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Alumni, faculty, staff, & friends-

Throughout my time as president of Alfred State College, I have had the pleasure of meeting many Pioneers all throughout the country.

Whether it's Florida, California, the state of Washington, Maine, Alaska, Hawaii, or anywhere in between, Alfred State Pioneers truly are everywhere. They are leaving their mark and their footprints wherever they go, and I am always truly amazed at the wonderful things that members of the Alfred State Family are accomplishing.

The theme of this issue of the Alumni and Friends Magazine is "Alfred State Footprints." In the upcoming pages, you will read about Eric Doty, a 2007 computer engineering technology graduate who has worked in Microsoft's Xbox division and is now the head of product at a startup company in Los Angeles.

You will also read about Goya Foods Great Lakes President and former College Council member Robert Drago, whose company's products can be found in supermarkets throughout the US; and the late John Ninos Sr., a longtime friend of the college and a huge supporter of Greek life whose impact continues to be felt by many Alfred State graduates no matter where they are today.

Also, wherever you are today or tomorrow, I want you to remember that you will always be a member of the Alfred State Family. We are so proud to call each of you a Pioneer, and are always very excited to learn of your achievements.

That is why we urge you to stay connected with Alfred State through sharing your accomplishments, attending an alumni event in your area, or even joining one of our alumni chapters across the country. We love hearing from you and learning about where your own footprints have led since leaving Alfred State.

I hope to meet many more of you in the future and look forward to hearing about the ways in which our college has played a part in your success. As I stated before, no matter where your life takes you, you will always be a Pioneer, and your footprints will always lead back to Alfred State.

Respectfully,

Dr. Skip Sullivan, President



LEAVING FOOTPRINTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY



Kate Jonasse,

a 2001 automotive service technician graduate, is the founder and owner of K-Tech Automotive and the owner of Pauline's Automotive in **Sebastopol, CA.**



Scott Mesa,

a 2011 financial planning graduate, works as an associate wealth manager at BNY Mellon Wealth Management in the Orange County area in **California.**



Vince Antonioli,

a 2011 graduate of the construction management engineering technology program, resides in **Austin, TX**, and is now employed as a consultant for project management at Alaska Power and Engineering.



Jessica (Mosher) Strassner,

a 2007 nursing graduate, is now employed as a nurse practitioner at F.F. Thompson Hospital and Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong in **Rochester.**



Thomas Blackwell,

a 1985 chemical technology graduate, is the laboratory director for the Drug Enforcement Administration's Northeast Laboratory in **New York City.**



Ed and Shirley (Reigle) Hatter,

Now retired from running their HVAC business, Ed and Shirley Hatter reside in **Fort Myers, FL.** Ed is a 1958 graduate of the air conditioning program, while Shirley studied medical secretarial science in 1958 and 1959.

As President Sullivan mentioned in his letter, Alfred State alumni are everywhere. In fact, in the US alone, Pioneers can be found in all 50 states, and even the Virgin Islands!

According to data collected from our Office of Alumni Relations, as of March 2019, the five states with the highest number of Alfred State alumni are New York (33,337), Florida (1,745), Pennsylvania (1,550), North Carolina (1,243), and Virginia (791). Wherever Alfred State Pioneers go, however, they are leaving their footprints and making an impact in their fields and their communities.

While our graduates continue to make their mark all across the US, so too is Alfred State continuing to expand its alumni chapters all over the country. Currently, we have several chapters in New York State in Buffalo, the Finger Lakes region, New York City, Watertown, and Rochester.

Outside of New York, Alfred State alumni chapters can also be found in the Capital District (Washington, DC; Maryland; and Virginia); Central Florida; Houston, TX; eastern New Jersey; and Southern California. We are also seeking members to form chapters in Atlanta, GA; Boston, MA; Charlotte, NC; Phoenix, AZ; and more.

These chapters provide a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with alumni in your region and to stay connected with your alma mater! Alfred State is proud of its many Pioneers, and we hope you will continue to keep our college in your hearts and minds no matter where your life takes you. **AlfredState.edu/alumni-and-friends/alumni-chapters**



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EXPERT LEVEL ACHIEVED



As an avid gamer, Eric Doty always knew he wanted to pursue a career in video games.

While it may have taken a few years of education and experience to level up his knowledge and skills, Eric now finds himself living out his passion every day as a game design industry professional within the Greater Los Angeles area. Today, he is the head of product at Mobcrush, a technology and entertainment company at the epicenter of gaming, live streaming, and the creator-driven media revolution.

The first level of Eric's professional journey began when he enrolled as a computer engineering technology student at Alfred State.

"There were a lot of parts of the program that I really enjoyed – learning how computers work, learning how to put the actual physical circuits together," he said. "Just learning right down to the bare bones of how a computer works."

In addition to the skills and knowledge he acquired in his program, Eric was also able to grow his leadership and managerial skills as a residence assistant, an orientation leader, and a Help Desk worker.

Another benefit of being an Alfred State student, Eric said, was finding "a lot of like-minded technology and gaming enthusiasts, which really fostered my love of video games and technology."

"Without the community that I was a part of, I really don't think I would have excelled in the field that I am currently in," he said.

After earning his degree in 2007, Eric decided that if he was going to succeed in

the video game industry, he was going to need to put himself in a so-called "tech hub." He then moved to Seattle and took a job as a digital media coordinator at CBS Radio.

A few months later in February 2008, Eric got his foot in the door of the gaming world when he was hired as a content coordinator for Xbox Marketplace at Microsoft in California. He continued leveling up within the company's Xbox division, becoming program manager in July 2008, community program manager in June 2009, and strategist in April 2013.

While he greatly enjoyed working for Xbox, Eric decided it was time for a new challenge in 2014.

"After working for a large company, I decided I wanted to really check out the startup space to learn different skills and push myself in an environment that doesn't have near infinite resources," he said. "It's a whole new challenge."

In October 2014, Eric became director of user acquisition at online app Overdog. In April 2015, Eric was hired by his current employer, Mobcrush, in a director role.

Earlier this year in February 2019, Eric was promoted to Head of Product at Mobcrush. In this role, Eric is in charge of overseeing the company's product roadmap as well as a subsidiary company that owns and operates a profitable Minecraft server partnered with Microsoft.

Specifically, Mobcrush is a service that brings a suite of tools to video game streamers that help grow their fan bases and monetize their streams.

"We have a multi-stream feature that allows you to stream into a single point and then we rebroadcast it out to all of your channels, including Twitch, YouTube, Facebook, and Mixer, so you just set up one source and then we take care of everything else," he said. "We also have a unified chat feature. Instead of having to watch all four of those platforms, we bring all of that chat into a single dashboard. Additionally, we have mobile apps that allow you to stream directly from your mobile phone without any external hardware, which we take a lot of pride in."

Another tool of Mobcrush's is called "Go Live, Get Paid."

"That's the monetization aspect," Eric said. "We are able to partner you with a brand and, using our tools, insert that brand into your stream and track the success of the campaign."

For Eric, the best part of his job is working with his fellow employees.

"They're just brilliant and they love learning about new technology," he said.

In April 2019, Eric returned to Alfred State's main campus for the college's inaugural Esports Invitational. The event featured students from five area high schools who came to learn more about the growing world of competitive gaming.

In addition to touring Alfred State's new Esports Suite in the Student Leadership Center and playing some video games there, the students were also able to hear from Eric about what it's like to work in the game development field.

"It's huge for me to come back to campus, having worked in games and Esports, to help those just starting out by sharing what I've learned along the way," he said.

The field of competitive gaming, Eric said, is a "juggernaut" that is "only going to get bigger." He wants anyone interested in becoming involved in Esports to know that they don't necessarily have to be a player if they are not at a professional level.

"There are plenty of other ways to be involved in the Esports space where you can support those teams, whether it's managing their social media account or working in other companies that supplement the industry with tools," he said.

Reflecting on Alfred State's new Esports team and suite, Eric said, "It's awesome to see the college that I attended, especially as a tech school, take such a strong first step in supporting Esports as a whole."

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Eric was delighted to return to campus, remarking how much it has changed and grown since he graduated. He also acknowledged how much Alfred State was able to help him grow and build the skills he needed to succeed in the professional world.

"Those skills that I learned 12 years ago, I still use today as the head of product at a startup," he said. "I really can't thank Alfred State enough for giving me that education and opportunity to grow and find success."

Alfred State's Esports team presented Eric with a team jersey imprinted with his gaming & twitter handle DMZilla.



A ‘CAN’-DO ATTITUDE *and a Generous Spirit*

What began as a small canning business (Bison Canning Co.) that was founded more than 90 years ago by his father and uncle has since grown into a profitable arm of one of the leaders in the food processing industry, Goya Foods. As someone who has worked at the combined companies for more than 60 years, nearly 50 of which have been in a leadership role, Robert has been a big part of the business's ongoing success.

Perhaps the only thing that may equal Robert's achievements, however, is his philanthropy. The former Alfred State College Council member has given generously of his time and treasure over the years to ensure that students at Alfred State and several other colleges receive an excellent post-secondary education.

In 1956, Robert graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree. His father, Joseph Drago, one of the co-founders of Bison Canning, realized the value that an education can have in the professional/working world, something Robert has carried with him ever since.

"He told my mother, 'We're going to see to it, whatever it takes, that all of our four children will have a college education,' – and they did," Robert said.

Bison grew slowly since Anthony and Joseph Drago founded the business in Brant in 1926. After moving the following year to its current location in Angola, the company rapidly built a business canning fresh fruits and vegetables shipped in from many local farmers. Joseph and Anthony's brother, James, joined the business in 1933 and the company grew steadily over the next 20 years, earning a reputation as a small but quality conscious supplier of canned food products.

In the 1950s, Franklin, Robert, and James Seeley (Joseph's son-in-law), joined the company. Realizing that Bison could no longer operate on a seasonal basis, Franklin, Robert, and James spearheaded the first of many expansions that ultimately converted the company into a year-round canning operation.

By 1969, all three original Drago brothers had passed away and Franklin, Robert, and James assumed leadership of Bison, which continued to expand the variety of its products. Under their guidance, the company became a preferred supplier of private label canned food products among many premier supermarket chains around the US.

A decade later in 1979 as Bison continued to thrive, Robert began his strong relationship with Alfred State College when he was appointed by New York State Gov. Hugh Carey to serve on the College Council. Alfred State has held a special place in Robert's heart ever since.

Robert would serve on the Alfred State College Council until 1984. During that time, he familiarized himself with ASC, as well as the SUNY system.

"It was also the first time I had ever had any association with the governing body of an academic institution," said Robert, who would later serve on the Board of Directors at Hilbert College.

In the 1980s, Franklin, Robert, and James continued to oversee the company's growth. During this time, Franklin's son Greg, and Robert's son Rob, joined the company full-time, and were instrumental in expanding product distribution into Canada and the Middle East.

In 1991, Bison Canning was purchased by Goya Foods, Inc., the largest Hispanic-owned food company in the United States. As a result, Bison shifted from being a private label processor to an internal supplier of Goya brand canned dry bean products, which can be found in supermarkets throughout the US and offshore.

Goya's acquisition of Bison also resulted in several new additions to the growing company, which now totals 370,000 square feet. This was necessary to accommodate the growth of new products and expanding sales territory along with a new automated processing line. After Franklin Drago's retirement, in 1994, Robert became president of the company. Five years later, Bison was officially renamed Goya Foods Great Lakes.

Through his service and generosity, Robert has helped ensure brighter tomorrows for many present and future college students.

Today, Goya Foods Great Lakes converts over 31.5 million pounds of dry beans into 5 million cases (120 million cans) of canned beans. Its automated processing line is capable of running 950 cans per minute, making it one of the highest-speed and most efficient canning facilities of its kind.

Throughout all of his and the company's successes, Robert has never forgotten the colleges that have made an impact on his and his family members' lives. Two strong values upon which the company was built – a great desire to succeed and strong work ethic – are those that are also shared by Alfred State College. As a result of his strong belief in ASC and its programs, Robert and his wife, Doris, created the Drago Family Endowed Fund with an initial gift of \$40,000 to assist students and programming at Alfred State.

"We were well aware, because of my time on the Council, of the quality education ASC provided," he said.

Because of Bob's respect and understanding of a post-secondary education, Alfred State College presented him with an honorary degree, Doctorate of Humane Letters, during commencement exercises in May 2019.

In addition to Alfred State, Robert's and Doris' generosity has extended to other colleges, including the University of Notre Dame and Hilbert College. He and Doris have also supported several other worthy causes and organizations, including Shea's Theater in Buffalo, the Buffalo Philharmonic, the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Hospice, the Salvation Army, and the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site. On a personal note, Robert and Doris are the parents of two children, Rob and Dina, and the grandparents to five grandchildren.

Just as his father realized the importance of a college education, Robert also recognizes its value. Through his service and generosity, Robert has helped ensure brighter tomorrows for many present and future college students.

Likewise, through his leadership, Robert is also ensuring the success of Goya Foods Great Lakes by continuing to grow through hard work and a 'can'-do attitude. For him, the company is more than a business. It's a family legacy.

"It means a lot to me, quite frankly," he said. "I've always had a sense of pride and passion for the company, whether it was Bison Canning Co. or Goya Foods Great Lakes, and it still remains today."



President Sullivan and College Council Chair Patricia K. Fogarty presenting Bob with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.



Remembering 'Uncle John'

For 46 years, John Ninos Sr. owned and operated The Collegiate Restaurant in Alfred alongside his wife, Angela. During that time, countless college students came in for a bite to eat or to seek employment.

While they may not remember each meal or each shift, what many of these students will always recall is the way in which John impacted their lives for the better, be it through a conversation, a job opportunity, or any of the many ways in which his kindness and optimism always shone through.

Sadly, John passed away on Feb. 18, 2019, at the age of 91. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Angela; his four children, James (Karrie) Ninos, Michael (Melissa) Ninos, John (Chelly) Ninos, and Nikolas (Kera) Ninos; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Though he may be gone, John Ninos Sr. will certainly always live on in the hearts of his family and those in the Alfred community.

Born in the village of Plaka on the island of Milos, Greece, John moved to the United States in 1947 at the age of 19 along with his mother, Katherine Ninos. They joined John's father, Emanuel Ninos, and brother, Bill, who had previously moved to America and settled

in Bolivar, where they operated "The Washington Restaurant."

Although he had intended to continue his education, John started working at The Washington as a cook, thus beginning a career in the food service industry that spanned more than four decades.

While in Bolivar, John met Angela Italiano, the daughter of another restaurant owner in town. The two formed a relationship that soon blossomed into marriage in 1949.

That same year, according to John Ninos Jr., then-Alfred State President Paul B. Orvis convinced Emanuel Ninos to run the dining hall on campus. John Ninos Sr. then took over as owner of The Washington.

"Then The Collegiate became available in 1950," Ninos Jr. said. "My grandfather told my father about it, and he and my mother came to Alfred and took it over."

In addition to The Collegiate, the family at the time also ran the University Diner in Alfred, which was known fondly as "The Dog Cart," until 1953 when the diner was destroyed by a fire. John and Angela ran The Collegiate for much longer, however, operating the restaurant from 1950 to 1996, when they sold it to their son, John Ninos Jr., who has proudly owned and operated the eatery ever since.

While operating "The Jet" in its early years, John Sr. was also instrumental in helping to grow Alfred State's Greek community. In fact, he chartered ASC's Alpha Beta Chi sorority.

John Ninos Sr. was well-known for being a strong supporter of Greek life in Alfred. He came to be affectionately referred to as "Uncle John" by many of the "Greeks" throughout the years. Evidence of his support can be seen to this day, as anyone who visits The Collegiate at 31 N. Main St. will no doubt notice the numerous Greek paddles that adorn the walls there.

Shedding some light on how the paddles first came to be hung up on the walls of the restaurant, John Ninos Jr. said, "The very first one is between the bathroom doors. Psi Delta Omega came down and presented it to my father kind of just as a token of appreciation, and the other houses were saying, 'Well, if they have one on display, we want one, too,' and then it just took off."

In 2009, The Collegiate, located at 7 N. Main St. at the time, was severely damaged by one of the largest fires in the history of the village, and had to move to its present location. In order to accommodate the paddles in the new building, Ninos Jr. said, the roof had to be raised 5 feet.

"We had photos of the old Jet after the fire and we were able to put the paddles up in the new location in exactly the same way," he said.

John Ninos Sr.'s impact on students went well beyond his involvement with the Greek houses, however. One Alfred State Pioneer who was greatly affected by Mr. Ninos' kindness was the late Donald Holzer, a 1956 plant and soil science alum, who worked at The Collegiate as a dishwasher while in college.

At a bench dedication ceremony for Professor Eddy Foster in August of 2008, Holzer noted that Ninos, "helped me out while I was a student by hiring me and paying me an incredibly generous salary." Holzer went on to acknowledge that he was inspired by Ninos' "spirit of philanthropy and humanity," which prompted him to donate the memorial bench and to create two Alfred State scholarships.

To this day, numerous alumni from all over the country who pass through Alfred or are in town for a reunion will stop in to The Collegiate to share their memories of their college years and of John Ninos Sr.

"Thousands of students have come through here, and he remembered all of them that he had any kind of relationship with," said Ninos Jr.

In addition to his relationships with the Greek houses and the students, John was also very community-minded. He was a charter member of the Alfred Lions Club and the president of the Alfred Business Association for many years. For his efforts in the Alfred community, he was once named "Citizen of the Year."

Perhaps it was John Ninos Sr. himself who best summarized his relationship with the colleges and community of Alfred. In a 2009 article by the Hornell Evening Tribune regarding the fire that affected

The Collegiate, Ninos was quoted as saying, "My relationship with the students, faculty, and residents of Alfred through the years is the greatest reward that I have received for the time and effort that I put into the restaurant, and it continues to be worth more than whatever amount of money that I might have earned."

In April current Alfred State fraternities and sororities presented John Ninos Jr. with a paddle to honor his late father, a strong supporter of Greek Life in Alfred.



CLASS OF *2019*

Hundreds of family, friends, and fellow students celebrated as approximately 850 May 2019 graduates were recognized during this year's commencement ceremonies, with Dr. Skip Sullivan, president, presiding.

Receiving the Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degree the day of the ceremony was Robert Drago, president of Goya Foods Great Lakes and former Alfred State College Council member. Introducing the student speaker was Peter York, a construction management graduate from Akron and a 2019 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence recipient.

The student speaker was Hannah Weaver, of Spencerport, a May 2019 graduate of the business administration baccalaureate degree program. Weaver has served as a civic engagement advocate, civic connections coordinator, and student vice president of community, and was named a Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Contact.

Receiving the Paul B. Orvis Award for Excellence were Ryan Shipherd, Randolph (School of Applied Technology associate degree recipient); Hannah Weaver, Spencerport (School of Architecture, Management and Engineering Technology baccalaureate degree recipient); Susan Perry, Olean (School of Architecture, Management and Engineering Technology associate degree recipient); Coral Smith, Kings Park (School of Arts and Sciences baccalaureate degree recipient); and Brooke Licata, Conesus (School of Arts and Sciences associate degree recipient).

Additionally, Garrett Mack, a construction management graduate from Avon, won a 2015 Ford Focus Hatchback vehicle after his ticket was drawn in a raffle. Abigail Campbell, a construction management graduate from Geneseo, sang the national anthem.



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TO THE JOB

Dave Chilson has long been an integral part of the Alfred State community.



Whether working to ensure that the buildings on campus have heat during the long winter months, or helping Building Trades students become workforce-ready, Dave has contributed to the success of the college for more than four decades.

Prior to entering the workforce, Dave's path began in the military. At age 17, he enlisted in the US Marine Corps. He left for boot camp only two weeks after graduating from Belmont Central School in 1966.

Dave would serve for three years on active duty, 13 months of which was spent in Vietnam. Afterward, he worked as a general laborer for the S.J. Groves Construction Company, helping to build the section of the Southern Tier Expressway that runs through Cuba in Allegany County.

In 1970, he began working for the Village of Belmont's Street and Water Department. His tasks varied, ranging from maintaining streets to plowing snow.

Two years later, Dave decided it was time for a career change. In September of 1972, he started working at Alfred State College in what would turn out to be the beginning of a career that would span more than four decades.

"I started as a cleaner in Main Gate B. That was the first year it was open," Dave said. "It was a brand-new building."

For a little more than a year, Dave worked as a cleaner until an opening for a fireman/boiler operator position at the heating plant became available. After passing a Civil Service examination, Dave got the job.

Two and a half years later, Dave took another position at the heating plant, stationary engineer, after passing another Civil Service test. In this job, Dave was part of a team responsible for maintaining the heating systems on the Alfred campus.

In 2001, Dave retired from his position as a stationary engineer. It wasn't long, however, before he was back on campus. Just 11 months later, Dave returned to work at Alfred State as a teaching assistant for the Building Trades Department.

Initially, Dave assisted with the carpentry aspect of building trades. He then switched to heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), which was more suited to his background as a retired stationary engineer.

Dave assisted students and faculty in the Building Trades Department for 11 years until deciding to retire again. Just as before, however, the retirement didn't last long.

"For two years, I was retired," he said. "Then before school that year, the gentleman who had taken my place when I retired before phoned in from Florida and said he had a new job and won't be back. So, I came back for what was going to be a semester and now I'm in my fourth year back."

In his role as an instructional support assistant in the Building Trades Department, Dave works alongside the senior instructor in overseeing hands-on HVAC student projects. These valuable learning experiences range from working at the houses the college regularly builds for the Wellsville community, to assisting nearby non-profit organizations and churches.

"I don't think there's a church in Andover that we didn't at one time or another replace a boiler in," he said.

For Dave, the best part about his job is seeing the students progress during their two years in the HVAC program.

"It's rewarding seeing the students grow from when they start on their first day until two years later when they are ready for the job market," he said.

Dave also enjoys when former students check back in with him to let him know how they're doing, what careers they have secured, and perhaps even show off a new truck that they've purchased.

"A lot of them do. It's very rewarding," he said, adding with a smile, "Especially if they're making more money than I am."

In addition to his job, another very important aspect of Dave's life is his involvement with the Allegany County Veterans Organization, a group for all honorably discharged veterans. Members of the organization have access to a 110-acre camp in Alma, complete with a cabin, two pavilions, and a pond that was created by students and faculty within Alfred State's heavy equipment operations program.

Dave serves as vice commander of the group and has been a member since it was founded in 1985. In recognition of his military service, Dave was inducted into Alfred State's chapter of the SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society in 2018.

"It was great being noticed," he said of his induction.



"It's rewarding seeing the students grow from when they start on their first day until two years later when they are ready for the job market."



While Dave has been an Alfred State employee for a long time, he has been a loving husband for even longer. He and his wife, Meredith, recently celebrated 50 years of marriage. Together, they have two daughters, Denise and Jennifer, and seven grandchildren.

Looking back on his career at Alfred State, Dave said what he has most enjoyed has been the friendly atmosphere and the camaraderie amongst his peers.

"I have a lot of fun doing my job," he said.

Dave also takes a lot of pride in the excellent training that the Building Trades Department provides to students.

"The building trades curriculum is in very high-demand these days," he said. "All students are able to have a choice of jobs when they graduate."

The role that Dave has played in helping students and Alfred State achieve success has not gone unnoticed. Jack Jones, chair of the Building Trades Department, said Dave has added unmeasurable value to the department over the years.

"As a lab assistant, Dave daily invests in his students. He often helps them after hours working out personal challenges like car repairs or works them into special projects in meaningful ways," Jones said. "Dave is also an expert at making folks feel at home when they come to campus. He helps with department tours and always brings a smile to the faces of our visitors. We appreciate his dedication and his service to the department."

ALFRED STATE INTRODUCES NEW
MECHATRONICS
TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS



Alfred State College is constantly looking to add majors that address an industry need by producing well-rounded graduates who have the skills and knowledge that employers eagerly seek.

That's why the college has expanded its academic offerings to now include associate and bachelor's degree programs in mechatronics technology. Classes for these programs will begin in the fall 2019 semester.

Graduates of the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree in mechatronics technology will be able to continue their education in the Bachelor of Science degree program of the same name.

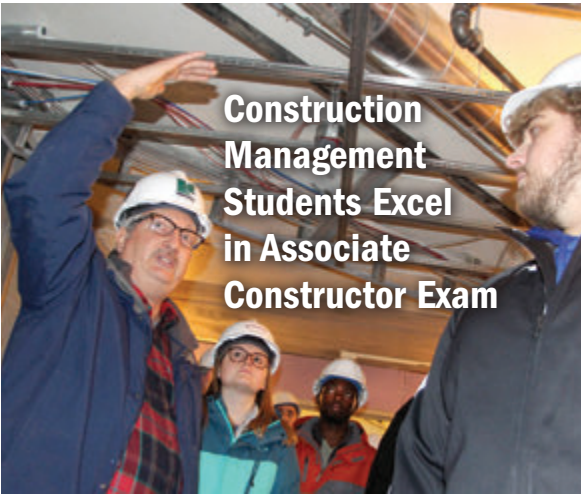
Mechatronics interweaves electrical, mechanical, and computer engineering technology with applications in automated industrial processes and robotics. Mechatronics professionals design and maintain automated equipment in laboratories, offices, or on-site at manufacturing plants.

These specialists work toward the same goal of producing safe and efficient automated equipment. While technicians primarily maintain machinery, engineers are more concerned with the design and development of components and products.

As Professor Timothy Cochran, coordinator of the mechatronics programs, explains, the appeal of mechatronics is to be able to comprehend an entire system. Electrical engineers may be tasked with programming or power distribution, while mechanical engineers may look at the moving linkages and drives. A mechatronics background provides an overview of both.

"Mechatronics is centered on industrial process automation," he said. "That may mean setting up cells of an automated assembly line or overseeing a system of warehouse robots selecting and packaging orders. There are many possibilities, and I believe a strong job market. I'm looking forward to seeing students enroll in the program next fall."

A mechatronics technology graduate will design, adapt, and troubleshoot electro-mechanical systems that are controlled by programmable digital devices. Occupational opportunities for mechatronics technology graduates include robotics testing, automation engineer, controls engineer, industrial robotics mechanic, and programmable logic controller assembler.



**Construction
Management
Students Excel
in Associate
Constructor Exam**

Alfred State senior construction management students fared extremely well when putting their skills and knowledge to the test recently during the eight-hour Associate Constructor (AC) Exam.

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

The professional exam covered all four years of coursework in the construction management curriculum. Students are tested in 20 areas, ranging from creation of a construction project safety plan; to analyzing methods, materials, and equipment; to applying construction management skills as a team member.

Collectively, the 28 Alfred State students scored five points higher than the national average and accounted for a pass rate that was 9 percent higher than the nationwide rate. Altogether, more than 1,300 students from around the country participated in the exam.

Erin Vitale, professor and chair of Alfred State's Civil Engineering Technology Department, said, "We are so proud of our Bachelor of Science construction management seniors for scoring above the national average year after year."

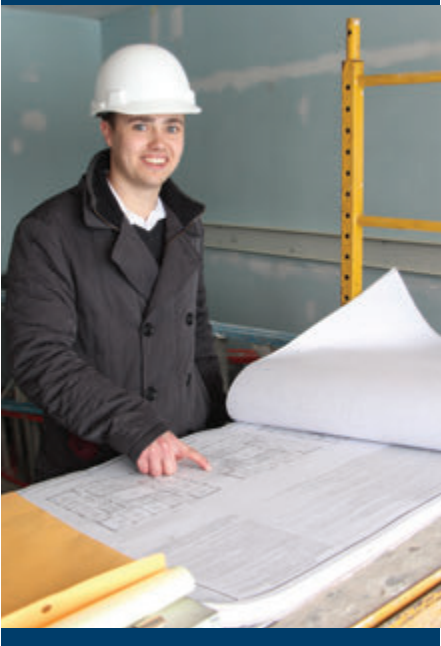
**New MCAA
Student Chapter**

The Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA) welcomed Alfred State College as its 59th student chapter.

According to the Association, the Alfred State MCAA student chapter is sponsored by the MCA of Rochester. Erin Vitale, chair of Civil Engineering Technology at the college, serves as the chapter's faculty adviser. Vitale, the MCAA noted, helped lead the effort to get the chapter established and create student interest.

The chapter consists of construction management, mechanical engineering technology, and HVAC majors.

The chapter received its charter at MCAA 2019 in Phoenix, AZ, during the Awards of Excellence Breakfast in March.



Alfred State College is proud to announce that its five-year Bachelor of Architecture (BArch) program has obtained full accreditation status from the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).

NAAB is the sole agency authorized to accredit US professional degree programs in architecture. Alfred State's Bachelor of Architecture degree was issued a full three-year term of accreditation, which is the maximum possible term when transitioning from candidacy status.

Dr. Alex Bitterman, chair of the Architecture and Design Department, noted that Alfred State's program is now the only accredited BArch in the State University of New York (SUNY) system. Offering his thoughts on the accreditation, he said, "This validates our commitment to educating and preparing job-ready students for our partners in industry and the region."

Bitterman noted that this achievement marks the culmination of a 15-year endeavor that involved getting the BArch approved as a degree, as well as a seven-year official accreditation process.

"We have been candidates for seven years and have had three accreditation visits," Bitterman said. "All of our accreditation materials are available online on the college website, so we have full transparency of the entire process from beginning to end. We are now very proud that we have the first fully accredited five-year architecture program in the SUNY system."

Dr. John Williams, dean of the School of Architecture, Management and Engineering Technology, said, "We are thrilled to announce the full three-year term of NAAB accreditation for our Bachelor of Architecture program. This prestigious certification speaks to the academic excellence and commitment of our faculty in the Architecture and Design Department. NAAB accreditation is yet another distinction defining the quality and distinctiveness of our professional programs offered at Alfred State College."

Students in Alfred State's Bachelor of Architecture program are prepared to become well-rounded, creative, and socially responsible architects who shape the world through the design of meaningful and inspirational spaces and places. The BArch is a professional program that endeavors to prepare students for licensure shortly after graduation, reducing the need for further graduate education or an advanced degree.



NFTA DONATES BUS FOR **HANDS-ON** LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Students in the heavy equipment, truck and diesel technician program are now able to take their applied learning to the next level thanks to a bus donation by the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA).

The bus is a 30-foot-long 2004 Gillig model that includes a diesel-powered engine with Tier 4 emissions, and multiplex communication between the vehicle and computer systems. It is also equipped with a Voith Automatic Transmission, which is considered the “Cadillac” of bus transmissions, according to Automotive Trades Department Chair Eric Wilmot.

The bus, Wilmot said, is a huge asset to the department because it enhances students’ applied learning experiences and increases their exposure to late-model technology. Wilmot noted that John Dembik, superintendent of bus maintenance at NFTA, was instrumental in securing the bus donation.

Dembik, who is a member of Alfred State’s heavy equipment, truck and diesel technician program’s advisory board, had been looking to make the donation happen for the past three years, and is very pleased to see it come to fruition.

He noted that providing an operable hands-on training aid to Alfred State College’s heavy equipment, truck and diesel technician program “allows the students to get familiar with a transit bus and the operation/diagnostics of their subsystems.”

The donation, Dembik added, will provide years of education to Alfred State’s students, and help remove some apprehension about working on a bus, whether it be a 30-foot, 40-foot, or 60-foot articulated transit bus.

JEFFREY STEVENS NAMED NEW DEAN OF SCHOOL OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY



Alfred State is pleased to announce that Jeffrey Stevens, of Wellsville, is the new dean of the School of Applied Technology.

Stevens has been an Alfred State employee since 2002, when he was hired as an instructor in the Electrical Trades Department. He was later promoted to assistant professor, then associate professor.

In 2014, Stevens was appointed chair of the Electrical Trades Department, a position he held until 2017, when he was named interim dean of the School of Applied Technology.

Stevens has received several honors throughout his employment at Alfred State, including recognition in 2011 as a certified installer of solar electric systems by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners. In 2012, Stevens was honored with the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service, particularly for his leadership of students in designing and installing the first solar-powered irrigation system at the US National Arboretum.

Prior to being hired at Alfred State, Stevens worked as a commercial electrician from 1993 to 1996, and as an electrical service technician from 1996 to 2000. He was also the owner and operator of an electrical contracting business from 2000 to 2012.

In addition to being a longtime employee, Stevens is also an Alfred State graduate, having received his electrical construction and maintenance electrician degree and his plumbing, heating and air conditioning degree from the college. He also earned a bachelor’s in professional business studies from Empire State College.

Stevens and his wife, Linda, are the parents of three children, Noah, Rebecca, and Sarah, and have two delightful grandchildren.



TWO NEW **AGRICULTURE** PROGRAMS COMING IN FALL 2019

Alfred State’s Agriculture and Veterinary Technology Department continues to evolve and expand with the addition of two new majors for the fall 2019 semester.

The associate degree program in agricultural automation and robotics is a one-of-a-kind major that combines the principles of agriculture and engineering. Students in this major, the only one of its kind in the US, will receive hands-on experience with automated milking equipment, as well as class work in both agriculture and engineering. Graduates of this interdisciplinary program will become experts in the management and maintenance of modern, automated agricultural equipment.

According to Dr. Phil Schroeder, program coordinator and chair of the Agriculture and Veterinary Technology Department, careers related to agriculture are diverse and constantly changing. Today’s students need the flexibility to tailor a degree to suit their needs. That’s why Alfred State’s agricultural automation and robotics curriculum has been designed to prepare students to enter the workforce as an agricultural automation technician or continue their education in one of Alfred State’s related baccalaureate programs.

“The agricultural automation and robotics program was developed in response to needs identified through discussions with industry representatives,” Schroeder said. “We currently have several of the leading firms in this area who are ready to hire graduates of this program.”

Occupational opportunities for graduates of this program include installation and maintenance of agricultural automation equipment, agricultural automation equipment operations, agricultural automation equipment research and development, and salesperson and consultant for agricultural equipment distributors.

Alfred State is also launching the first four-year agriculture major in the school’s history this fall with the agricultural entrepreneurship Bachelor of Technology degree program.

This new major is designed to provide tomorrow’s agricultural entrepreneurs with the skills to make local agriculture economically viable through the application of traditional production practices and the development of value-added (VA) products.

Students will take production courses to build a strong foundation in agriculture, value-added courses to develop non-traditional agriculture skills, and business courses to understand marketing and financial management.

The program will appeal to both traditional students who come from a farm background, and to those who are new to agriculture. Students will become prepared to be successful in their efforts to improve the profitability of an existing farm, or start a new agricultural venture of their own.

A variety of different jobs will be available for Alfred State agricultural entrepreneurship graduates, including manager or owner of a commercial farm; agricultural credit officer; warehouse manager for farm chemicals, feed, seed, and fertilizers; and more.

Speaking about the new program, Schroeder stated, “We are very excited to offer a baccalaureate degree in agriculture and believe it will greatly enhance educational opportunities for students from western New York and beyond.”

Alfred State is growing and diversifying its herd at the College Farm thanks to donations from New York State beef producers. Amy White, of Old Chatham, donated a red Angus cow, while alumnus Phil Trowbridge, a 1976 animal science graduate, donated embryos that were implanted into two black Angus cows that the college purchased. These additions complete Alfred State’s new herd of beef cattle, which also includes Herefords and other red and black Angus cows.





**ALFRED STATE NAMED
'VOTER FRIENDLY'**

Alfred State College was once again designated a "Voter Friendly Campus."

The initiative, led by national nonpartisan organizations Campus Vote Project and NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, held participating institutions accountable for planning and implementing practices that encourage their students to register and vote in the 2018 elections and in the coming years. The mission of the Voter Friendly Campus designation is to bolster efforts that help students overcome barriers to participating in the political process.

Alfred State was evaluated based on a campus political engagement plan developed through student leadership and professional support within the Center for Civic Engagement. The campus plan highlighted how student voters were engaged, outlined democratic engagement efforts, and provided a final analysis of the effort. These efforts focused on voter registration, voter education, and getting out the vote.



ASC Introduces New Game and Interactive Design Programs and Esports Team

New Majors Coming This Fall

From video games, to websites, to applications, Alfred State College's new game and interactive design programs will expose students to many different facets of interactive media, and will also prepare them for a number of rewarding careers in this field.

Classes for these new Associate in Science (AS) and Bachelor of Science (BS) programs will begin in the fall 2019 semester. Students will receive a hands-on, studio-based approach to design, programming, and storytelling.

Coursework in these majors will cover the breadth of interactive design from AAA (triple A) game titles to the interactions of application interfaces. Skills developed are applicable to the growing fields of user experience (UX) design, application design, web design, data visualization, and interactive entertainment.

Graduates of the AS program will be able to continue their education in the BS program. For those looking to enter the workforce, a number of occupational opportunities exist, including game design, UX (user experience design), interactive entertainment, application design, data visualization, and web design.

Competitive Gaming Team Added in Spring

With the addition of an Esports team on campus, gaming has climbed to a whole new level at Alfred State College (ASC).

The Alfred State Esports team launched this spring, and affords students the opportunity to go head-to-head against other colleges in many competitive games, including Overwatch, Rainbow Siege Six, League of Legends, and Super Smash Bros. ASC is now a member of Tespa, founded to promote positive attributes of gaming culture and to host the best college Esports events and competitions.

A new Esports Suite in the Student Leadership Center provides the team with new computer equipment and a high-energy environment for players to practice and compete. Alfred State's Esports adviser and the student coach are available to assist in training of players and to promote best practices for a responsible balance of academic study and team play.

The Esports Suite is in addition to another Games Nation Suite for console game players.

Also, the Esports team complements Alfred State's new game and interactive design AS and BS programs that are set to launch in the fall.

Additionally, Alfred State hosted an Esports invitational tournament for local high schools in April. Participants heard from game design industry professional and Alfred State alum Eric Doty about what it's like to work in the game development field. They also learned about the exciting new game and interactive design majors, and played several different games under the guidance of the college's Esports team.



**CAMPAIGN
LAUNCHED**

Promoting civil, empathetic, and respectful communication is the primary goal of Alfred State College's new Best Foot Forward campaign.

This initiative invites students and employees to take the 10-point Best Foot Forward Civility Pledge and become a positive force for the college by speaking up whenever they view acts of incivility on campus, and by serving as a role model for others to follow.

To help lead the program, nearly 50 student leaders and select faculty and staff were chosen through a nomination process as positive influencers. These students and employees exhibit the characteristics of respect, civility, and other ideal behaviors.

To help spread the word about Best Foot Forward, posters containing information on the pledge, as well as quotations from historical figures, were placed around both the Alfred and Wellsville campuses. Additionally, several on-campus events were held to help promote the campaign.

**ATTENDANCE
BLOOMS AT SPRING
CAREER FAIRS**

With each passing year, Alfred State's spring career fairs continue to blossom. This year was no exception, as more employers than ever before came to both campuses to recruit Pioneers.

A total of 105 employers were on-hand for the 2019 Alfred campus career fair, compared to 92 employers in the spring of 2018, and 73 employers in 2017. As for the Wellsville campus' spring career fair, 91 employers attended in 2019, compared to 80 in 2018, and 68 in 2017.

The number of employers that have come to recruit students at the spring nursing and medical-career fair has also greatly increased from nine employers in 2017 to 20 in 2019.

Student attendance for the spring 2019 career fairs was also excellent, as 501 students attended the Alfred event, while the Wellsville and nursing career fairs drew 494 and 44 students, respectively.

According to Elaine Morsman, director of Alfred State's Career Development Center, at least 35 employers at the Alfred campus spring career fair had an Alfred State alum as one of their recruiters. Often, she said, these alums connected with their employer at one of the college's career fairs.

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**PIONEERS
VOLUNTEER
OUT-OF-STATE DURING
SPRING BREAK**



While spring break is typically considered a time for students to relax and recharge, for Alfred State College (ASC) Pioneers, it's an opportunity to make a difference.

During their recent spring break, a number of ASC students volunteered for one of two out-of-state civic engagement trips in an effort to help those in need.

On the trip to Myrtle Beach, SC, a group of 11 volunteers worked with Habitat for Humanity of Horry County at a construction site, where they helped build an affordable house for a mother and her three children. The trip marked the seventh straight year that the college has partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Horry County.

On a separate trip, a team of four partnered with All Hands and Hearts – Smart Response in disaster recovery efforts in Panama City Beach, FL, an area affected by Hurricane Michael. This was the 24th time that Alfred State has partnered with All Hands and Hearts since 2005.

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Alfred State Athletic Department inducted the 2019 Hall of Fame Class in early June.

Honorees included volleyball player Elaina (Foley) Braun, track and field sprinter Briana Dorsey, baseball player Frank Pavicich, basketball and softball standout Nichole Tyler, football and track athlete Rod Streater, longtime supporter of Alfred State Athletics Mary Huntington, former baseball coach Tom Kenney, and the 2002-03 baseball team.

BRAUN was the setter on the Region III Championship and National Championship qualifying team in the 2007 season. She was a 1st team NJCAA All-American, 1st team All-Region, and 2nd team All-WNYAC after collecting 1,171 assists, 127 kills, 264 digs, and 18.5 blocks.

DORSEY was an NJCAA All-American in back-to-back seasons. She holds the outdoor record in the 200 meter (25.55), the 4x100 (49.70), the 4x400 (4:04.39), and the indoor record in the 4x400 (4:05.62). She is also in the top 10 in eight other events, and was a 10-time All-Region III honoree.

PAVICICH helped the baseball team to a 98-27 record during his two years, including a Region III Title in 1999 and a WNYAC

Championship in 2000. During this time, he led the team or tied for the lead in 34 statistical categories. He was an Honorable Mention NJCAA All-American and the Region III Player of the Year. He was also a two-time All-Region selection.

TYLER was named both the Freshman and Senior Athlete of the Year during her time wearing the Blue and Gold. For her efforts on the basketball court, she was named All-Region twice and NJCAA Honorable Mention All-American in 2007. On the softball diamond, she was 1st team All-WNYAC both seasons and 1st team All-Region her senior season.

STREATER started his path toward a professional career as a two-sport athlete. He made 20 tackles and had two interceptions during his freshman season before moving to wide receiver and grabbing 24 catches for 539 yards and six scores during his senior season. On the track, he was NJCAA National Champion during the outdoor season. Streater played in NFL with the Oakland Raiders, Kansas City Chiefs, San Francisco 49ers, Buffalo Bills, and the Cleveland Browns during the past seven years.

THE 2002-03 BASEBALL TEAM is the only baseball team during the Pioneers' NJCAA era to win both a Region III and a WNYAC Championship in the same school year. The team was 40-13 overall after finishing 14-5 in the fall and 26-8 in the spring.

KENNEY coached the Alfred State baseball team to 645 victories during his tenure. He led the team to five Region III Championships and five WNYAC Championships. On top of his coaching duties, Kenney also taught physical education classes and was part of the annual Summer Sports Festival. Outside of Alfred State, Kenney helped create and organize the Cohocton Red Wings, the Hornell Dodgers, and the Alfred A's.

HUNTINGTON, former first lady and wife of the late Alfred State College President David Huntington, has been a long-time supporter of Pioneer athletes. She is a die-hard fan who can be found cheering and ringing her cow bell at countless athletic events each year. Mrs. Huntington is not only a fan of athletics, but is also a strong supporter of Alfred State College and its students.



Dr. Edward Tezak, a SUNY distinguished service professor emeritus, was presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who, the world's premier publisher of biographical profiles.



Jon Nickerson, interim director of Facilities Services, received the 2019 Alfred State Faculty/Staff Spirit of Service Award in recognition of his service to others.



Samantha Bowers, a human services management major from Fulton, received the 2019 Alfred State Student Spirit of Service Award in recognition of her service to others.



Terry Morgan, emeritus professor of English and Humanities, spoke at Andover's 10th Annual Burns Supper, which was one of a number of Burns Suppers held throughout the world to commemorate the birth of Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet, in 1759.

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



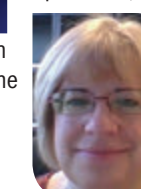
Brittany Richards, coordinator of Student Activities,



and **Christian Vernam**, assistant director of Financial Aid, graduated from the Leadership Allegany program, which provides a dynamic learning environment where adult professionals who live, work, or have a vested interest in Allegany County grow their leadership abilities, create connections, and impact their communities.



Joseph Bailey, a lecturer in the Business Department, and



Lisa Boyle, an instructor in the Physical and Life Sciences Department, were each named a 2019 Open SUNY Online Teaching Ambassador for being exemplary online SUNY educators who are enthusiastic and effective in online teaching and who can be positive and strong advocates for online teaching in the SUNY community.



Dr. Richard Kellogg, professor emeritus of psychology, is the author of a new book titled "Barry Baskerville and the Buried Treasure." This book is the sixth entry in a series of mysteries for children.



Dr. Gary Lounsberry, a professor emeritus of Alfred State College,

was recently presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who, the world's premier publisher of biographical profiles.



Jennifer Chiaino, a dispatcher with the State University Police at Alfred State, led a successful food and supply drive called "Share the Love" to benefit local animal shelters.



Dr. Skip Sullivan, president, was recognized by Buffalo Business First as being one of the most influential people in western New York.



Peter York, a construction management major from Akron, and **Carolyn Wright**, an agricultural business major from Franklinville, were each honored with the 2019 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.



Travis Randall (not pictured), a construction supervision major from Horseheads, **Rob Orton** (right), a business administration major from Wellsville, and **Jared Wielkie** (left), a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning major from Yorkshire, were presented with Outstanding Adult Student Awards from The Rochester Area Colleges of Continuing Education (RACCE).

The Print and Mail Services Office earned

two awards in the In-Plant Printing and Mail Association's annual In-Print contest: a silver award for its entry of personalized Viewbook covers, and a bronze medal award for a domed name badge.



Riko Hayano, an interdisciplinary studies major from Osaka, Japan, was named a Newman Civic Fellow for 2019-2020. The Fellowship is a one-year experience emphasizing personal, professional, and civic growth for students who have demonstrated a capacity for leadership and an investment in solving problems.

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Another academic year has drawn to a close, and as always, it was great to celebrate student success and welcome new alumni into the Alfred State Family during our commencement ceremony.

This past year was full of successes and excitement. Success comes in many forms and can be defined in several ways, some of which you will read about in this issue. We continually seek ways to help our graduates reach their personal and professional goals, and we are devoted to celebrating your successes. Whether you strive to excel in your personal life, professional life, community, or perhaps all three, it is our privilege to share your amazing stories.

Our alumni awards are also a large part of how we celebrate you. Please consider nominating a deserving alumnus or alumna or college friend for one of these prestigious awards. We hope you enjoy reading about our 2019 alumni award winners, and will be inspired to nominate someone you know.

You play a crucial role in the college's successes, and we are extremely grateful to all of you who share your time, talent, and resources. You do make a difference.

Our office continues to be dedicated to connecting with you, and to linking you with your Alfred State Family. We look forward to seeing you at one of our many upcoming alumni chapter events throughout the year. Please continue to visit our website at www.AlfredState.edu/alumni for the most recent updates.

Let's stay connected. We love hearing from you!

Warmest Regards,

Colleen Argentieri, '85

Director of Alumni Relations

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

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5:35 p.m.

Frontier Field

One Morrie Silver Way, Rochester, NY

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Elmira Pioneers Baseball Game – Finger Lakes Chapter **WEDNESDAY, JULY 17**

7:05 p.m.

Dunn Field Stadium

546 Luce St., Elmira, NY

Buffalo Bisons Baseball Game – Buffalo Chapter **THURSDAY, JULY 18**

7:05 p.m.

Sahlen Field

1 James D. Griffin Plaza, Buffalo, NY

Limited tickets available – first-come, first-served. Tickets will be mailed to you.

Mt. Hope Cemetery Cleanup – Rochester Chapter **SATURDAY, AUG. 10**

1133 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester, NY

Happy Hour Event – Finger Lakes Chapter **WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14**

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97 Railroad St., Rochester, NY

If you don't receive an invitation via email or mail, please let us know at 607-587-3931 or 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.

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Football Pregame Tailgate vs. University of Rochester – Rochester Chapter **SATURDAY, SEPT. 21**

Fauver Stadium

Library Road, Rochester, NY

Fall Festival – Finger Lakes Chapter **SATURDAY, SEPT. 28**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Michael Smith, '74 Pumpkin Farm

2844 State Route 352

Elmira, NY 14903

Buffalo Bills Football Tailgate and Game – Buffalo Chapter **SEPT. 2019** Date TBA

New Era Field

1 Bills Drive, Orchard Park, NY

Radio Social Bowling Event – Rochester Chapter **SEPT. 2019** Date TBA

20 Carlson Road

Rochester, NY

Homecoming and Family Weekend **OCT. 11-13**

Come back to Alfred State for a weekend full of fun and memories!

Seneca Lake Wine Tour **SATURDAY, OCT. 26**

8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Visiting six wineries

Battle Street Brewery Event – Finger Lakes Chapter **OCT. 2019** Date TBA

4 Battle St., Dansville, NY



DR. JAMES G. FERRY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

After graduating from Alfred State in 1963 with a degree in agronomy, Dr. James G. Ferry graduated with a BS from the University of Georgia and a PhD from the University of Illinois. After postdoctoral studies at the University of Georgia, Ferry accepted an assistant professor position at Virginia Tech, where he advanced to the rank of full professor.

In 1995, he moved to Penn State, accepting an endowed chair in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Ferry is a founding member and current director of the Center for Microbial Structural Biology at Penn State. He has served as associate editor for the Journal of Bacteriology and is currently an editorial board member of the Journal of Bacteriology and the Journal of Applied and Environmental Microbiology.

Ferry has served as co-chair of the Committee on Astrobiology and Planetary Science, advising the federal government on matters of space exploration. He is currently a member of the Intelligence Science and Technology Experts Group (ISTEG), advising the National Security Agency. Ferry was elected as a fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology in 1993.

Throughout his career, Ferry has authored more than 200 publications in scientific journals and mentored more than 40 advanced degree students. His lifetime research concerns the biochemistry of methane-producing microorganisms that originated at the time of the beginning of life on Earth and continue to play a key role in sustaining life on the planet.



JUSTIN RECKTENWALD OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI

Justin Recktenwald is a proud alumnus of Alfred State, class of 2010, as well as Cornell University, class of 2012. While studying at Alfred, he majored in agricultural technology, which served him well in his industry.

After college, he was able to work for prominent industry leaders in New York's Finger Lakes region, as well as California's Lake County and Sonoma regions. In 2013, while still working full time for other wineries and traveling, he began work on Wild Brute Winery, a boutique farm production in Arkport that focuses on indigenous fermentations of Finger Lakes-grown grapes.

In 2016, The Brute: A Finger Lakes Focused Wine Bar in Hornell was added as an outpost to the winery. The wine bar serves to showcase other great examples of the craft beverage industry in New York State, as well as to give the unique wines of Wild Brute a consistent retail front.

Over the past few years, Wild Brute Winery/The Brute and Recktenwald have acquired numerous accolades, including this year's New York State Agriculture Society's Next Generation Farmer Award for his efforts of promoting the local and regional agriculture community. Recktenwald and his supportive family are also zealous philanthropists who are involved in many community organizations both locally and regionally.

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 now accepting nominations for our 2020 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

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

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 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 engagement both among alumni and between alumni and the college, while ensuring overall development of alums 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)

New York City – Rob Gabel, '10

North Country – Alex Drouin, '01

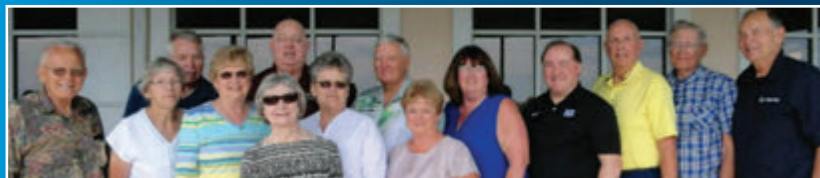
Rochester – Gary Moore, '76

Southern California – Mary Lynn Gaddis, '83

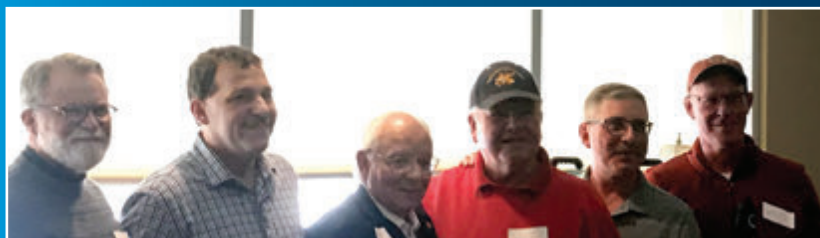
We would also like to create chapters in Atlanta, GA; Boston, MA; Charlotte, NC; and Phoenix, AZ. If you are interested in being on a chapter in one of regions mentioned or creating one in your region, please be sure to contact Alumni Relations at 607-587-3931 or alumni@alfredstate.edu. We are excited and look forward to hearing from you!



A Southern California event was held in February.



Retiree's gathered for a luncheon in Florida.



Ag, Vet Tech, & Horticulture grads reunited on campus in March.



Rochester alumni gathered at Oak Hill Country Club in February.

➤ Achievement

1954



Dan Pasielski, Office Technologies, Jacksonville, FL, received the Gem Award from the Dullus Airport.

1984

Phyllis Amanda Adams, Computer Information Systems, Yorkville, IL, authored a new book, "Don't Hold Your Breath!"

➤ Births

2014

Jay Burdin, Construction Management, Bath, welcomed a baby girl on March 15, 2019.

➤ Career

1970

Robert Long, Landscape Development, Lakeville, retired from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation after 41 years of service.

1972

Edward Knittel, Architectural Design, Camp Hill, PA, was promoted to deputy executive director/senior director of education and sustainability at Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

1975

Mark Kroczyński, Business Administration, Plantation, FL, is currently playing Arthur P. in "Superior Donuts" on the Main Street Players' stage in Florida.

1977

Mark Kouwe, Surveying Engineering Technology, Houston, TX, retired from a 35-year career at CenterPoint Energy as manager of the Surveying and Right of Way Department in Houston.

1979

Heather McLean, Recreational Land Management, Columbia, MO, is employed at Harry S. Truman Veterans Hospital as the Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Administration supportive housing supervisor.

1980

Nickolas Optis, Architectural Engineering Technology, Fairport, retired as executive vice president from the John W. Danforth Company.

1983

Linda Holmes, Nursing, Spencerport, was promoted to nursing administrator 2 at the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities.

Salvatore Fasciano, Agriculture Animal Science, Hilton, was named a partner at Brighton Securities Firm.

1986

Christopher Bond, Engineering Science, Watkins Glen, was appointed president of Hunt Engineers and takes over the role from Dan Bower '77, Surveying Engineering Technology, Painted Post, who will remain CEO and chief strategic officer.

1989

Lee Sommerman, Construction Management, Rochester, was promoted to vice president of LeChase Construction Services, LLC.

2001

Alexandre Drouin, Surveying Engineering, Fort Drum, is the Aviation Battalion safety officer with the US Army stationed at Fort Drum.

David Phelps,



Architectural Technology, Webster, has been promoted to certified code enforcement officer at SWBR Architects.

2003

Michael Hall, Architectural Technology, Webster, completed the Architectural Registration Exams (ARE) to become a licensed architect. He has been employed with LaBella Associates since 2015.



2007

Steven M. Elwell, Financial Planning, Buffalo, was named the chief investment officer at Level Financial Advisors in Buffalo.

2010

Adam Loucks, Electrical Engineering Technology, Miami, FL, was promoted to vice president of energy storage at Sonnedix, a multi-national solar power producer.

Justin M. Recktenwald, Agriculture Technology, Arkport, received the New York State Agriculture Society's "New Generation Farmer Award."

2012

Alyssa Lindenmeier, General Science, Irondequoit, is employed at Relin, Goldstein, and Crane as a paralegal.

2013

Kirsten Kelleher, Interior Design, Brighton, joined SWBR Architects & Engineers PC as an interior designer.



2014

Jay Burdin, Construction Management, Bath, was promoted to estimator of the LeChase Construction Services Corning Office.

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www.AlfredState.edu/alumni-and-friends

2015

Chris M. Marron, Construction Management, Rochester, was promoted to project manager at Empire Commercial Construction.

2016

Don Rettberg, Architecture Technology, Canisteo, is employed as a designer at SEI Design Group.

2018

David R. Zuber, Surveying & Geomatics Engineering Technology, Lima, is employed by Ravi Engineering & Land Surveying as a survey technician.

Austin Suain, Graphic and Media Design, Portville, is employed by 360Rize as a graphic artist.

➤ Marriage

2015

Kathryn Dussing, Architectural Technology, Camillus, married Connor Salanger on July 28, 2018.



Remembrance

1948
Lawrence P. “Bud” McCarthy, *Office Technologies*, Hornell, passed away Dec. 23, 2018.

1950
George T. Griffin Jr., *Agricultural Business*, Jamestown, passed away Dec. 14, 2018.

1953
Gerald Canty, *Office Technologies*, Hornell, passed away Jan. 23, 2019.

1954
James M. Argentieri, *Office Technologies*, Hornell, passed away Nov. 6, 2018.

Donald Dillon, *Accounting*, Albion, passed away Jan. 7, 2019.

1955
Allen C. Brock, *Animal Husbandry*, Lakeland, FL, passed away Feb. 17, 2018.

Linda Cannon, *Business Secretarial Science*, Geneseo, passed away March 14, 2019.

1956
Donald B. Holzer, *Agriculture Plant and Soil Science*, Murfreesboro, TN, passed away Jan. 25, 2019.

1957
Howard N. Frost, *Refrigeration*, Martinsville, VA, passed away Dec. 26, 2018.

1960
Richard A. Ash, *Construction Engineering Technology*, Piffard, passed away Jan. 11, 2019.

1961
Gary L. Culbertson, *Animal Husbandry*, Richfield Springs, passed away March 10, 2019.

Louise A. Maynard, *Accounting*, Dryden, passed away Nov. 11, 2018.

1962
William C. Anderson, *Engineering Science*, Portville, passed away Nov. 25, 2018.

Gary F. Schoonmaker, *Agriculture Animal Sciences*, Sun Prairie, WI, passed away Oct. 31, 2018.

1966
Willard F. McCarthy, *Agriculture Engineering Technology Power & Machine*, Lockport, passed away Dec. 26, 2018.

1968
John D. Ringelber, *Mechanical Engineering Technology*, Black Creek, passed away March 11, 2019.

1971
Harold “Archie” Nelson, *Business Administration*, Oswego, passed away Feb. 17, 2019.

1972
Curtis Hopkins, *Agriculture Animal Science*, Savona, passed away Oct. 21, 2018.

Denise L. Snook, *Medical Laboratory Technology*, Hall, passed away Oct. 4, 2018.

1974
Lynne Faecke, *Accounting*, Wellsville, passed away Jan. 25, 2019.

James “Doug” Gilbert, *Horticulture*, Hornell, passed away Sept. 7, 2018.

Patrick Lester, *Business Administration*, Wellsville, passed away Feb. 7, 2019.

1975
Joseph Freeland, *Air Conditioning Engineering Technology*, Clifton Springs, passed away Oct. 9, 2018.

Joseph P. Scanlon, *Drafting/CAD*, Oswego, passed away May 29, 2018.

1977
Larry K. Luke, *Agriculture Engineering Technology Power & Machine*, Williamson, passed away Oct. 21, 2018.

1978
Richard W. Walsh, *Automotive Service Technician*, Montgomery, passed away Jan. 5, 2019.

1979
Donna Marie Grupp, *Landscape Development*, Charlottesville, VA, passed on Nov. 6, 2018.

1980
Sandra Foster, *Business Administration*, Painted Post, passed away Nov. 22, 2018.

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.

1981
Richard Harris, *Computer Information Systems*, Hornell, passed away Dec. 21, 2018.

1992
William Foshee, *Construction Engineering Technology*, Rochester, passed away Dec. 10, 2018.

1993
Patricia Carder, *Nursing*, Buckhannon, WV, passed away Sept. 19, 2018.

1994
Christopher D. Lyman, *Electronic Technology*, Richburg, passed away Oct. 22, 2018.

1998
Richard L. Chesnut, *Heavy Equipment & Diesel Technician*, Bradford, PA, passed away Dec. 10, 2018.

1999
Nathan A. Meyers, *Drafting*, Hornell, passed away Jan. 10, 2019.

2003
Samantha Peters-Smith, Esq., *Liberal Arts & Social Science*, Canisteo, passed away March 10, 2019.

2012
Jared S. Coleman, *Drafting*, Wellsville, passed away March 1, 2019.

Adam B. Kline, *Heavy Equipment Operations*, Gloversville, passed away Jan. 26, 2019.

Faculty/Staff/ Friend of the College

John Ninos Sr., friend of the college, passed away Feb. 18, 2019. Mr. Ninos was a local businessperson and pillar of the Alfred community.

Geraldine Lash, Almond, retired faculty member of 35 years, passed away Jan. 5, 2019.

James Koller, Rochester, former Development Fund member and friend of the college, passed away Feb. 5, 2019. For many years, Koller invested his time and efforts in the future of Alfred State College, both as a College Council member and later as an original member and second chair of the Board of Directors for the Development Fund. A generous donor, he established the Koller Scholarship Fund and created a legacy gift to the college. In 2008, Alfred State awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Robert Granger, Rushford Lake, retired Vice President of Finance, passed away Nov. 16, 2018.

Carol Falzoi, Hornell, former staff member, passed away Sept. 7, 2018.

Irene Middleton, Bath, former staff member, passed away March 7, 2019.

Mary Hawes, Alfred Station, former staff member, passed away Feb. 6, 2019.

Reunions



In September a group of Main Gate A suitemates gathered on Lake George to reconnect and share memories. From left to right: Phett Clark, '82, Agriculture Engineering Technology Power & Machine, Caledonia; Chris Hunt, '83, Electrical Technology, Fort Gratiot, MI; Wilfredo “Papo” Villarubia, '82, Architectural Engineering Technology, Rochester; Dan Doran, '82, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Waxhaw, NC; Rene Loncoa, '82, Drafting/CAD, Rochester; Dan Cheeseman, '82, Computer Information Systems; Tom Kleps, '82, Marketing, Webster; Jim “Lambi”, '82, Marketing, LeRoy; Tom Kowalski, Business Administration; Louis “Butch” Kaminski, '82, Industrial Technology, Eden; Jim “Jake” Corriveau, '80, Drafting/CAD, Lake George; Brian Collier, '82, Architectural Technology, Delmar.



Alumni Ed and Shirley Hatter welcomed President Sullivan and members of the college at their annual TG and Pi Nu gathering in Fort Myers, FL.



A group of Pioneer alumni returned to campus to participate in the women's alumni basketball game. Pictured here front row l-r: Jaslynn Lee, '07, liberal arts and sciences: social science, Rochester; Kim Levee, '17, radiologic technology, Dansville; Andrea Lazauskas, '95, liberal arts and sciences: humanities, Canandaigua; and Breana Gleaton, '19, criminal justice, Waldorf, MD. Middle row l-r: Ardaisha Hudson, '14, human services management, Brooklyn; and Destiny Brito, '15, business administration, New York City. Back row l-r: Kelly Kane, '18, business administration, Wellsville; Allison Danielak, '18, drafting/cad, Hamlin; Catherine Bialecki, '18, diagnostic medical sonography, Hornell; Shawna McNeil, '12, individual studies, Hornell; Briana Meehan, '17, nursing, Rexville; Haley Witchella, '13, individual studies, Oxford; and Coach Gina Boyd.

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 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 for details, as well as helpful tools to locate campus resources for transcripts, continuing education, SUNY Perks, and updating your contact information.



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A photograph of a woman with long brown hair and glasses, smiling at the camera. She is sitting at a desk in what appears to be a hospital or clinical setting, with medical equipment and beds visible in the background. On the desk in front of her is a computer monitor displaying the Alfred State online portal, a keyboard, and a telephone. The text 'Earn a Bachelor's Degree Online' is overlaid in large white letters, and 'with a college you know and trust' is overlaid in a smaller white script font below it.

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