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GREETINGS

Alumni, faculty, staff, & friends-

I want each of you to think for a moment about how your lives have changed over the years. Maybe you moved into a new house, got married, got a new job, welcomed a new addition (or even several) to your family.

Now, I want you to think about the ways in which your lives are different today because of Alfred State. For many of you alumni, going to college here meant being away from home for the first time, taking on more responsibility, and taking that first major step toward a rewarding career. Maybe Alfred State helped you come out of your shell, make new friends, create amazing memories, and set you on the path to success. Many of you even met your future spouse or significant other at Alfred State.

Regardless of whether you are an alum, an employee, or a friend of the college, we are all Pioneers and we have all been impacted in some way by Alfred State. As a result, our lives now are much different than they were then.

That brings me to the theme of this issue of the Alumni and Friends Magazine, which is "Now and Then." In the following pages, you will read about several alums whose lives have changed greatly since they were students at Alfred State, including Jimmy Smith, president of Advance Testing Company, Inc.; Trystan Duell, a design engineer at The Outdoor Group; and Hannah Weaver, a senior auditor at People Inc.

Indeed, even our college is much different now than it was 30, 20, or even 10 years ago. We have added facilities, programs, clubs, sports teams, a new mascot, and so much more.

While we must always look toward the future for ways to improve, we must also sometimes look toward the past to remind us of who we are, where we have come from, and what lessons we have learned along the way. I hope that whenever you look back and reflect on now and then, that you continue to remember the role that Alfred State has played in shaping who you are today.

Respectfully,

Dr. Skip Sullivan, President

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Cheerleaders 2019



Cheerleaders 1992



Cheerleaders 1960



Cheerleaders 1953



Student radio began in 1965.





Nursing 2018



Nursing 1970's

Technology has evolved since the days of the nursing "classroom on wheels." Today, students work with high-tech manikins and other state-of-the-art equipment on campus.



Dorm room 2018



Dorm room 1988



2019



1996

A new mascot introduced in 2018 is now featured on student athletes' helmets and uniforms.



Student Band 2018



1971



1940



WEID 2014



WVAT 1974



2019



2004



1953



Tubing hill 2018



Ski slope 1968

Skis are replaced by tubes now on the snowy slopes.



A Very Special Place for **1977 GRAD**

Over the years, Jimmy Smith has built a very impressive career in the construction industry.

TODAY, THE 1977 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY GRAD IS THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF ADVANCE TESTING COMPANY INC., WHICH PROVIDES HIGH-QUALITY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES. OVER THE PAST 35 YEARS, ADVANCE TESTING HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME OF THE LARGEST PUBLIC WORKS AND PRIVATE SECTOR PROJECTS IN THE US.

Yet no matter where he has gone or how many major projects he has been involved with, Jimmy has always held Alfred State near to his heart. Today, the college is just as special to him as it was when he was a student here more than 40 years ago.

In the mid-1970s, Jimmy and his father drove from Pearl River near New York City to Alfred State to check out the college for the first time. After touring the campus, meeting with Professor Al Nudd, and observing a couple of classes, Jimmy knew where he wanted to continue his education.

"On the way home, the decision was made," he said. "This was the place where I wanted to enjoy my next two years."

Since the day he was dropped off at Braddon Hall, Jimmy immediately began enjoying the sense of camaraderie on campus among the students and staff. He ended up making friendships that last to this day, with a few of those he maintains contact with inclusive of Gary Hill, Jack Ford, Chris Race, Jeff Bower, and Doug Acomb.

"If I was to look back, what impacted me and changed me the most by being a student at Alfred State were the people I met at the college, not to mention Pioneer Lounge," he said.

Looking back, Jimmy recalls being involved in different clubs on campus, serving as class president, and even one particularly funny moment at Hot Dog Day.

"All of my buddies were looking for me, and then much to their surprise they saw me in the parade sitting in the back of a fire engine with a six-pack of Genny Cream Ale," he said. "It's a fond memory and we still talk about it."

Another memorable moment for Jimmy was a trip that he and several other students took to the National Asphalt Pavement Association Conference near Washington, DC. The trip was chaperoned by Dr. Bill Bruce, one of Jimmy's favorite professors.

"We were so welcomed, and we were engaged in many different seminars that were being conducted over the course of that week," he said.

After graduating from Alfred State, Jimmy earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering technology from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1982, then began working as a quality control technician for Ward Pavements in Haverstraw. He later became the chief quality control technician for Plaza Materials Co., and in 1984, founded his own company, Advance Testing.

"We provide construction materials testing and inspection services," Jimmy explained. "Basically, my analogy is, what medical labs are to doctors, nurses, hospitals, and patients, we are to owners, agencies, developers, engineers, contractors, highway departments, airports, power plants, etc."

During a campus visit in 2018, alumnus Jimmy Smith, '77, left, spoke with many current students, including Stephon Barrett, an applications software development major from Staten Island.

Regardless of the project type, our role is to ensure that the materials and construction practices are in compliance with project documents, and that the finished product is safe for the public's use and enjoyment."

Since its inception, Advance Testing has grown to become an established, respected mid-sized business with more than 165 employees. Advance Testing operates a state-of-the-art, accredited materials testing laboratory in Campbell Hall, with additional facilities in Central New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Florida, which allows the firm to service projects across the East Coast, as well as in parts of Canada.

Over the years, Advance Testing has been involved in many significant projects, including the construction of the \$3.9 billion Mario M. Cuomo Bridge (Tappan Zee Bridge Replacement), the \$1.2 billion Resorts World Catskills casino, the Freedom Tower in New York City, the \$15 billion Central Artery/Tunnel in Boston, a new \$500 million Legoland Theme Park in Goshen, and many more.

Jimmy notes that his company takes pride in every project no matter the size, whether a small retail establishment or an international airport.

"Every day, our goal is to make a difference," he said. "We strive to provide the highest-quality services and personnel that our industry has to offer."

Outside of his business ventures, Jimmy has also been very active in his community and has served on the board of directors for a number of organizations, some of which include president of the Newburgh Rotary, chairman of the Orange County Partnership, chairman of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Orange County Workforce Investment Board, chairman of the Highway Division of the New York State Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, board member of the Construction Contractors Association of the Hudson Valley, and

he was a founding board member of the Northeast Transportation Technician Training Certification Program (NETTCP).

Over the years, Jimmy has received numerous honors, including the Medium-Size Business of the Year award from the Orange County Chamber of Commerce, the Orange County Distinguished Citizen Award from the Hudson Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Spirit of Innovation Award from the Orange County Partnership, the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Gateway to Entrepreneurial Tomorrows, Inc, and an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh.

On a personal note, Jimmy and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of six children and grandparents of 12 grandchildren. The couple split their time between Orange County, NY and Naples, FL, but regularly stay at their cabin in upstate New York.

Whenever Jimmy returns to New York State, he always makes sure that he visits two places that are dear to his heart: the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and Alfred State College.

"I can honestly say Alfred State College and Bethel Woods Center for the Arts are two places that I will always make it a point to get to," he said. "I want to make sure I'm engaged with the communities of both

Alfred State and Bethel Woods for the remainder of my life."

Jimmy has returned to campus many times since graduating more than 40 years ago, including in 2014, when he served as the featured speaker at Honors Convocation. When he returned to campus for a steering committee meeting in August 2018, he made sure to spend time chatting with Alfred State students.

"I asked them about quality of life on campus. We talked about the classes they were taking and where they see their future," he said. "I had an opportunity to talk to two-year and four-year students. On a scale of 0 to 10, if it was a survey, they were all 10s."

In addition to the students, Jimmy is also impressed by the ways in which Alfred State has changed over the years, from adding bachelor's programs, to constructing new state-of-the-art facilities, all while maintaining the high quality of education and sense of camaraderie that students have experienced for years. Combine this with the excellent education he received and the lifelong friendships and memories he made, and it's no wonder that Jimmy is so fond of Alfred State.

"Alfred State College is one of the most special places on Earth to me," he said.

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ASC materials testing lab 2018 and circa 1977.

ALFRED STATE ALUM 'ON TARGET' FOR AN AMAZING CAREER



The same can be said of his time spent at Alfred State, when Trystan studied mechanical engineering technology and was also a member of the Alfred State Archery Team. No doubt, the experiences he had then as a student have had a big influence on where he is now - working as a design engineer at The Outdoor Group. This West Henrietta-based company specializes in the development and manufacturing of premium quality archery and hunting equipment for the outdoor space.

Trystan, who grew up in the small town of Warsaw, about an hour away from Alfred, decided to enroll at Alfred State because of the hands-on experiences he would receive in his program, as well as the small and personal nature of the classes.

"Going to Alfred State gave me the ability to practice the theory and application of the subjects being learned," he said. "It is that side of my education that has set me apart from many other job-seekers, in my opinion."

Looking back on his program, Trystan acknowledges that great professors, small class sizes, and plenty of hands-on learning opportunities all played a major role in preparing him for success in his future career.

"There was a ton of volume and quality to the education," he said. "Most enrolled in the program were great people to be around and learn with, too."

Another aspect of Trystan's Alfred State experience that helped put him on target for success was his involvement with the college's archery team. The club, which formed in 2016, focuses on developing archery skills and allows members to compete against other colleges at events around the nation.

**EVERY DAY AT HIS JOB,
TRYSTAN DUELL IS ABLE
TO COMBINE TWO OF HIS
BIGGEST PASSIONS:
ARCHERY & ENGINEERING.**

At one of these competitions, the USA Archery Collegiate 3-D National Championships in Foley, AL, Trystan had a particularly impressive showing as he shot his way to a second-place individual finish in the men's compound/open class division.

"Not many students can say that they had the opportunity to fly to Alabama for the Collegiate 3-D Championships, so that was huge," he said. "The guys that were on the team with me were able to take this fairly new club to the next level. Aside from being able to do something that I am passionate about, I was also able to practice life skills as a member of the club."

Immediately after graduating in May 2018 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering technology, Trystan began working at The Outdoor Group, where he had served as a design engineer intern since April 2017.

As noted on its website, while The Outdoor Group's primary market is the United States and Canada, the company conducts business globally, with rapidly growing market share worldwide. The Outdoor Group is the parent company of nine brands of archery and hunting equipment, including Elite Archery (bows), CamX (crossbows), Scott Releases, Custom Bow Equipment (sights, rests, stabilizers, and quivers), Slick Trick Broadheads, Solid Broadheads, Lynch Mob (game calls), Duel Game Calls, and Winners Choice Bowstrings.

As a design engineer, Trystan has many responsibilities. His primary role is new product development, which involves taking requirements for a new item and designing a complete system or product from the ground up (concept to production).

"On any given day, I can work on bows, releases, sights, and more," he said. "Testing is a huge part of my job, so shooting the products is essential, which means I get to be paid to do something I enjoy."

Admittedly, getting to test out the equipment he designs is a pretty cool perk of his job.

"The fact that at any given moment I can leave my desk, pick up almost any product – current or in development – and go to the range and shoot is great," he said. "I am also developing very important skills in all aspects of engineering."

Being an archer who gets to design archery equipment, Trystan said, is both fun and very rewarding. He also gets to apply what he learned at Alfred State to his job each day.

"I am able to envision a product, design it, and make it," he said. "Then I am able to shoot it and see other archers purchasing and shooting the products. It gives me a sense of pride to see the products that I have designed on store shelves."

Trystan also has plenty of Pioneer Pride in addition to the sense of accomplishment he feels on the job. Being at Alfred State, he said, enabled him to grow skills he didn't realize he would need in the workforce, as well as develop the passions that he had prior to college.

"Alfred was a perfect mix of old passions and new experiences," he said. "For example, the diversity of the town between Alfred State and Alfred University allowed me to get to know tons of people that I never would have had the chance to meet otherwise."

As a result of both his major and being a part of the archery club, Trystan notes that he made a close group of friends who are now located all over New York State. A year and a half after graduating, he continues to stay in touch with them on a weekly basis.

From lasting friendships, to a terrific hands-on education, to competing in once-in-a-lifetime archery events, it's no wonder that Trystan considers his Alfred State experience to be "one of the greatest times of my life."

"I constantly reminisce about the good times and great friends that I had in Alfred," he said. "Part of me wishes that I was still a student there to make more memories, but the time I spent there was much enjoyed, and I would not trade it for anything."

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2018



2010



1975



1943

Hands-on technology labs in the Engineering building through the years.



A Journey of



These past few years have been a whirlwind for Hannah Weaver.

From scholarship hopeful, to student leader, to working professional, Hannah's life has changed dramatically since that one night in December 2015.

As you may recall from her story in the spring 2017 issue of *Transitions*, Hannah had stayed up all night refreshing her computer screen to see if she had scored high enough on the SAT exam to secure the Excellence in Education Scholarship. Doing so would mean she wouldn't have to rely on her parents to pay for college.

Of course, Hannah did receive the scholarship and later enrolled at Alfred State College for the fall 2016 semester. A happy ending to that story for sure, but Hannah's journey was just getting started.

As a student at Alfred State, Hannah majored in business administration and minored in leadership. Though she was

shy at first, Hannah was determined to make the most out of her college experience both inside and outside of the classroom.

"It is truly incredible for me to be able to see how much my life has changed in three years," she said. "I didn't really get the chance to have fun in high school because I was so worried about my future, and everyone always told me life only got tougher after high school. When I got the scholarship, all of my worries went away for a minute, but I realized shortly that college needed to be a time for me to make up for everything I missed out on in high school."

Hannah therefore decided to "get involved in everything" she could at Alfred State. She became a Civic Engagement Advocate, a member of the Presidential Aspiring Leaders (PAL) Program, and vice president of community for Student Senate. In 2018, she was named a Newman Civic Fellow, an honor that recognizes students heavily involved in civic engagement.

"Getting involved is so important in

college," she said. "It allows you to meet people with similar interests, be a part of change, and can be something to put on your resume. In almost every interview I have been on since graduation, I have been able to use my involvement as a talking point."

After just three years at Alfred State, Hannah graduated in May 2019 with her bachelor's degree in business administration and a minor in leadership. The commencement ceremony was a major milestone in her academic career. Not only did she complete her Alfred State journey that day, but she also served as the student speaker and received the Orvis Award for Excellence.

Thanks to her scholarship and the donors who made it possible, Hannah was given an opportunity after graduation that not many others get: the opportunity to wait.

Growth, Learning, & Success

"With no student loans pressuring me to settle for the first job that came my way, I was able to wait for the right fit," she said. "I turned down three offers before accepting the position I am in now, and I'm so happy with where I am."

Today, Hannah works in Buffalo as a senior auditor at People Inc., western New York's leading non-profit human services agency.

After just three years at Alfred State, Hannah graduated in May 2019 with her bachelor's degree in business administration and a minor in leadership.

In her job, Hannah has a number of daily responsibilities, including scheduling and performing monthly or quarterly audits for all People Inc. facilities, performing petty cash audits on a quarterly basis for the business office, and training site team management on making corrections and fixing errors.

Looking at Hannah's journey, it's impressive to see how far she has come, both professionally and personally.

"Alfred State allowed me to grow as a person," she said. "In high school, I was very soft-spoken and never really stood out in a crowd. At Alfred, it seemed to be

quite the opposite. There was just so much opportunity and so much you could do if you just gave it a try."

Hannah also acknowledges that her professors played a major role in her success. They taught her to "adapt, improvise, overcome," and that it's OK to make yourself known to get your point across.

"The lessons my professors taught out of their own experience helped me to learn so much about life beyond college," she said. "They truly prepared me for what was next."

Given all that she has learned, plus the many ways in which she has grown and succeeded because of Alfred State, it's no wonder that the college will always hold a special place in her heart.

"Alfred State means the world to me," she said. "I got to start my life there, and I met some of my favorite people there. All of my professors, the faculty and staff I worked with, and friends I met are still major influencers in my life, and always will be."

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MLK Day of Service 2014



Gowanda flood clean-up 2009

ASC has a long history of Civic Engagement.



HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

Plenty of fun was had by all as Pioneers and their families came out to celebrate and show their Alfred State spirit during Homecoming and Family Weekend.

Kicking off the festivities on Friday was the ninth annual Carly's Club Race for a Cure 5K. Later that night, the annual spirit rally and bonfire took place in the parking lot at Pioneer Stadium.

At this event, students and their families cheered on a team during the friendly Pioneer Challenge competitions such as the Not-So-Naked-Half-Mile and dodgeball. They then enjoyed the bonfire while indulging in many complimentary treats and foods sponsored by the Homecoming and Family Weekend Committee. Rounding out the Friday activities was the always-entertaining Alfred's Got Talent show.

Leading up to the big game on Saturday, the fun began with a chili competition and basket raffle, with additional Pioneer Challenge competitions also taking place. Fans then came out to cheer on the Blue and Gold football team as they took on the Anna Maria College Amcats at Pioneer Stadium.

A post-football party followed the game, featuring the popular band Nik and the Nice Guys, as well as the final two Pioneer Challenge events: pie-eating and stump contests. The last event on Saturday night was the hilarious Campus Feud family-friendly event at the Orvis Activities Center's Cappadonia Auditorium.

A Sunday brunch that was held at The Terrace inside the Central Dining Hall closed out the weekend festivities.



HOMECOMING





A CLOSER LOOK AT: Wayne Bensley

When examining Wayne Bensley's career under a microscope, several things become evident: his knowledge and passion for the forensic science field and a strong dedication to his students.

Like so many other Alfred State faculty members, Wayne was employed in his field for many years prior to working at the college, where he now serves as an associate professor and chair of the Physical and Life Sciences Department. Over the course of his teaching career, Wayne has passed on his real-world knowledge and experience to countless students, proudly watching as they transform from untested freshmen, to graduates, to seasoned forensics professionals.

Wayne's own academic path began at Syracuse University, which he graduated from in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts in chemistry. Two years later in 1994, he earned a Master of Science in forensic science from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

In 1995, Wayne began working at the Indianapolis Marion County Crime Lab in Indianapolis, IN.

"I was working as a chemist, so that means I was analyzing items that were seized that were suspected controlled substances," he said. "My

job was to determine if in fact what was submitted was a controlled substance, and if it is a controlled substance, what is it?"

From 1995 to 2007, Wayne worked at the crime lab analyzing suspected drugs. In his last few years there, he moved to the trace evidence division, where he also analyzed blood from suspected drunk-driving cases and performed microscopic analysis of hair and fibers.

One of the aspects of his job that Wayne enjoyed the most was that no two days in a row were ever the same.

"Some days were very routine. We would get five or six cases of suspected marijuana or suspected crack and cocaine over and over. I saw those so many times," he said. "But then, I had a case where I analyzed almost a ton – 1,900 pounds – of marijuana that was seized. I had a case where I analyzed 12 kilos of cocaine. Their street value was probably half a million dollars. There were some fairly high-profile cases in Indianapolis in which I was analyzing evidence as part of that case."

Another favorite part of his job was serving the public, albeit in a way not many people think about.

“We were not trying to ‘get the bad guy.’ It’s not really what forensic scientists do,” he said. “Forensic scientists simply scientifically analyze the evidence that is presented to us. For example, if there was somebody dealing drugs, they would not be able to put that person in prison without the analysis of the drugs by the chemist. It’s a small part in the whole big case, but it’s critical to something like that.”

While he greatly enjoyed working as a forensic scientist in Indiana, Wayne wanted to be closer to his family in Earlville, a small town in central New York. One day, he came across an opening for an assistant professor position at Alfred State College.

His wife, Julie, a math teacher, felt he should apply for the job based on his ability to instruct others, whether it was “teaching the jury” while testifying in court or training police officers in aspects of his job.

“Basically, that got me into the education field,” he said. “I had no previous desire to even be a teacher.”

Since joining the Alfred State faculty in January 2007, however, Wayne has grown to love being an instructor and guiding the next generation of forensics professionals. Originally hired as an assistant professor, Wayne has since been promoted to associate professor, and in 2017, he assumed the role as chair of the Physical and Life Sciences Department. He is also the program coordinator of the four-year forensic science technology major.

Outside of the classroom, Wayne has served the college as a member of Faculty Senate, in addition to being a member of several committees, including the Academic Integrity Committee, the Student Life Committee,

and the search committee for the new dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. He is also a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the Northeast Association of Forensic Scientists, and the American Society of Crime Lab Directors. On a personal note, he and his wife are the parents of two children, Jennifer and Sam.

Throughout his time at Alfred State, Wayne has taught a variety of courses focused on chemistry and biochemistry, as well as a course on professional preparation. He has also taught the senior capstone and oversees all of the student internships.

One of the biggest moments in Wayne’s career as an educator came in 2016, when the forensic science technology program was granted accreditation status by the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC). At the time, it was one of only 20 FEPAC-accredited bachelor-level programs within the field nationwide.

“We knew that we had a really strong program here, even though it was young and small and not well-known nationwide,” he said. “Having that FEPAC accreditation verifies that the work we had put into this program was up to the standards of the field. It was basically a stamp of approval that we are preparing our students when they graduate to be scientists working in the field.”

Seeing his students graduate and succeed in their careers, in fact, is what Wayne considers to be his biggest achievement as an education professional.

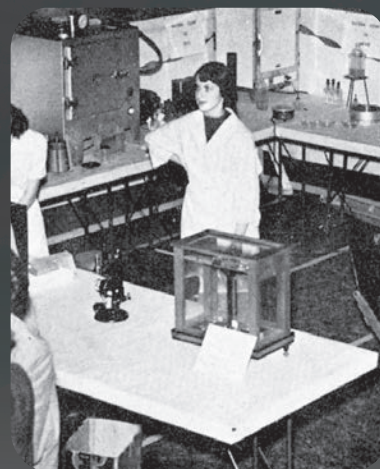
As his former students go on to work at crime labs in Erie County, New York City, and even Washington, DC, Wayne can’t help but take pride in knowing that he played a role in their success.

“To me, the biggest achievement we can have as educators is to see the students walk across that stage and then become productive members of society,” he said. “Just knowing that we are preparing them to do that, that’s the biggest honor we can have as educators.”

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Instrumentation lab 2019



Science lab 1951



SHIPPING CONTAINERS

PROVIDE EXCITING NEW FORM OF APPLIED LEARNING

A new hands-on project at Alfred State College's Wellsville campus has students really thinking outside the container.

This semester, students in various majors began working on several shipping containers as part of a "reuse/repurpose/recycle" initiative that incorporates sustainable and green-building practices, according to Jack Jones, chair of the Building Trades Department. The purpose of the project, Jones said, is to determine if shipping containers can be repurposed into high-efficiency housing or office units, and also to provide students with a new form of applied learning.

One of the main goals of this project is to create a zero-energy facility, which means it produces at least as much energy as it consumes.

"This project aligns with the governor's new energy initiatives, which aim to drive New York's energy consumption to renewable sources," explained Jones. "The home will be outfitted with a powerful photovoltaic system and a solar water heater."

High-efficiency fixtures and appliances, Jones said, will be used throughout.

"We are designing the home with a battery bank for off-grid operation," he said. "However, we will also include a utility connection for selling excess power generation and for a back-up power supply."

With the project being so new and so different from what has been done before, Jones noted, "We're just trying to learn what works, what doesn't work, what we can do in the future, and what really doesn't make sense to do. It's really a research project on our part to determine whether this is a viable option for housing or not, and whether it fits into our

educational program."

The project involves the talents of students in several different majors, including building trades: building construction; heating, ventilation, and air conditioning; and electrical construction and maintenance electrician. Supporters so far include the State University of New York (SUNY), which is funding the project; SUNY Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson; President Dr. Skip Sullivan; the Educational Foundation of Alfred, Inc., which has postponed other construction projects to accommodate this one; and Mach Architecture, which has assisted with the design and engineering of the project.

One of the most appealing aspects of the project, Jones said, is its unconventional nature. While students are still gaining traditional real-world skills working on houses for the Wellsville community, this project gives them a chance to broaden their horizons.

“They get to use tools they wouldn’t normally use, they get to work with materials they wouldn’t normally use,” Jones said. “They’ll be doing a little more welding here than what we usually have in our program, a lot more metal-cutting, and just experiencing a different way that systems go together.”

This job will be more commercial application, so a lot more metal work, steel studs, that sort of thing. It’s a really good supplement to what we already do.”

The containers are presently located in the 35,000-square-foot Workforce Development Center, which serves as the home of the building trades: building construction program. Currently, the college has four shipping containers for students to work on, three of which are 20 feet long and one that is 40 feet long.

“Altogether, with the enclosed space in the middle, we’ll have about a 1,200-square-foot building when we’re done,” Jones said. “This is really a larger and more complex home than you would typically consider for containers. We hope to learn lessons that can be applied to temporary housing, disaster relief shelters, and housing in developing countries.”

The end goal for this project, Jones said, is to convert the containers into a new demonstration home and welcome center on the Alfred campus. The project should take one academic year to complete.

“I think it’s a really cool project. It’s something that’s out of the ordinary,” said Jones, who added, “It’s a really good option for us to really just stretch the students and make them think about why systems have to work the way they do.”



Hands-on training has been lifted to greater heights for Alfred State heavy equipment, truck and diesel technician students thanks to the generosity of donor and alumnus Robert “Bob” Livingston.

Livingston, a 1956 graduate of Alfred State’s mechanical engineering technology – internal combustion engineering program, recently provided the funds for the purchase and installation of a Mohawk Lift that is now located in the Heavy Equipment, Truck and Diesel Building on the Wellsville campus. The lift enhances students’ ability to gain real-world, hands-on experience working on everything from small cars, to light duty diesel equipment, to heavy duty diesel trucks.

Specifically, students will use the lift to perform tasks such as alignments, brake work, tire changes, oil changes, and more. This work was previously completed on the floor with floor jacks and mechanics creepers.

Eric Wilmot, chair of the Automotive Trades Department, said the lift will also support the college’s heavy equipment operations program by providing heavy equipment maintenance repair.

“The lift is an incredibly generous donation that will be used for educational and campus support

purposes for many years to come,” Wilmot said. “After a recent campus visit, Mr. Livingston saw our need, made some phone calls, and here it is a short time later. We are very thankful for Bob’s support and will proudly display this lift with his name on it for many years to come.”

Jeffrey Stevens, dean of the School of Applied Technology, said the lift is a wonderful addition to the shop.

“We continually strive to improve and expand the learning outcomes for students,” he said. “We are so excited to have such a well-built engineered training tool, and the integration into the existing shop certainly has led to setting the bar higher. The faculty and students are excited to integrate this lift into the program and the curriculum.”

Alfred State held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the new lift. Speaking at the event, President Dr. Skip Sullivan said, “This is a great example of an alum giving back to the college that meant a lot to him. We are certainly very grateful.”

Livingston was the final speaker at the ceremony. Addressing the assembled crowd of Alfred State students and employees, he said he was glad he was able to provide the funds for the lift, adding, “I hope that you all benefited a lot from it over many, many years.”

ABET REACCREDITS 10 ALFRED STATE PROGRAMS

Reaffirming that Alfred State is committed to providing a high-quality technical education, the Accreditation Board for Engineering Technology (ABET) has reaccredited 10 of the college's technology-related majors.

Programs that were recently reaccredited include: computer engineering technology (AAS and BS), electrical engineering technology (AAS and BS), mechanical engineering technology (AAS and BS), surveying engineering technology (AAS), surveying and geomatics engineering technology (BS), construction engineering technology (AAS), and construction management (BS).

Dr. John Williams, dean of the School of Architecture, Management and Engineering Technology at Alfred State, said, "Having the majority of our technology programs recognized by ABET highlights the strength of our faculty and programs and the great experience provided to our students."

Dr. Matthew Lawrence, chair of the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology Department, said, his department is pleased that all six of its engineering technology programs have been fully accredited by ABET through 2024.

"Successful accreditation represents validation of the quality of students, faculty, and staff in the department," he said. "ABET accreditation evaluations are very thorough; over a three-day period industry and academic experts for each program inspect course materials, review assessment procedures, and interview students, faculty, and administrators. The goal of accreditation is to verify that academic programs are taught by qualified faculty, using industry-relevant techniques and equipment, and, perhaps most importantly, producing graduates that can immediately and positively contribute in their profession after completing the degree. All program constituents deserve recognition for this accomplishment!"

Erin Vitale, chair of the Civil Engineering Technology Department, echoed Lawrence's remarks, noting that she is very pleased about the reaccreditation of her department's programs. She noted, "ABET accreditation puts a national stamp of approval on our programs. It also gives our students credit toward the experience required for professional licenses."

According to Williams, Alfred State programs have been recognized by ABET since the 1950s. To become accredited or reaccredited, educators must create a detailed performance program for each major that aligns the program and its courses to the standards of the national professional societies that oversee each discipline. They must also continually collect and assess data regarding student performance and the level of achievement of program objectives.

"Each program must create a self-study document and host an external review team," Williams said. "This represents a lot of hard work and dedication."

In addition to the excellent news about the 10 ABET reaccreditations, Williams noted that the college's construction management BS program was recently recognized by the Applied and Natural Science Accreditation Commission (ANSAC), one of four ABET commissions that lead and conduct accreditation activities.

"Historically, our engineering technology programs were accredited under the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission (ETAC)," he said. "Some recent changes at ABET headquarters required the shift of our construction management BS program from ETAC to ANSAC. This program's objectives and assessment activities needed to be modified to satisfy the new ANSAC expectations and process. This was our first ANSAC accreditation review and we were successful."



**NOW & THEN**

In addition to its reputation as an excellent hands-on learning facility, the Alfred State College Farm is now also recognized for being attractive and well-maintained after earning a "Dairy of Distinction" award.

According to its website, the Dairy of Distinction program recognizes the hard work and dedication of dairy owners and operators "who have attractive, well-kept farms and promote a good dairy industry image."

College Farm Manager Virginia Chamberlain said, "The farm staff is delighted to see this award reinstated. We will continue to work hard to have our facilities, our livestock groups, and our robotic dairy be proud examples for Alfred State College."

Dr. Phil Schroeder, chair of the Agriculture and Veterinary Technology Department, said, "The Alfred State College Farm is one of the most technologically advanced agricultural teaching facilities in the United States, and we are thrilled that our farm has earned this recognition."

Alfred State Chief Financial Officer Joseph Greenthal said, "We are very proud of this accomplishment. Alfred State has worked hard to revitalize our college farm. Agriculture is our history, and we strive to make sure it has a solid foothold in our future. This recognition is vindication we are moving in the right direction."

The Dairy of Distinction Program, according to its website, is "based on the concept that attractive farmsteads enhance consumer confidence in the dairy industry. The award also recognizes the hard work and efforts of all Northeast dairy farmers."

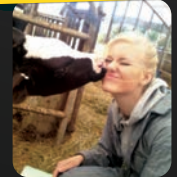
All active dairy farms in Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Vermont are eligible to apply for the Dairy of Distinction award, the website states. Winning farms receive a special roadside sign for their farmstead.

The Alfred State Farm serves as a field laboratory to provide practical instruction in production agriculture and to produce feed for the college's livestock. It is home to registered dairy and beef herds, horses, swine, poultry, sheep, and meat goats used

for instruction in animal care and management. The farm is also used for soils, botany, feeds, and nutrition, and field and forage crops classes.

Students have the opportunity to work on the farm as interns. Other facilities there focus on high-tunnel vegetable production, row crop production, and agroforestry practices.

Also located at the College Farm is the Center for Organic and Sustainable Agriculture (COSA). The center features an organic dairy herd, with which students gain experience in management intensive grazing, and a robotic milking system. Other facilities include a 300-acre farm in Sonyea, where the college produces forages.



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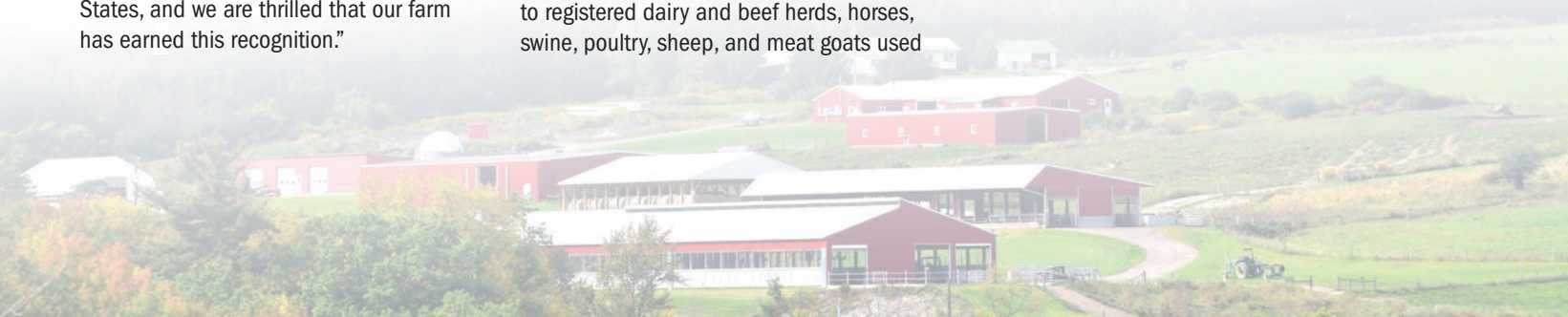
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ALFRED STATE RANKED TOP 10 FOR ALL NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGES



THE 2020 US NEWS & WORLD REPORT BEST COLLEGES RANKINGS SHOW ALFRED STATE COLLEGE (ASC) TIED FOR NO. 6 ON THE TOP PUBLIC SCHOOLS LIST FOR NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGES.

ASC is also a stellar No. 1 among SUNY regional colleges. When compared to all public and private colleges in the 11-state northern region, Alfred State tied for No. 10, up two spots from last year.

This is the 13th straight year ASC is highly ranked by the publication.

Northern Regional College top 10 honors for Alfred State include:

- No. 1** SUNY among northern regional colleges.
- No. 1** (tie) Right-sized colleges with 2,000+ enrollment, both public and private.
- No. 2** Best Value among northern public colleges.
- No. 2** Highest Social Mobility among northern public colleges.
- No. 3** Best Colleges for Veterans among northern public and private colleges.
- No. 3** Colleges with out-of-state tuition under \$15,000, both public and private.
- No. 4** in Economic Diversity among top 25 northern public and private colleges.
- No. 5** Best Value among northern public and private colleges.
- No. 5** (tie) Highest Social Mobility among northern public and private colleges.
- No. 6** (tie) Top Public Schools in northern region.
- No. 8** (tie) First-year Retention Rate among northern public and private colleges.
- No. 10** (tie) Best among northern public and private colleges.



LT. GOV. APPLAUDS STUDENT SUCCESS AT NORTHLAND

After just one year, Alfred State College's programs at the Northland Workforce Training Center in Buffalo are rapidly gaining momentum and even attention from Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul as word continues to spread about the excellent hands-on education students are receiving there.

Specifically, the three technical skills programs taught at Northland by Alfred State College faculty – welding technology, electrical construction and maintenance electrician, and machine tool technology – continue to grow as more students enroll and more faculty are hired. A fourth program, mechatronics, is taught by SUNY Erie Community College faculty.

One shining example of Alfred State programs' surging popularity is the electrical construction and maintenance electrician program. This fall, Hochul visited the electrical construction lab at Northland to congratulate instructors on their tremendous success and encourage students who are now on a clear path to well-paid careers.

Last fall, a cohort of 20 students were the first in Alfred State's new electrical construction lab. Since then, the program has grown to where it now contains three freshman cohorts in addition to the senior class, resulting in 80 electrical students in the 10,000-square-foot dedicated electrical training building at Northland. The program also began with three freshman instructors, and now has six freshman instructors, three senior instructors, and one instructional support assistant.



State University of New York Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson spoke passionately about the importance of STEM education during a keynote address she gave at Alfred State College.

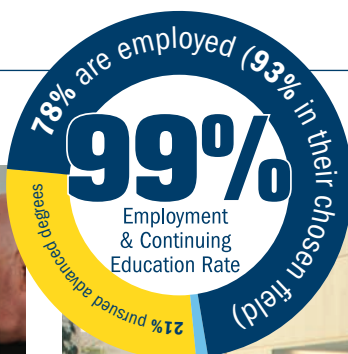
Speaking to educators of all levels at the 2019 New York State STEM Education Collaborative (NYSSEC) STEM Summer Institute, Johnson reflected on how several of her instructors instilled in her a love of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) when she was in junior high and high school. The chancellor explained how one physics experiment she had performed as a student in 1975 helped her figure out a problem she faced as an energy industry professional during the 2010 BP oil spill.

“You never know how every kid that you teach every day may change the world by something you said or something you encouraged them to do,” she said.

At another point in her address, Johnson applauded Alfred State and noted her excitement about getting to tour several facilities on the college’s main campus after delivering her speech.

Alfred State, she said, “has developed an international reputation for engaging innovative and cutting-edge research and development in STEM programming.”

In addition to the SUNY chancellor, two other speakers provided keynote addresses at the conference. They were SUNY Fredonia Distinguished Teaching Professor in Mathematics Dr. Robert Rogers and Clarkson University President Dr. Anthony Collins.



ASC EARNS 99% SCORE FOR 10th STRAIGHT YEAR

Whether launching a career in their field or furthering their education at a higher level, Alfred State graduates continue to be ready for that next step after graduation.

As a result, the employment and continuing education rate among Alfred State graduates has reached 99 percent for the 10th consecutive year. A survey of 2018 grads determined that 99 percent of respondents have either secured employment after earning their degree from Alfred State or are continuing their education for another degree.

Of those 99 percent, 78 percent are employed, while 21 percent are pursuing advanced degrees. Of the 78 percent who have a job, 93 percent of them are employed in their chosen field.

Alfred State College was pleased to welcome Dr. Merryl H. Tisch, the newly appointed chair of the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees, to campus for a visit.

Tisch chatted with students in the Small Events Space at the Student Leadership Center, taking their questions and comments and offering answers and feedback on their input. She also met with members of the President’s Council. Joining Tisch on her visit was SUNY Senior Vice Chancellor Johanna Duncan-Poitier.

“I really enjoyed being on the campus of Alfred State and seeing first hand their tireless commitment and focus on preparing students to meet the challenges and needs of the 21st century economy,” Tisch said.

“Today was another great example of how workforce development continues to be at the forefront of SUNY’s mission and I applaud Alfred State and their students for meeting that goal every day.”

Prior to being appointed to her current role by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Tisch was a member of the Board of Regents for 20 years and held the position of vice chancellor from 2007 to 2009. As chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents, Tisch was responsible for setting the state’s education policy and overseeing both public and private education throughout New York.

ALFRED STATE WELCOMES **3** NEW COACHES



JUSTIN SIGNORELLI

has taken over the wrestling program.

Signorelli, a graduate of Cortland, comes

to Alfred State after spending last season as a graduate assistant coach at Western New England University (WNE).

At WNE, he coached three NWCA Academic All-Americans and two NCAA National Qualifiers including NCAA DIII 184-pound champion John Boyle. Previously, he was the head coach at Ulster Community College. At Ulster, he resurrected and built a wrestling program that had not been active since 1979. During his two seasons, Signorelli coached an Academic All-American, led 14 wrestlers to All-District honors including a North East District individual champion, and he also qualified seven wrestlers to compete at the NJCAA National Championship Tournament.

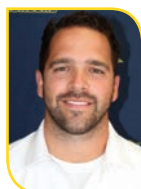


MICHAEL SMIECHOWSKI

has been named the swimming and diving coach.

He comes to Alfred State after most recently serving as the head swim coach of the Sint Maarten-Saint Martin National Swim Team.

During the 2018-19 season, he trained the first Sint Maarten athlete to participate in the World Championship. As the director of operations of the Carib Swim Club (the largest swim club on the island), he had athletes break 25 club records. Previously, he coached the Hickam Hurricanes (Honolulu, HI) and the Coral Springs Club (Coral Springs, FL) teams. He swam collegiately at UNC Wilmington and has previously coached at Villanova and Towson University.

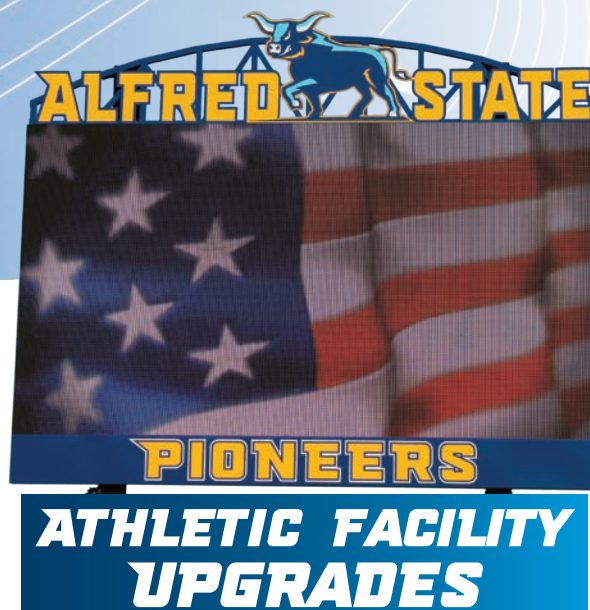


GABRIEL KUHN

is the new head coach for the men's soccer and lacrosse teams.

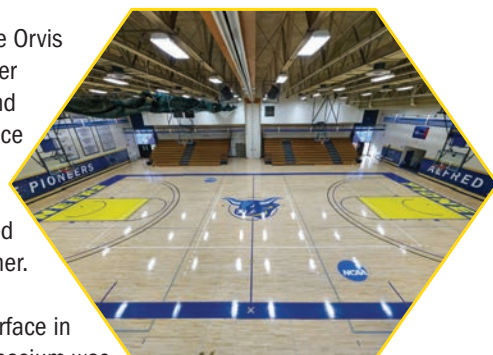
Kuhn played both soccer and lacrosse growing up in Harford County, MD.

He chose to continue playing soccer collegiately and was a three-year starter at Cabrini College. Kuhn was a First Team All-Conference honoree and Second Team All-ECAC as a senior. He played soccer in his sophomore year at Harford Community College where he was named to First Team All-Maryland Junior College and First Team All-Region, eventually making his way back to Cabrini College. Kuhn has been an assistant soccer coach at Stevenson University since 2016.



The Alfred State Athletic Department enjoyed an upgrade to a pair of its facilities at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.

The floor of the Orvis Activities Center gymnasium and the track surface at Pioneer Stadium were both resurfaced over the summer.



The playing surface in the Orvis gymnasium was sanded down, repaired, and then repainted featuring the college's new athletic marks. The surface features the Ox head at center court and all the necessary lines to host volleyball and all levels of college basketball. The project was completed by Finger Lakes Flooring.

The track surface at Pioneer Stadium was torn up to its base and replaced with a Beynon Sport Surface (BSS) 300. The resurfacing features the return of a blue track complex installed by Copeland Coatings. The track had a blue surface for many years before the construction of Pioneer Stadium in 2007.

The college also introduced a brand-new scoreboard at Pioneer Stadium just in time for Homecoming and Family Weekend.

Plans for resurfacing the turf and the replacement of lights at the stadium have started, as well.



Dr. Craig Clark, vice president for Economic Development, was named to the Appalachian

Regional Commission's (ARC) Substance Abuse Advisory Council.



Brook Smith, an admissions counselor, received the State University of

New York College Admissions Professionals' (SUNYCAP) Larry Appel New Professionals Award.



Gregg Mark and Dan Sheppard, both officers with The New York State University Police Department at Alfred State College, graduated from the Southern Tier Law Enforcement Academy's Basic Course for Police.



Debra Burch, an associate professor and chair of the Culinary Arts

Department, was honored with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service.



William Dean, a professor in the Architecture and Design Department, and

Dr. Matthew Lawrence, a professor and chair of the Mechanical and Electrical



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



Beth Weber, a secretary in the Admissions Office, was presented with

the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service.



Susan Gorman, an assistant professor and chair of the Business

Department, received the Leadership through Civic Engagement Award.



Jen Taylor, a cleaner, was presented with the 2019 Fireman of the

Year for Heroism award at the Allegany County Firemen's Annual Meeting in Bolivar.



Dr. Skip Sullivan, president, was accepted as a board member for Campus

Compact of New York and Pennsylvania (CCNYPA).



Steven Lock, a machine tool technology major from Silver Creek, completed an

internship with NASPA, the leading association for the advancement, health, and sustainability of the student affairs profession.



Jeremy Speed Schwartz, an associate professor of Digital Media

and Animation, earned a pair of awards for his short film titled, "The Land of the 3-Drink Minimum." Specifically, the film won a silver award in the Animation category at the 2019 Chautauqua International Film Festival, and an award for "Outstanding Western NY Micro-Short" at the Buffalo Dreams Fantastic Film Festival.

To read more about our achievers, visit AlfredState.edu/about-us/achievements.



Two Alfred State students received medals at the 55th annual National SkillsUSA Championship in Louisville, KY. **Brandon Meek**, an electrical construction and maintenance electrician major from Akron, was awarded a gold medal for first place in the nation in the Electrical Construction Wiring (College) category. Receiving a bronze medal for third place in the nation in Carpentry was **Mitchell Davis**, a 2019 building trades: building construction graduate from Bath who has re-enrolled in Alfred State's technology management major.

Pictured are Alfred State students and employees at the 55th annual National SkillsUSA Championship in Louisville, KY. From left to right are Jeffrey Stevens, dean of the School of Applied Technology; Dr. Craig Clark, vice president for Economic Development; Ryan Lee; Ryan Shipherd; Mitchell Davis; Justin Clark; Steven Mazzone; Allan Jones, Brandon Meek; and Dan Acomb, instructor in the Automotive Trades Department.



Glen Cole, an adjunct instructor in the Building Trades Department, was presented with the Student Advocate Award.

Erin Vitale, a professor and chair of the Civil Engineering Technology Department; **Louis Zver**, an instructor in the Building Trades Department; and **Cyan Corwine**, coordinator of International Education, each received the Pioneer Award.



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

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You can also visit our Planned Giving website at <http://legacy.alfredstate.edu>.

Douglas Barber receives President's Medallion

Dean Emeritus Douglas Barber was honored with the Alfred State President's Medallion in October at the Student Leadership Center.



The President's Medallion was instituted in 2008 and is awarded to those who have made outstanding contributions to Alfred State.

A 1966 graduate of the construction technology program, Barber went on to serve as a faculty member and dean at Alfred State, and helped the construction programs attain TAC/ABET-accreditation. He participated in the development of baccalaureate-level engineering-technology courses, and cultivated relationships with area and regional businesses and various alumni, resulting in donations to the engineering technology programs.

CLEVELAND NAMED TO DEVELOPMENT FUND BOARD

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

A Hornell native, Cleveland graduated from Alfred State College in 1967 with an AAS degree in accounting, and from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in 1969 with a BS in accounting.

From 1969 until 2006, he worked in the Trust and Accounting Department at the Steuben Trust Company, serving as head of the department during the last 25 years of his time there. In November 2006, he began a new career at First State Bank, now Citizens and Northern Bank.

Cleveland has been very active in the Hornell area community, having served on the St. Ann's Catholic Church Parish Council, the United Way committee, the Hornell Kiwanis Club, and as the director of the Hornell YMCA. He has been married for 50 years to his high school sweetheart, Alberta. Together, they have a daughter, Pamela; a grandson, Tate; and a granddaughter, Teegan.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

YOU MATTER

Each year, Alfred State students' lives and futures are changed for the better thanks to donors like you. Your support makes clubs, programs, scholarships, activities, technology, trips to competitions, and much more possible. We are so grateful for your generosity, and are proud to count you among our members of the Alfred State Family!

Altogether within the past academic year, the Alfred State Development Fund was able to raise more than \$2.4 million in total support.

This past year, more than 700 students received scholarship funds, money that is essential for many of them to attend college.

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

- The introduction of several new programs, including game and interactive design (AS and BS), mechatronics technology (AAS and BS), agricultural automation and robotics (AAS), and agricultural entrepreneurship (BTech).
- The launching of a new Esports team.
- More than a dozen Alfred State students traveling to South Carolina and Florida for civic engagement trips.
- Three architecture students who studied in Sorrento, Italy being honored for their submissions in the second annual HOME: International Design Event.

Thank you again for your support and for showing our students your Pioneer Pride!

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ALUMNI CHAPTERS

WE ARE EXPANDING!

The Alfred State College Alumni Chapters program is for Alfred State alumni to connect and engage with one another, as well as with the college through leadership and volunteer opportunities, local events, social and professional networking, and philanthropy.

We are excited to announce we now have 10 chapters throughout the country, and we hope to continue this growth. The Alumni Chapters program has the unique ability to engage our alumni geographically and demographically, while at the same time building a network that celebrates and supports Alfred State alumni and the college.

Our goal is to continue to provide a platform for strategic and sustainable program growth by increasing alumni-to-alumni and alumni-to-college engagement, while ensuring overall development of alumni as ambassadors of Alfred State College.

Our current chapters and their chair(s) are:

BUFFALO – Josh Torrance, '08

CAPITAL DISTRICT – Julie LaRose, '96

CENTRAL FLORIDA – Judy, '58 and Bill Abraham, '59

FINGER LAKES – Gretchen, '80 and Jim Langdon, '80

HOUSTON, TX – Nancy Elliott, '81

NEW JERSEY – Seeking a new chair(s)

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ROCHESTER – Gary Moore, '76

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – Mary Lynn Gaddis, '83

We are also planning to establish chapters in Atlanta, GA; Charlotte, NC; and Los Angeles, CA. If you are interested in being on a chapter in one of the regions mentioned or creating one in your region, please be sure to contact Alumni Relations at 607-587-3931 or alumni@alfredstate.edu. We are excited and look forward to hearing from you!







It continues to be an honor for me to serve the alumni of Alfred State College, as well as a great privilege for me to meet more of you throughout the US – making new friends and discovering new interests along the way. Given the many ways we engage with alumni, we are mindful of the memories that connect you to Alfred State.

As you peruse the “Now and Then” theme in this edition of our alumni magazine, I believe many of you will be reminded of, or have nostalgic connections with, your time at Alfred State. For some, much has changed: the infrastructure of the college, new and updated buildings, the name of your program, the offering of baccalaureate programs, athletic teams, or even students sitting with laptops in front of them rather than textbooks. Life changes and evolves, yet for most Pioneers, the strong affinity for Alfred State remains the same.

Please keep in mind that we continue to actively recruit members to our 10 alumni chapters. This year, we look forward to establishing additional chapters in Charlotte, NC; Atlanta, GA; and Los Angeles, CA. If you are interested in joining forces with fellow alumni and getting involved, please feel free to connect with our office. There are numerous events and activities planned this year, as well as several ways to get involved, and we would love to have you join us.

Be sure to visit our website at www.AlfredState.edu/alumni for the most recent updates on our events and activities.

I continue to be excited as we work to strengthen our alumni connections and outreach. In the meantime, I look forward to meeting more of you and visiting with old friends. Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to serve you.

Enjoy the updates, stay connected, and we look forward to hearing from you!

Warmest Regards,

Colleen Argentieri, '85
Director of Alumni Relations

CLASS OF 1978 ADDS TO ENDOWED FUND



Strengthening a legacy of giving back to Alfred State.

Working in conjunction with Alumni Relations, the class hosted an alumni event at the Buffalo Bills' home opener against the Cincinnati Bengals on Sept. 22. A portion of the ticket sales for the event went toward increasing the endowed fund that the class created last year to assist with scholarships, programming, and where funding is most needed.

According to class of '78 member Greg Haeseler, the fund was created “to give back to the school that gave us all that great first step toward our careers.”

Haeseler noted that the class sought to establish a fund that will give back to Alfred State in perpetuity and ended up becoming the first class in the history of Alfred State to create an endowed fund at the college. Members hope to inspire other classes to do the same.

In recognition of the endowed fund, a crimson red maple tree was planted on campus and a stone commemorating the names of those who donated \$500 or more was placed nearby.



Class of '78 alums gathered Sept. 22 for an alumni event at the Buffalo Bills' home opener. Pictured in the front row are Ed Knierim, left and Scott Morley. In the second row, from left to right, are Tim Young, Greg Haeseler, Tim Fay, Steve Bartlett, and Kert King (class of '82).

ACHIEVEMENT CAREER

1975



Criss Onan, *Broadcast Engineering,* Fairport, has been recognized

with an award for his volunteer audio video archival work by the Antique Wireless Museum in Bloomfield. Onan, a member of Alfred State's Rochester alumni chapter, will chair the Antique Wireless Association's 2020 annual conference to study and document electronic communication.



2001 Brett Elias, *Electrical Engineering Technology,* Rochester, received

the 2018 Kate Gleason Young Engineer of the Year award.

BIRTH

2017

Julie R. Torrens, *Mechanical Engineering Technology,* Ashville, is the proud mother of Greson Oliver Saxton, born April 29, 2016.

1973

Thomas Inzana, *Agricultural Science,* Huntington, has been appointed as the associate dean for research at Long Island University, College of Veterinary Medicine.

1977

Sue (Boutillier) Vinton, *Human Services,* Billings, MT, is currently serving her second term in the Montana House of Representatives, representing House District 56 in Yellowstone County, MT. She has also been appointed by House leadership to serve on the Education Interim Committee and to the Montana University System Education Review Structuring Commission. She is also currently serving on the Economic Development Committee of the Council of State Governments West.

1979

Beth Fitzpatrick, *Technology Management,* Dansville, received a four-grade promotion at SUNY Geneseo as the assistant to the dean of the School of Business after receiving her bachelor's degree in May 2019.

1981

Janice Tyson, *Executive Secretarial Science,* Kenmore, as of December 2018, is an administrative associate at Tronconi Segra & Associates.

1982

Lori Gramlich, *Human Services,* Old Orchard Beach, ME, has been elected to the Maine House of Representatives.

1983

Karen Carney, *Human Services,* Hornell, was recently named the new executive director of the Hornell Housing Authority.

1993



Jim Helms, *Accounting,* Wellsville, Development Fund Board

member, has been named chief financial officer (CFO) of St. James Hospital and Jones Memorial Hospital (Wellsville).

2001

Michelle Contri, *Mechanical Engineering Technology,* Jackson, NJ, is the owner and president of M-Con Engineering.

2011



Robert D. Comer, *Biological Science,* Huntsville, AL, has joined the

Rocket City Chiropractic firm.

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Brian Zintel, *Mechanical Engineering Technology,* Buffalo, has

been named principal of Buffalo Engineering, P.C., a mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and energy consulting engineering firm in Buffalo.

2014



Mary K. Duex, *Forensic Science Technology,*

Fort Wayne, IN, is the residence director at the University of Saint Francis.

2016

Lane Wyman, *Welding Technology,* Earlville, has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps as a private first class.

2017

Julie R. Torrens, *Mechanical Engineering Technology,* Ashville, has recently been employed as an application engineer at Cleaning Technologies Group - Blackstone - NEY Ultrasonic.

Shane Sharkey, *Automotive Technology,* Southampton, is a service repair mechanic 1 for the New York State Department of Transportation.

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2018

Juliana Krajewski, Culinary Arts: Baking, Production and Management, West Seneca, opened Geekery Bakery in March 2019.

MARRIAGE



2013

Brian Edwards, Engineering Science, Neversink, and **Claire Holleran**, Culinary Arts: Baking, Production and Management, Penfield, were married July 6, 2019.

REMEMBRANCE

1945



Virginia K. Thomas, Medical Laboratory

Technology, Hornell, passed away June 3, 2019.

1949



Robert Brennan, Air Conditioning Engineering

Technology, Greece, passed away July 13, 2019.

1951

George T. Schuster, Agricultural Science, Livonia, passed away March 20, 2019.

1954

Richard Joseph Fote, Building Trades: Building Construction, Altamonte Springs, FL, passed away July 16, 2019. He was the author of the Alfred State alma mater.

1955

John W. Gilbride, Agricultural Business, Bend, OR, passed away July 21, 2019.

1956



Francis D. Hart, Agricultural Business, Wellsville, passed away

June 28, 2019.

William H. Rudloff, Refrigeration, Lagrangeville, passed away Dec. 27, 2018.

1959

James Davis, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Hornell, passed away March 29, 2019.



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1964

Darlene Leombrone, Medical Secretarial Science, Bloomington, IN, passed away July 13, 2019.

1965



Susan Potter, Business – Executive Secretarial Science,

Belmont, passed away April 15, 2019.

1970

Edward Wilson, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Wellsville, passed away Sept. 3, 2019.

1974

Steven Bailey, Mechanical Design and Drafting, Rome, passed away March 23, 2019.

1976



Michael Edington, Accounting, Holland, passed away April 23,

2019.

1977

Clifford Rourke, Drafting, Las Vegas, NV, passed away June 28, 2019.

1978

Joe Harding, Air Conditioning Engineering Technology, Victor, passed away Aug. 19, 2019.

1979



Nancy R. Counterman, Accounting, Wellsville, passed away

June 30, 2019.

Shawn W. Rearden, Agricultural Business, Panama, passed away Dec. 10, 2018.

Charles Lloyd, Air Conditioning Engineering Technology, Lima, passed away Feb. 15, 2019.

1980

Carole Bennett, Marketing, Avon, passed away July 29, 2019.

1986



Mary Rogers, Medical Assistant, Wellsville, passed away

Sept. 2, 2019.

1989

Louanne Serra, Human Services, Andover, passed away July 29, 2019.

1993

Sharon J. Taylor, Individual Studies, Olean, passed away in September 2018.

1994

Elizabeth "Betty" Winn, Business, Belmont, passed away June 13, 2019.

1997

Grant E. Kemp III,
Electromechanical
Systems Mechanic,
Wellsville, passed away
Sept. 12, 2018.

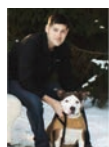
2000

John R. Sherman,
Culinary Arts, Batavia,
passed away March 30,
2019.

2005

Joshua Nasci, CAD/
Drafting,
Hillsboro, KY,
passed away

June 24, 2019.

2013

Scott Bakker,
Construction
Management,
Batavia,
passed away

June 9, 2019.

Faculty/Staff

Susan Joyce (VanOxx)
Baker, Hornell, passed
away July 26, 2019.

Mary Jo France, Hornell,
passed away June 15,
2019.

Carol A. Hyland, Andover,
passed away June 29,
2019.

Ralph N. Allen, Alfred
Station, passed away May
21, 2019.

Alma R. Dunham,
Hornell, passed away Aug.
18, 2019.

Nancy Wolsey, Orchard
Park, passed away on
Aug. 7, 2019.



Beverly Spencer,
Belmont,
passed away
June 10, 2019.

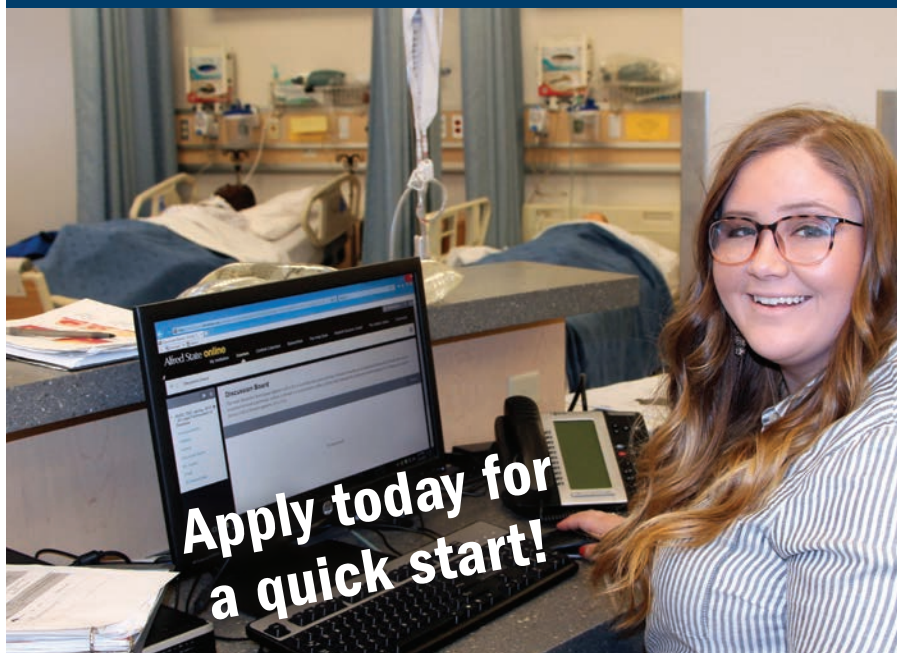
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