," airing on Monday nights at 6 p.m.

Raceway Media Director Steven Ovens noted that there are many Alfred State graduates on crews at the raceway, and many more who pilot racecars there every weekend. He thanked Automotive Trades Department Chair Eric Wilmot, Instructor Andrew Smith, and President Sullivan for their collaboration to help put the partnership together.



In the early morning hours on the day before classes were to begin for the fall 2018 semester, 13 Alfred State College building trades: building construction students, along with their instructor, Dan Drake, set out for a field trip like no other.

Their destination: Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, located on the border of Tennessee and Kentucky. Drake and his students traveled to participate in a restoration project at The Homeplace 1850s Working Farm and Living History Museum. While on site, students received valuable hands-on experience as they worked to restore historic cabins on the farm, with much of the work involving replacing wood-shingled roofs and log restoration.

Students participating in the project include: Martin Buchinsky, of Binghamton; Tyler Caton, of Nunda; Kevin Connelly, of Brockport; Parker Czerniak, of Colden; Michael James, of Akron; Ronald Jones, of Tonawanda; Nicholas Lane, of Waterloo; Brandon Miller, of Kendall; Michael Pazik, of Wilson; Joshua Schamberger, of Buffalo; Jesse Tinker, of Horseheads; Dylan Utz, of Buffalo; and Zachary Wheeler, of Buffalo.

The job was managed by HistoriCorps, a nonprofit organization that helps mobilize volunteers to participate in restoration projects on public lands across the nation. Alfred State's connection with HistoriCorps began last fall when building construction students worked on a similar project in Allegany State Park.







**BRINGING THE POWER:  
ASC PROFESSORS INSTALL SOLAR SUITCASES FOR COMMUNITIES IN PUERTO RICO**

A pair of Alfred State College faculty members made a powerful difference over the summer when they helped install sustainable solar devices for Puerto Rican communities in need.

In late July, Dr. Alex Bitterman, professor and chair of the Architecture and Design Department, and Erin Vitale, professor and chair of the Civil Engineering Technology Department, traveled to Puerto Rico to collaborate with SUNY Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson on a project with We Care/We Share Solar.

This organization conducts solar suitcase installation programs, which provide highly efficient solar energy systems to communities without reliable electricity. The suitcases power medical lighting, mobile communication, and essential medical devices.

Vitale and Bitterman helped install a solar panel and a solar suitcase at Programa de

Apoyo y Enlace Comunitario, Inc. (PAEC) – a community center in Aguada – and also presented a solar suitcase and portable solar panel to the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) to use for community demonstrations and teaching purposes. They also installed a solar panel and a solar suitcase at the UPR Cayey campus in the town of Cayey.

While in Puerto Rico, the two Alfred State professors met one particular woman who had a profound impact on them: Maria Hernandez, director of the PAEC community center in Aguada. According to Bitterman, the PAEC building was the only one in the area that had had power for four months because of its generator.

As a result, Bitterman said, Hernandez was faced with making tough decisions every day about how to use the limited power available, whether for charging cellphones to call out for help and supplies, or for life-sustaining support equipment such as dialysis machines and nebulizers.

“When we powered up the solar suitcase, the look on her face was like, ‘Wow, it works,’ but it was also like, ‘Wow I’m never again going to have to make that terrible choice on a daily basis,’” Bitterman said.

Reflecting on the trip, Vitale said, “I was just sort of overwhelmed by being able to meet people in these communities, and I just felt blessed because if in any way I was part of relieving the stress of people such as Maria, then it was well worth it.”

Solar suitcases, such as the one pictured above, were installed by Alfred State Professors and Department Chairs Dr. Alex Bitterman and Erin Vitale during their recent trip to Puerto Rico. Also pictured l-r: Dr. Daniel B. Hess, chair of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University at Buffalo; SUNY Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson; with Dr. Alex Bitterman and Erin Vitale.



“Mittashane,” an animated video created by Alfred State College students while studying abroad in Tokyo, won “Best Animated Short” at the Western New York Film Arts and Music Event (FAME) held at Genesee Community College.

According to Jeremy Speed Schwartz, associate professor of Digital Media and Animation, Mittashane is a 5-minute music video for Castro House, a band based out of western Tokyo. It was created in 2016 by 15 students within the Digital Media and Animation (DMA) Department who participated in Alfred State’s Studio Tokyo study-abroad offering.

Mittashane, Speed Schwartz said, was a collaborative production where each student had “ownership” of their shots. Within a few guidelines, students could design and animate their shots however they wanted, which created an eclectic feel to the overall piece.



**Healthy Demand for Medical Professionals  
LEADS TO NEW DEPARTMENT**

As a result of the growing demand for highly skilled healthcare professionals and increasing student interest in various medical fields, Alfred State College has added a number of related programs within the past few years, such as radiologic technology, diagnostic medical sonography, and healthcare management.

With the addition of these majors, and with even more in the pipeline, Alfred State has recently created a new home for these current and future programs: the Allied Health Department.

Allied health consists of a diverse range of specialized occupations that fall outside the traditional medical and healthcare professions such as doctors, nurses, and dentists. Some careers involve direct care of patients, usually as a member of a multidisciplinary healthcare team, and others involve office work and administration.

Existing programs that have become a part of the Allied Health Department include coding and reimbursement specialist (certificate), diagnostic medical sonography (AAS), health information technology (AAS), healthcare management (BTech), and radiologic technology (AAS).

Kathy L. Young has been selected to serve as the chair of the Allied Health Department. Prior to joining Alfred State, Young served as an adjunct instructor for SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse, Mohawk Valley Community College, and Onondaga Community College; as a respiratory therapist at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Syracuse, University of Maryland Hospital, and Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore; a respiratory therapy manager at Franciscan Health Support; center manager of Capital Oxygen Service; staff respiratory therapist at Canton Potsdam Hospital; pharmaceutical sales representative for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals and InVentiv Health; and as director of quality and compliance at the Cerebral Palsy Association of the North County in Canton.

**DR. DANIEL KATZ  
NAMED NEW DEAN  
FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES**



With a scholarly history of documenting the power of workers coming together to improve society, the new Arts and Sciences dean at Alfred State College (ASC) is an advocate for teaching career skills in higher education.

Daniel Katz, PhD, previously served as the chief academic officer for two colleges. Serving the needs of first-generation college students who are looking to launch careers has been a focus throughout his academic appointments.

Previously, Katz has served as the vice president for academic affairs at Metropolitan College of New York and provost at the National Labor College. At Rutgers University, he received his PhD in American history. Katz is the author of the book “All Together Different: Yiddish Socialists, Garment Workers, and the Labor Roots of Multiculturalism,” co-editor of the book “Labor Rising: The Past and Future of Working People in America,” and he is co-authoring the book “Woven Together for Justice: A History of the Needle Trades Unions.”

Based on student interest and jobs that are in demand by employers, Katz supervised the creation of multiple new degree programs at both the undergraduate and graduate level. In his leadership roles, he utilized data to drive decisions regarding program development and student retention. Supervising a center for excellence in teaching, he mentored both full-time and adjunct faculty to improve teaching skills. Katz also collaborated with government agencies, non-profit organizations, corporations, and schools.

Much of Katz’ career, scholarship, and volunteer activism has centered on women’s communities, communities of color, and under-served populations. His writings have chronicled how workers have reached across racial, ethnic, and cultural lines to build a brighter future. As a matter of both principle and practicality, Katz believes in supporting women and minorities who are striving to succeed and helping them to advocate for themselves.



## ALFRED STATE COLLEGE EXCELLENCE HONORED BY 2019 US NEWS LIST

The 2019 US News & World Report Best Colleges rankings show Alfred State College (ASC) coming in at No. 5 on the Top Public Schools list for Northern Regional Colleges.

ASC is also a stellar No. 1 among SUNY regional colleges. When compared against all 94 public and private regional colleges in the 11-state northern region, Alfred State ranks No. 12, up two spots from last year.

This is the 12th straight year for Alfred State to be highly ranked by the publication.

Other Northern Regional College honors for Alfred State:

- No. 1** public college for Best Value Schools.
- No. 7** Best Value School among both public and private.
- No. 3** among public schools for Best Colleges for Veterans.
- No. 6** Best Colleges for Veterans for both public and private.
- No. 1** for right-sized colleges with enrollment from 2,000 – 5,000.
- No. 2** for all public colleges with enrollment greater than 2,000.
- No. 7** among public schools for Best Retention Rate.

## College Consensus Ranks Alfred State NO. 5 IN THE NORTH

College Consensus, a unique new college ratings website, ranked Alfred State College (ASC) No. 5 in its list of the Best Regional Colleges in the North for 2018, and as the top regional college among all State University of New York (SUNY) schools.

Out of nearly 50 schools in the 11-state northern region, a College Consensus score of 61.5 places ASC fifth best, and the No. 1 public regional college in the north.

Taking a new approach to college rankings, College Consensus combines the latest results from the most respected college ranking systems with thousands of real student review scores from sources around the web to produce an aggregate rating for each school.

## CONSTRUCTION continues for MacKenzie, finishes in RC and Getman

As the \$18 million second phase renovation of Alfred State College's MacKenzie Complex was getting underway, summer construction was wrapping up at Robinson/Champlin (RC) and Getman residence halls.

According to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), the MacKenzie Phase Two Renovation Project includes the renovation of the South and East wings. Specifically, all power, lighting, and alarm systems will be renovated. Mechanical and plumbing systems will be reconstructed and a fire protection system will be installed throughout the entire building. Student rooms will receive new paint and upgraded carpet throughout the interior.

Construction is expected to be completed in July 2019.

As for the RC and Getman project, \$2.4 million was used to upgrade and redesign the bathrooms in these residence halls, complete with new showers and vanities. New plumbing fixtures with water-saving devices were installed, as were new lighting, fixtures, and electrical, fire alarm, mechanical, and plumbing systems.

## ASC MAKING A POWERFUL IMPACT WITH SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

Sustainability is a top priority at Alfred State College. That's why over the past eight years, the school has taken a number of ecofriendly steps to reduce its environmental footprint, while increasing energy efficiency on campus.

According to Glenn Brubaker, senior director of Facilities Services, one of the first initiatives the college took was upgrading the exterior parking lot and loop road lighting to LED fixtures. Brubaker estimates that around 300 outdoor fixtures were changed into lower-wattage LED fixtures, resulting in about an \$18,000-a-year savings in energy consumption.

Also campus-wide, Alfred State has installed

lighting occupancy sensors and programmable lighting control panels to reduce electrical energy consumption in buildings. High-efficiency, variable-frequency drives (VFDs) are being installed on air handlers to improve energy efficiency through managing exhaust air from the buildings.

Also in each building on campus, Alfred State has already or is currently installing smart utility sub-metering systems to measure, and thereby reduce, consumption of gas, water, and electricity. Additionally, bottle-filling stations have been incorporated at drinking fountains in a number of locations on campus to reduce the amount of water bottles being used. New energy-efficient satellite boilers have also been installed in each building.

## ALFRED STATE COLLEGE DESIGNATED A MILITARY FRIENDLY® SCHOOL

Alfred State College has earned the 2018-2019 Military Friendly® School designation.

Institutions earning this honor were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. For the first time, student survey data was taken into consideration for the designation. More than 1,400 schools participated in the 2018-2019 survey with 941 earning the designation.

Final ratings were determined by combining the institution's survey scores with the assessment of the institution's ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.



**BETSY PENROSE**  
**NAMED NEW AVP**

Betsy Penrose joined Alfred State College (ASC) as associate vice president for Enrollment Management.

She came to ASC after more than two decades of accomplishments at Jefferson Community College, a State University of New York (SUNY) school in Watertown. She has previous experience in multiple areas of administration, including financial aid, enrollment management, and most recently served as vice president for students at Jefferson Community College.

While at Jefferson, Penrose received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service, SUNY Financial Aid Professionals, Inc. (SUNYFAP) William A. Troy Service Award, New York State Financial Aid Administrators Regional Service Award, and SUNYFAP Presidential Citation for Outstanding Service as advocacy chair.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematical science from Pennsylvania State University (Capitol Campus), a Master of Science in systems management from the University of Southern California, and a Ruffalo Noel Levitz Enrollment Management Certificate from Bay Path University.



## ALFRED STATE COLLEGE OFFICIALLY JOINS NCAA D-III ATHLETICS

The NCAA Division III Membership Committee announced that Alfred State College has satisfied the requirements of year four of the membership process, and is now officially a member of Division III of the NCAA.

"We are excited and proud to officially become members of NCAA Division III," commented Director of Athletics Jason Doviak. "This is an achievement that was accomplished based on the hard work and dedication of the Athletic Department staff and campus community. We feel that we are well prepared to continue providing our student-athletes with a well-rounded and successful college experience. Our student-athletes will now have an opportunity to compete in NCAA championships and also enhance our ability to attract future students to our campus."

"The Division III Membership Committee is excited to approve Alfred State as one of our four new Division III member institutions," commented Jay Jones, the associate director of Division III. "The committee and NCAA staff recognize the great work the entire Alfred State campus has done during the provisional process and we are all thrilled to welcome the Pioneers to Division III."

Alfred State sponsors 19 intercollegiate teams, with more than 400 student-athletes competing wearing the Pioneer blue and gold. With this announcement, the college now has all the benefits of full membership, including voting rights on DIII legislation, postseason play, committee memberships, as well as institutional grants and student-athlete awards.

A NEW  
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The Alfred State Pioneers have a new animal mascot.

After more than a year of branding research and polling at Alfred State College (ASC), the winning animal is an ox. The image of the ox and a dynamic new "Alfred State Pioneers" school spirit wordmark are just some of the changes coming to a fast-growing athletics program.

Instead of hiring a consultant, Chief Marketing Officer Russ Nunley led a 23-member branding committee to gather input from faculty, students, staff, and alumni. The committee supervised research, animal selection, and design of the new mascot.

Previously, the college has relied on depictions of human characters such as Pioneer Pete or Orvis the Pioneer. The committee determined that an animal mascot is more inclusive and inviting. The goal is to provide athletes, students, alumni, and fans with a loveable animal mascot.



The mascot's design includes a furrowed brow, a snarl, and one hoof raised showing that the Pioneers are ready for competition. This new logo will enhance an already strong connection that ASC has with the Pioneers nickname.

The new mascot is a reminder of how much of a team player the ox is for getting work done. "As strong as an ox" is an expression that has endured for centuries because of the solid and hard-working attitude of the animal. The mascot choice is also appropriate for a college that started as an agricultural school in 1908 and has grown to offer more than 70 majors.



**Dr. Melvin Chambliss**, professor emeritus of veterinary technology,

received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Douglas Pierson, associate professor in the Agriculture and Veterinary Technology Department, was honored with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service.



**Dr. Jon Owejan**, associate professor in the Mechanical and Electrical

Engineering Technology Department, was the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.



**Deborah Pratt**, secretary in the Student Records and Financial Services Office,

received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service.



**Jessica Lippa**, assistant professor of Nursing, and **Daniel Woolston**, assistant director of Health and Wellness Services, were honored with the Leadership through Civic Engagement Award.



**Stephen Crouch**, an officer with the University Police Department,

graduated from the Southern Tier Law Enforcement Academy's Basic Course for Police.



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

article appearing in Paperback Parade titled "Leo Roi: Millionaire Sleuth," which focuses on a popular series of mystery novels written by Phillips Lore.



**Kathy Markel**, senior associate director of Admissions, has been welcomed

as a new board member of the Educational Foundation of Alfred, Inc.



**Dr. Gregory Sammons**, vice president for Student Affairs, successfully

defended his dissertation, "Our Right to Know: How Campus Police Chiefs Experience the Clery Act" and subsequently completed all requirements to graduate on Sept. 1 with an EdD in organizational leadership from Northeastern University.

To read more about our achievers visit [www.AlfredState.edu/about-us/achievements](http://www.AlfredState.edu/about-us/achievements).



**Scott Richardson** has been named the session director of the Alfred State

Police Academy. He has more than 30 years of experience in law enforcement and is a retired criminal justice instructor who taught at the Greater Southern Tier BOCES Coopers Plains campus for 12 years.



**Joseph Ferreri**, an architecture major from Marion, was appointed as a student architect

and licensing advisor within the Department of Architecture and Design.



**Jeremy Speed Schwartz**, associate professor of Digital Media and Animation, was

part of a group that won a Lumen Prize for Digital Art for their work titled "Degenerative Cultures."



**Dr. Hollie Hall**, director of counseling in the Health and Wellness Services Office; **Gina Boyd**, head women's basketball coach; **Pam Brandes**, secretary for the School of Applied Technology; **Deb Markham**, a cleaner in Facilities Services; and **KathyAnn Sager**, an assistant professor in the Nursing Department, all received the Pioneer Award.



### Students take silver & bronze in SkillsUSA Nationals

**Mitchell Davis**, building trades: building construction, Bath, earned a silver medal for second place in the nation in Carpentry and **Anthony Black**, autobody repair, Bergen, was awarded a bronze medal for third place in the nation in Automotive Refinishing at the 54th annual National SkillsUSA Championship in Louisville, KY.



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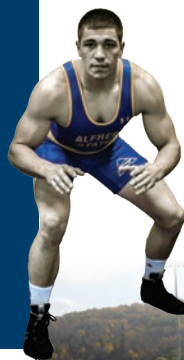
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## GRILLO NAMED TO DEVELOPMENT FUND BOARD

We are pleased to announce that Jim Grillo is the newest member of the Alfred State Development Fund Board of Directors.

A retired Marine Corps veteran, Grillo holds two degrees from Alfred University. He began working at Alfred State in 1972 as a residence hall director.

During his 46 years of service to Alfred State, Grillo held numerous positions at the college, from dean of Admissions, Records, and Financial Aid, to associate professor and chair of the Business Department, to vice president for Administration and Enrollment Management. He also served a total of eight years as Faculty Senate chair.

Additionally, Grillo achieved the rank of SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor. Upon his retirement, he was named a professor emeritus of business. He and his wife, Linda, who is also a retired Alfred State employee and a Pioneer alum, reside in Hammondsport.

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Some specific ways in which your donation made an impact include:

- The creation of the 35,000-square-foot Workforce Development Center in Wellsville.
- 20 students competing in the Baja SAE event in Kansas.
- A dozen students aiding in hurricane relief and cleanup efforts in Houston, TX.
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- 43 total conference awards being presented to student athletes, and 18 student athletes being recognized on a conference all-academic team.



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**Tuesday, Nov. 27**, we will kick off this yearlong celebration with our 2018 Alfred State Day of Giving. We want this to be an anniversary to remember!

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Visit us at [www.AlfredState.edu/GIVE](http://www.AlfredState.edu/GIVE) to donate online.

Follow us throughout the day on Nov. 27 on social media #ASCDay2Give to watch us celebrate. Thank you for being a part of our 110-year anniversary party! We can't wait to see where we go from here.

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*Dear*  
**ALUMNI**

As Alfred State celebrates its 110th anniversary, I also celebrated my 30th anniversary working at the college. With that, I have seen and been involved in many wonderful changes over the years.

While change is inevitable, some things at Alfred State remain a constant - a safe and friendly environment, knowledgeable and caring faculty and staff, excellent hands-on programs, and incredible work-ready graduates.

Alfred State alumni, over 53,000 strong spread throughout the US and abroad, make up a large community of creative, innovative, and life-changing professionals. We are proud to be a part of this, and it truly means a great deal to us. It is our hope to continue to inspire peers and future generations of Alfred State students by sharing the numerous and extraordinary success stories of our many alumni.

We continue to reconnect and learn more about our alumni through the creation of our alumni chapters. Some reminisce and laugh over shared memories while creating new ones; others utilize these occasions to network and open doors to new friendships and opportunities. Regardless of different generations or ages, there is always that common thread throughout the group - we are not just an Alfred State community, but rather a family.

For our 110th anniversary, we plan to hold alumni events throughout the US and look to you, our alumni, our family, for support. Help us identify a type of event in your area, where and when to hold it, as well as to reach out to fellow alumni and encourage them to join us. Take a moment to review the events and regions we are currently planning for, and the places where we intend to travel to later in 2019. Consider helping us create a chapter in your region, and continue the link.

What is more, there are very tangible rewards. Not only does reconnecting generate fun, and networking inspire and lead to several opportunities, but also by being Alfred State alumni, there are several other benefits for which you qualify. Please be sure to review the services we offer. Visit the alumni website at [AlfredState.edu/alumni](http://AlfredState.edu/alumni) to check out the many events and opportunities.

As always, we look forward to news from you - your travels, achievements, births, weddings, or simply your updated address or email.

Be well, and we hope to see you at one of our many upcoming alumni gatherings!

Warmest Regards,

Colleen Argentieri, '85  
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## Be our GUEST

We are excited about the many fun upcoming alumni events we have planned. Watch for an event in your area!



**Buffalo Alumni Chapter Ski & Snowboard Event**  
**SATURDAY, FEB. 2**

11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Holiday Valley Resort  
6557 Holiday Valley Rd.,  
Ellicottville, NY

**Southern California Alumni Chapter Dinner**  
**FRIDAY, FEB. 8**

6 p.m.  
Newport Beach American Legion  
215 15th St., Newport Beach, CA

**Rochester Alumni Chapter Dinner**  
**THURSDAY, FEB. 28**

6 p.m.  
Oak Hill Country Club  
145 Kilbourn Rd., Rochester, NY

**Agriculture Alumni Reunion**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

Allegany Room, Central Dining Hall  
Alfred State College

**Rochester Chapter Alumni Event**  
**MARCH 2019**

Curling Club of Rochester  
71 Deep Rock Rd., Rochester, NY

**Rochester Chapter Alumni Event**  
**APRIL 2019**

Sticky Lips  
830 Jefferson Rd., Rochester, NY

**Buffalo Alumni Chapter Event**  
**APRIL 2019**

Big Ditch Brewing Company  
55 E. Huron St., Buffalo, NY

**Distinguished Alumni & Outstanding Young Alumni Event**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

4 p.m.  
Alfred State College

**Rochester Alumni Chapter Civic Event**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

Clean Sweep 2019  
Frontier Field, Rochester, NY

**Finger Lakes Wine Tour**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

**Atlanta Chapter Alumni Event**  
**MAY 2019**

Location TBA

**Alfred State Alumni Reunion**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 31-JUNE 1**

Alfred State College

*All alumni are welcome to attend! Recognizing classes in 10 year increments, and also inducting alumni into the Alfred State Athletic Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame nominations can be made by visiting: [www.AlfredStateAthletics.com/support\\_athletics/hall\\_of\\_fame](http://www.AlfredStateAthletics.com/support_athletics/hall_of_fame).*

**For updates, visit: Facebook/AlfredStateAlumni or [www.AlfredState.edu/alumni-events](http://www.AlfredState.edu/alumni-events).**

*If you don't receive an invitation via email or mail, please let us know at 607-587-3931 or [alumni@alfredstate.edu](mailto:alumni@alfredstate.edu), as we may need to update our records. Invitations through the mail will only be sent to alumni in the given area the event will be held. However, please remember all alumni are welcome to attend any/all alumni events.*





## CLASS OF 1978 Reunites & creates a legacy

When a group of Pioneer alumni returned to Alfred this past summer, their goals were twofold: have a good time and establish a lasting legacy.

In August, a total of 30 members of the graduating class of 1978 got together for a 40th class reunion. While old memories were shared and new ones were created, what makes this reunion even more special is that this group of alums became the first class in the history of Alfred State to create an endowed fund at the college! This will assist with scholarships, programming, and where funding is most needed.

Additionally, the class of 1978 intends to plant a crimson red maple tree on campus with a stone commemorating the names of those who donated \$500 or more to the newly created Class of '78 Endowed Fund. Those looking to donate to have their name included may do so until Dec. 31.

**“...this group of alums became the first class in the history of Alfred State to create an endowed fund at the college.”**

Colleen Argentieri, director of Alumni Relations, said, “Alfred State is grateful for the tremendous generosity shown by members of the class of 1978, and we thank everyone for their contribution! I would also like to especially recognize alumnus Greg Haeseler who worked very hard to help make the gathering occur, and who was instrumental in creating the Class of 1978 Endowed Fund. He wanted the class of '78 to be the first class in the history of the college to create a lasting legacy. Their hope is to be the first of many.”



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### Distinguished Alumni & Outstanding Young Alumni Awards

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

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

We are now accepting nominations for our 2019 Alumni Awards. Please take a moment to visit our website for additional information on the two awards and nominate someone you feel deserves to be recognized for their achievements.

[www.AlfredState.edu/alumni/get-involved-with-alfred-state#Distinguished-Alumni-Award](http://www.AlfredState.edu/alumni/get-involved-with-alfred-state#Distinguished-Alumni-Award)

## ALUMNI CHAPTERS *We are Expanding!*

We're excited to share that we now officially have six alumni chapters:

### BUFFALO

Josh Torrence, '08, Chair

### CENTRAL FLORIDA

Judy, '58 and Bill Abraham, '59, Chairs

### FINGER LAKES

Gretchen, '80 & Jim Langdon, '80, Chairs

### MARYLAND/DC/VIRGINIA

Julie M. LaRose, '96, Chair

### ROCHESTER

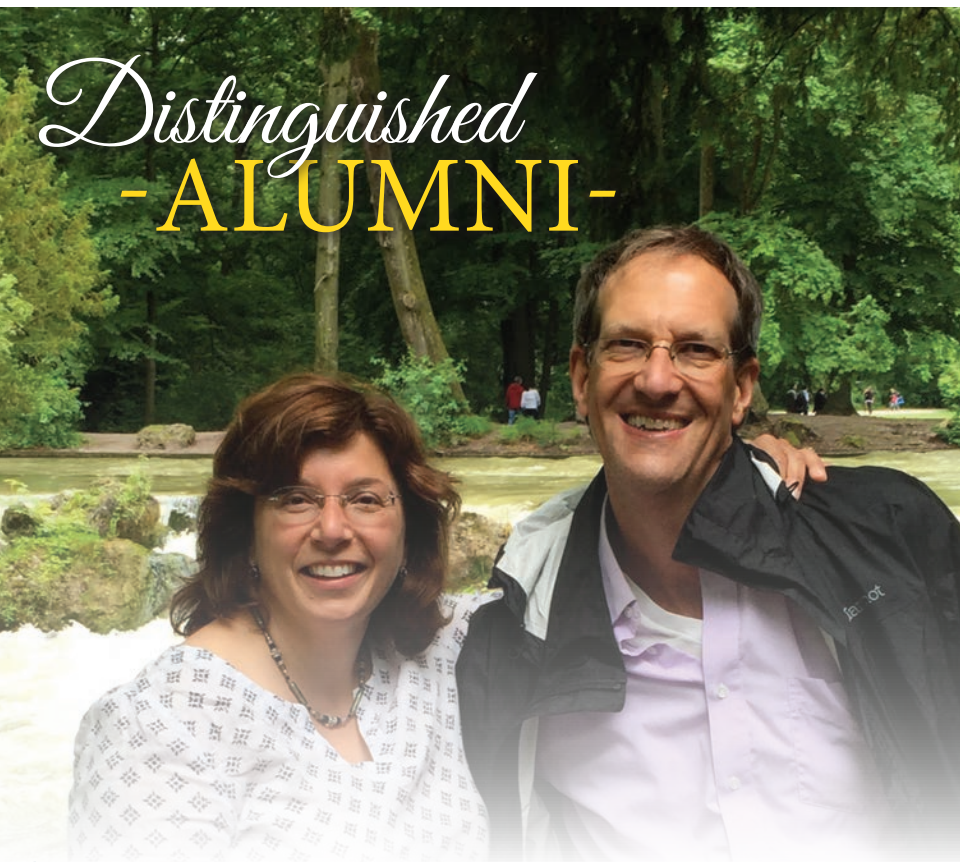
Gary Moore, '76, Chair

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MaryLynn Gaddis, '83, Chair

We are also working on chapters in the following regions: Atlanta, GA; Nashville, TN; New York City and Long Island; areas of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Syracuse. These chapters provide a wonderful opportunity for reconnecting with alumni in your region and does not take up a lot of your time. We realize all are busy, but please consider volunteering a small amount of your time and energy.

Contact Colleen Argentieri or Kaitlyn Carhart in the Office of Alumni Relations at 607-587-3931 or visit [www.AlfredState.edu/alumni-and-friends/alumni-chapters](http://www.AlfredState.edu/alumni-and-friends/alumni-chapters).



### Alfred State College is honored to present Timothy and Deborah Moore with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Tim graduated in 1982 from Alfred State's electrical engineering technology program, and later earned his bachelor's degree in 1988 from Northeastern University. In 2005, he founded the Adaptive Solutions and Design and began his employment at the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, MA.

Through his business and his tenure at Perkins School for the Blind, Tim has worked on making wheelchairs more comfortable, and created toys and games for children with hearing and visual impairments.

Deb graduated in 1982 from Alfred State's nursing program. She worked as a registered nurse at a hospital in Boston, MA, while returning to college to obtain her baccalaureate degree, which she received in 1987 from Emmanuel College.

In 2001, after spending 10 years at home raising her two children, Deborah returned to school for her master's degree, which she obtained in 2006 from Regis College. She worked for several years as a nurse practitioner at Charles River Medical Associates until becoming a faculty member in the nursing program at Regis College.

The Moores have generously supported the college for many years. In 2014, they created the Deborah (Wallace) and Timothy Moore Endowed Scholarship.



Achiever

**1976**  
**Richard and Donna E. Hill,** *Agriculture: Animal Science*, are the owners of Hill's Valley Farm of Cattaraugus, which received Farmer of the Year honors at the eighth annual Cattaraugus County Farmer-Neighbor Dinner.

**1988**  
**Mark Berghorn,** *Business Administration*, Newark Valley, was named Greater Binghamton Small Businessperson of the year in May 2018.

**1995**



**Patricia Nilsen,** *Court Reporting*, Nashville, TN, placed second overall in the National Court Reporters Association 2018 Speed Contest held in New Orleans, LA.

**2010**  
**Elizabeth Brutsch,** *Interior Design*, East Chatham, received her New York State Architect's License and was promoted to associate at CSArch.

**2011**  
**Christopher T. Locke,** *Surveying Engineering Technology*, Spencerport, passed his New York State exams to become a licensed professional land surveyor, and is a member of the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors and the Genesee Valley Land Surveyors Association.

Anniversary

**1968**  
**James E. Cehonski,** *Industrial Controls*, and wife **Sharon Cehonski, *Medical Secretary Science*, Ellenton, FL, celebrated 50 years of marriage in September 2018.**

Career

**1969**  
**Harold Stewart,** *Agriculture Engineering*, Interlaken, retired in August 2017.

**1971**  
**Michael Morlock,** *Drafting*, Barnard, SD, retired in July 2017.

**1976**  
**Constance Rickerson,** *Nursing*, Manassas, VA, retired in 2017.

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**1977**  
**Cynthia Schubmehl,** *Nursing*, Corfu, celebrated one year at the Sand Constellation Heart Institute of Rochester Regional Health as a registered nurse.

**Donald Kennedy,** *Construction Technology*, Lenoir, NC, celebrated 24 years with First Financial Capital Corporation as a registered representative.

**1980**  
**Kyle Allen,** *Data Processing*, Webster, enjoyed 38 wonderful years in IT at Xerox and Hewlett Packard, and is now consulting for Mindex Technologies.

**1981**  
**Michael Humberstone,** *Marketing*, Perry, celebrated 38 years at Creative Food Ingredients Inc., and holds the title of executive director of operations.

**Hugh B. Golden,** *Landscape Development*, Jamestown, was promoted to the position of general manager by The Lake View Cemetery Association Board.

**Show Off Your Talent!**  
Contribute original works of art, poetry, and prose to Ergo, Alfred State's literary and artistic publication. [www.tinyurl.com/ASCergo](http://www.tinyurl.com/ASCergo)

**1986**  
**Howard Nisbet,** *Construction Engineering Technology*, Hornell, retired in June 2017 from a 30-year career in the NYS Department of Transportation as a civil engineer.

**1987**  
**Debra Slade,** *Accounting*, Andover, celebrated two-and-a-half years as the treasurer for the village of Alfred.

**1988**  
**Candace Stanton,** *Marketing*, Winter Haven, FL, was promoted on July 1 2017, to the position of vice president of Marketing and Communications at the United Way of Central Florida.

**Clifford Frink,** *Electrical Electronics*, Fulton, celebrated 22 years with Nocor Steel Auburn, and recently became owner and operator of Planet Inspections.

**1989**  
 **Daniel T. Demarte,** *Individual Studies*, Jamestown, has been hired as the president of Jamestown Community College.

**1990**  
**Jason Kennedy,** *Construction Architecture Engineering Technology*, Perinton, was named the new commissioner of Public Works and highway superintendent for the town of Perinton.

**1991**  
**Diane Corby,** *Court Reporting*, Rochester, fully retired in 2016 from the University of Rochester as the senior prospect research analyst.

**Mike Hollabaugh,** *Animal Husbandry*, Grampian, PA, celebrated 10 years of employment for the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

**1997**  
**John B. Cardamone,** *Business Administration*, Hornell, has been hired as the new athletic director and intermediate school dean of students for Hornell High School.

**2000**  
**Laird Updyke,** *Construction Management*, Cortland, was hired by LeChase Construction Services, LLC as a senior project manager in its Syracuse office.



WAYS TO help ALFRED STATE

You can make a difference right now! Some of these ideas require very little time or effort, but can bring tremendous benefit to our alma mater. The following are just a few of the ways you can assist the college:

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

- Make a donation – a donation at any level is always greatly appreciated. You can even donate your old car! See how you can help at [www.AlfredState.edu/give](http://www.AlfredState.edu/give).

**Stephen Pytlak,** *Machine Tool Technology*, Plattsburgh, celebrated one year at Vapor Stone Rail as the tooling lead and manufacturing engineer.

**2006**  
**Jacob A. O'Hearn,** *Architectural Technology*, Depew, will serve as a project architect in the Northeast Buildings Division for Bergmann. With 12 years of experience, O'Hearn is a registered architect in New York and has received his NCARB certification.

**2010**  
**James Irick,** *Web Development*, Mount Vernon, celebrated four years of employment with Moda Operandi.

**Adam Loucks,** *Electrical Engineering Technology*, Miami, FL, was recently promoted to senior engineering and construction manager at Sonnedix in Miami.

**2012**  
**Larry Olivo,** *Network Administration*, Bround Brook, NJ, celebrated three years at Bloomberg LP as a network operation engineer.

**2014**  
**Joshua Altemoos,** *Network Administration*, Buffalo, recently celebrated a year and a half of employment at the University of Buffalo as a staff assistant/project coordinator.

**2015**  
**Allison Leary,** *Business Management/Veterinary Technology*, Strykersville, celebrated six months of employment at West Herr.

**2017**  
**John Felton,** *Electrical Engineering Technology*, New York City, is the CEO of Forex Inc.

**2018**  
**Brandon Holley,** *Architectural Technology*, Livonia, has been recently hired by the SWBR architecture firm out of Rochester as a project designer.

**Dominic Arresta,** *Architecture*, Southampton, has recently accepted a position at JM2 Architecture.

**Andrew Hammond,** *Architecture*, Hornell, has been hired as an architectural designer at CPL, a full-service design firm that has served public and private sector clients for more than 40 years.

**Adam Wilkins,** *Financial Planning*, Rochester, is a new wealth advisor at Mariaca Wealth Management, LLC.

**Nathaniel Piscitelli,** *Architecture*, Wellsville, has been hired as an architectural designer at CPL.

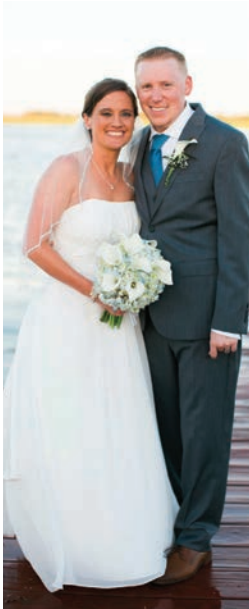
**Gabrielle Marino,** *Architecture*, Cassville, has been recently hired by the SWBR architecture firm out of Rochester as a project designer.

**Lachelle Cruickshank,** *Nursing*, Central Islip, has accepted a position as a visiting nurse.

**Samuel Bartz,** *Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning*, West Seneca, recently accepted a position at Tri-R Mechanical Services as an HVAC technician.

Marriage

**2005**



**Nathaniel Kelsey,** *Architectural Technology*, North Chesterfield, VA, married Page Almond on July 8, 2018.

**2008**  
**Joshua A. Torrance,** *Construction Management Technology*, Orchard Park, married his wife, Caitlin, on Oct. 14, 2017, in Buffalo.

**2011**  
**Christopher T. Locke,** *Surveying Engineering Technology*, Spencerport, married **Emily Chambers,** *Nursing*, LeRoy (2015), on May 26, 2018.

**2013**



**Nicholas Congdon,** *Building Trades: Building Construction*, Dunkirk, married Madison Dawn September 29, 2018.

**Alexander Pacific,** *Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning*, Blasdell, married **Jessica Long,** *Forensic Science Technology*, Blasdell (2013) on July 23, 2017.



2015



**Kaitlyn Brown**, *Business Administration*, Hornell, exchanged wedding vows with Sutton Carhart on Sept. 8, 2018.

Remembrance

1953

**James E Boyd**, *Office Technologies*, Batavia, passed away April 5, 2018.

1956

**James H. Frier**, *Undeclared*, Troutville, VA, passed away April 11, 2018.

1957

**C. Edward Hindle**, *Electrical Technology*, Dansville, passed away July 3, 2018.

1958

**David R. Eggert**, *Agriculture Engineering Technology Power & Machine*, Westfield, passed away Aug. 6, 2018.

1959

**Russel Warner**, *Business Management*, Las Cruces, NM, passed away March 2, 2018.

1962

**Richard E. Paige**, *Floriculture Production*, Clarence Center, passed away June 12, 2018.

**David E. Terry**, *Ornamental Horticulture-Floriculture Merchandise*, Ovid, passed away Nov. 28, 2017.

1963

**Ted L. Flanders**, *Electrical Technology*, North Las Vegas, NV, passed away May 27, 2018.

1964

**David Edmunds**, *Accounting*, Fairport, passed away Aug. 22, 2018.

1973

**Michael Neu**, *Undeclared*, Cuba, passed away June 21, 2018.

1974

**Donald C. Weeks**, *Air Conditioning Engineering Technology*, Moravia, passed away Aug. 5, 2018.

1977

**April C. Lang**, *Medical Laboratory Technology*, Bradford, PA, passed away July 19, 2018.

1983

**Charles Thomas Richmond**, *Industrial Technology*, Clare, MI, passed away July 20, 2018.

1985

**Laurie McCarthy Reinprecht**, *Human Services*, Watertown, CT, passed away Aug. 23, 2018.

**Catherine Rita Thomas**, *Medical Laboratory Technology*, Kingsport, TN, passed away June 5, 2018.

1988

**MaryAnn Gath**, *Nursing*, Hornell, passed away April 28, 2018.

1989

**David Mattison**, *Medical Laboratory Technology*, Wayne, passed away Aug. 9, 2018.

**Jody V. Glass**, *Nursing*, Wellsville, passed away Aug. 7, 2018.

1994

**Thomas G. Geyer**, *Mechanical Engineering Technology*, Scio, passed away July 27, 2018.

1998

**Jonathon Dean Jaquish**, *Automotive Service Technician*, Arcade, passed away July 9, 2018.

2009

**Michael R. Latham**, *Masonry*, Scio, passed away July 7, 2018.

**Faculty/Staff Lyman R. Savory**, *Marble Falls, TX*, former professor, passed away Nov. 17, 2017.

**Thomas V. Burnard**, *Alfred Station*, former professor, passed away June 22, 2018.

**CLASS NOTES ONLINE**  
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Alumni BENEFITS

We are excited to share with you that as an Alfred State alum, you are eligible for group discounts and offers from a variety of vendors! These include:

**GEICO** – You could save more on automobile, home, renter's, or other insurance by being an Alfred State alum!

**BJ's** – Membership discount.

**HotelStorm** – Book a hotel using your Alfred State alumni discount and instantly save 10-55 percent worldwide.

**Huledet** – All alumni will now receive a birthday message and gifts when their special month comes. Your gifts will include free meals at local restaurants, event tickets, spa treatments and more – all for you to use to celebrate! Make sure we have your updated email address.

**Career Development** – connect with great jobs/careers, access our virtual career success center, perfect your resume, and more.

Visit [www.AlfredState.edu/alumni/benefits](http://www.AlfredState.edu/alumni/benefits) for details, as well as helpful tools to locate campus resources for transcripts, continuing education, SUNY Perks, and updating your contact information.

Reunions



Alfred State alumni enjoyed the “Doves & Lions” Fall Wine Tour 2017 on Keuka Lake. For information on future events, please contact Donna Sorokti at [dsorokti@aol.com](mailto:dsorokti@aol.com) or Bill Lang at [wflang7@gmail.com](mailto:wflang7@gmail.com).

First Row (l-r): Kim Fasciano; **John Ferrara, '83**, *Building Trades*, LeRoy; **Shari (Sacco) Ratka, '85**, *Chemical Technology*, Farmington; and Riley Stossel.

Second Row (l-r): **Donna (Alt) Sorokti, '82**, *Medical Assistant*, Victor; **Lynn (Tobin) Phillips, '83**, *Marketing*, Penfield; **Darcy (Chasey) Gouldman, '83**, *Business-Retail Management*, Geneseo; and **Don Nicholson, '83**, *Computer & Electronic Systems Technology*, Atlanta, GA.

Back Row (l-r): **Ken Wright, '83**, *Computer & Electronic Systems Technology*, Cornwall on Hudson; **Bill Lang, '83**, *Food Service*, Lutz, FL; **Diane (Nowacki) Nichols, '84**, *Marketing*, Tonawanda; and Christian Wright.



The Buffalo alumni chapter participated in the Buffalo River Park Clean up.



In July, Outdoor Recreation Club (ORC) friends and families gathered together for a reunion at the Bayus home in Alfred, to celebrate the club's 30-year anniversary. More than 60 people spent the weekend having fun mountain biking, hiking, swimming, sharing memories, playing games, and tent camping in the backyard. Hopes are to make it an annual tradition!



**Earl Herrington, '58**, *Ag Plant and Soil Science* poses with The 2018 Alfred State Great Race team and their 1953 Dodge Power Wagon tow truck. Pictured before Earl, l-r: **Jacob Derk**, *heavy equipment, truck and diesel technician*, Cattaraugus; **Liam DeChick**, *motorsports technology*, Syracuse; **Jordan Dunning**, *heavy equipment, truck and diesel technician*, Cicero; **Donald Piatek III**, *motorsports technology*, Springville.

Summer ball games in Rochester & Buffalo



The Rochester alumni chapter participated in Clean Sweep 2018.





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