

# Transitions

NEWS FOR ALFRED STATE ALUMNI, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS

**Student  
Engagement**

**Homecoming/  
Family Weekend 2010**

**Pollinators  
and Pesticides  
Symposium**

Zimpher led discussions on public education and business partnerships creating economic development in WNY on campus this fall.

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*Nancy Zimpher*

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## Alumni Association President's Message

Dear Alfred Alumni,

I am David Post, Alfred State Alumni Association president; I graduated with the classes of 1983 and 1985. I am proud, not only to represent the alumni of Alfred State, but also to be involved with the faculty, staff, and students at Alfred State. High standards, respect, and values were taught during my years at Alfred State. I use them daily, in my personal life and at work at Wegmans Food Markets, Inc., where I have enjoyed 25 + years, building and maintaining relationships, being successful, and enjoying life every day.

To you, ASC alumni, I raise a challenge: help support Alfred State College and its students. Give back by connecting on campus; meet and tour the campus with John Anderson, college president. Speak with staff and students about your life experiences and the skills and values you learned at Alfred State. Your relationship with Alfred State and its students is essential to their success.

It's not how much you give, but THAT you give. Each gift impacts the students of Alfred State today and in the future. Speak of your experiences at Alfred State to work associates, family, friends, and current students of Alfred State College.

### Did you know?

Alumni are spread all over the United States and internationally. Alfred State alumni can attend a host of regional chapter events (Southern Tier, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Rome/Utica, and Saratoga/Albany) to reconnect, recognize, and build relationships with other alumni. I encourage you to attend any and all events offered to alumni; consider volunteering or hosting a reunion/event in your area.

Alfred State is growing, maintaining its associate degrees, and now offering 19 bachelor degrees. The college has talent and expertise that set it above local and nationally known colleges across the United States. Now, more than ever, is the time to communicate, connect, and become involved in Alfred State. The students of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. Alfred State is empowering students, through student leadership and civic engagement via volunteering, or raising needed money to rebuild homes and lives in New Orleans, St Louis Bay, MS, or Haiti.

Make your Alfred State connection and become involved, call (607) 587-3931 today, and ask for Colleen or Cindy.

Thanks for listening,

David Post

## Upcoming Events

**Classes Begin**  
Monday, Jan. 17

**Open House**  
Sunday, April 10

**Honors Convocation**  
Sunday, April 10  
12 Noon

**Hot Dog Day**  
Saturday, April 16

**Commencement**  
Sunday, May 15

To view our full calendar of events please go to  
[www.alfredstate.edu/events/calendar](http://www.alfredstate.edu/events/calendar)

The Alumni Association is in the beginning stages of planning our events for 2011. For updates and registration, please visit: [www.alfredstate.edu/events/upcoming/Alumni+Events](http://www.alfredstate.edu/events/upcoming/Alumni+Events). Mark your calendar for the upcoming Alumni event in your area, and do not wait for your invitation to register. We hope to see many of you!



# Dear Friends of the College

Alfred State College is experiencing one of our best years in our 102-year history and I want to share the good news with you.

We began the fall semester with one of the highest student enrollments in recent memory—3,709 students arrived on campus in August. These students show much promise, not only academically and athletically, but as humanitarians as many of them have wholeheartedly embraced our leadership and civic engagement initiative: “What’s Your Passion?”

The first weekend after classes began in the fall, 70+ students rolled up their sleeves and went to work doing jobs that included painting, cleaning, and clearing (to name a few) for a variety of local non-profit organizations during our first annual Community Action Day coordinated by Ashley Kehoe, director of civic engagement and student leadership programs.

And, in a novel approach to “study abroad,” 14 of our building construction students, under the leadership of Associate Professor Norm Ellis, Building Trades Department, traveled to New

Orleans, LA, and Bay St. Louis, MS, for “semester in the south” (see related story, page 18).

Even before we began our “passion campaign,” our students were out there helping others. Immediately following the end of the 2010 spring semester, two teams of students, led by Dr. Doug Pierson, assistant professor, Agriculture and Veterinary Technology Department, traveled to Haiti to use the skills they acquired in their classrooms and laboratories to help rebuild that island nation, still recovering from the devastating January 2010 earthquake. Additionally, three Haitian students were able to avail themselves of our offer to attend Alfred State.

Another occurrence this year of which I am very proud is that Alfred State College, for the fourth consecutive year, not only appeared on the *U.S. News and World Report* Best Colleges listing, but also rose in the rankings. Alfred State is ranked 27th among the top regional colleges in the North, ranked 8th among the top public schools (regional colleges in the North), and was included in the rankings of those colleges with the highest average freshman retention

rate, coming in at 66.5 percent. These figures represent a gain over last year’s rankings!

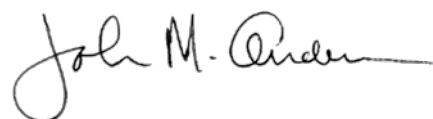
The campus community was delighted to host SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher in October as she attended the University Faculty Senate Plenary meeting, moderated a business/education panel, and attended the President’s Society dinner (see related story, page 4).

Finally, I’d like to invite you to join us (electronically via our Web site) in May as we celebrate our 100th commencement ceremony. We are planning great things to make this our most memorable commencement to date!

As you can see, Alfred State is thriving despite world conditions—and I want to thank our faculty and staff, and you, our faithful supporters, for your continuing belief in the College.

Come visit us—you’ll be amazed at what you’ll see!

Warm Regards,



John M. Anderson, PhD  
President

*Alfred State President John Anderson, (center, back) welcomes SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher, (center front) and the students who traveled to Haiti following spring semester 2010 to help rebuild that island nation following a devastating earthquake. Also in attendance are three students from Haiti\* chosen to study at ASC. Pictured here, front row, l-r: Evens Pierre\*, Bryonna Albrecht, Zimpher, Sean Schubmehl, Jill Elston; second row, l-r: Kalem Chambliss (white jacket), Jonathan Charles\*, Stacy Lord, Anderson, Nicole White, Brandi Sprout, Kyle Covert; third row, l-r: Randy Todd, Phil Murphy, Paul Charles\*. The students were guests at the President’s Society dinner in October.*

*\*Jonathan Charles is studying agricultural technology; Paul Henry Charles is studying masonry; Evens Pierre is working on English and hoping to study computer technology.*



## SUNY CHANCELLOR



Nancy Zimpher

SPENDS

State University of New York Chancellor Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher visited ASC this fall and participated at a variety of events during her two-day stay.

First on the agenda was attendance at the University Faculty Senate's 156th Plenary meeting where she met with state faculty senate representatives and received sector reports from reps. (The University Faculty Senate is the official agency through which the University Faculty engages in the governance of the University. It is concerned with System-wide academic affairs, and is composed of representatives from the state-operated campuses as well as SUNY System Administration.)

The following day, Zimpher moderated a public forum: "Public Education and Business Partnerships: Creating Economic Development in Western New York," comprised of a panel of local business and education leaders, including:

- Nasir Ali, CEO/co-founder, Upstate Venture Connect
- Anne Brungard, retired superintendent of schools, and chair of the Allegany County Education Impact Council
- Charles Craig, vice president for science and technology, Corning, Inc.
- Andy Glanzman, president and CEO, Northern Lights Candles
- Tom Golisano, '62, chair, Paychex, Inc., and entrepreneur
- Christine Whitman, chairman and CEO, Complemar, Inc.
- Louise Woerner, CEO, Home Care of Rochester

That evening, Zimpher was an honored guest at the college's annual President's Society Dinner where members of the campus community talked about civic engagement opportunities and activities undertaken by ASC students. ■



Back row l-r: Craig, ASC President Dr. John Anderson, Zimpher, Golisano, Woerner  
Front row l-r: Brungard, Glanzman, Ali, Whitman



BUSY WEEKEND AT ASC





## Alfred State Named to *U.S. News and World Report* Best Colleges for 4th Consecutive Year

Alfred State's reputation continues to grow as proven by its ranking this year in *U.S. News and World Report's* 2011 Best Colleges report. Alfred State is ranked 27th among the top regional colleges in the North, ranked 8th among the top public schools (regional colleges in the North), and was included in the rankings of those colleges with the highest average freshman retention rate, coming in at 66.5 percent. These figures represent a gain over last year's rankings.

The exclusive ranking, which include more than 1,400 schools nationwide, has grown to be the most comprehensive research tool for students and parents considering higher education opportunities.

"Alfred State College is pleased and proud to be recognized by *U.S. News & World Report*," said Dr. John M. Anderson, college president. "The results of these measures are proof that Alfred State is one of the finest institutions of its kind in the nation and that the college's strategic plan works!"

Additionally, Anderson noted, "The fact that one of the measures used in the rankings includes assessment by administrators at peer institutions indicates to me that we enjoy the respect of our colleagues, and that's a great feeling. Other measures used in the rankings include retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving. Our faculty and staff continue to work hard to maintain the margin of excellence of which we've been justifiably proud for over 100 years."

Anderson also attributes this ranking to a number of positive initiatives taking place on campus, including the development of specialized baccalaureate degree programs such as the new BBA in sport management and the new BS in nursing; the construction of a "green home" on the Wellsville campus, demonstrating cutting-edge green technology; and the expansion of the college's study abroad program, to name just a few. ■



## Senator Schumer Seeks Appropriation for ASC

Alfred State welcomed U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) this summer as he visited the School of Applied Technology campus in Wellsville which will establish a new clean energy program with the help of \$500,000 in funding that Schumer has worked to include in the fiscal year 2011 budget. The new program will help ASC become a leader in clean energy technology and better prepare students for an increasingly competitive job market by giving them skills they need to compete in this emerging field.

The bill has been approved by the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee and the full Senate Appropriations Committee; it will move forward to the Senate and Conference with the House and then to President Obama for signature.

As reported by the *Olean Times Herald* (July 25, 2010) U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer noted: "SUNY Alfred is at the cutting edge of clean energy development and this investment will go a long way to make sure the school stays on top. Developing this clean energy technology will mean jobs for middle class families and economic growth throughout the Southern Tier. I'm going to be working hard to ensure that this funding makes it all the way through the appropriations process."

"I am pleased that Sen. Schumer has recognized and supports the need for alternative energy training initiatives," said College President Dr. John M. Anderson. "This funding will allow the College to continue its cutting-edge renewable energy leadership position."

The Center will be used to build additional model installations with complete monitoring systems, utilizing geothermal, solar, and small wind projects. These sites will demonstrate the economic advantages of such systems. Additionally, the Center will provide economic development by promoting alternative ways to provide energy for homes, businesses, and farms in the rural sections of upstate New York that often are poor and disadvantaged; attract youth from both rural and urban backgrounds to green careers; provide additional trained employees for service industries in upstate New York; serve as a regional training center for new green energy technologies; and educate the public re: the advantages of renewable energy production. ■

*Pictured here admiring a photovoltaic array, installed by ASC students, l-r: Patricia K. Fogarty, chair, Alfred State College Council, Anderson, and Schumer.*

## ASC Named to 2011 Military Friendly Schools List

G.I. Jobs recently announced its 2011 list of Military Friendly Schools; Alfred State is included among its ranks. The list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools which are doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students.

Colleges have long welcomed veterans in the classroom. Alfred State President Dr. John M. Anderson says that veterans bring a multitude of positive qualities to the campus, including "maturity, experience, and leadership." He also notes that younger students can benefit from being in classes with veterans.

The tens of billions of dollars in tuition money now available with the passage of the Post-9/11 GI Bill in 2009 has intensified an already strong desire by colleges to court veterans into their classrooms. Criteria for making the Military Friendly Schools list included efforts to recruit and retain military and veteran students, results in recruiting military and veteran students, and academic accreditations. ■

## Banner Year for Admissions

Alfred State closed admissions for fall 2010 in early August, meaning that no additional applications were considered for the fall semester. At that time, the College anticipated its largest enrollment in decades with many programs on waiting lists. The growth is attributed to the fact that Alfred State is an excellent value with quality programs and graduates enjoy a placement and transfer rate of 99 percent.

According to College President Dr. John M. Anderson, the College made this decision because of the on-going reduction of State support as well as the failure of the New York State Legislature to pass the Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act (PHEEIA).

"After receiving significant state budget cuts in recent years and failing to obtain the flexibility through PHEEIA that would allow us to control our growing enrollment, we felt the prudent move would be to manage our current growth and evaluate our options for next fall once the financial picture is clearer."

Anderson also stated that the College has implemented a number of efficiencies over the last two years which have allowed it to offer enrollment to hundreds of additional students without receiving added State funds. However, without the flexibility that PHEEIA would have provided, closing admissions and other measures will become increasingly necessary.

"The good news," Anderson says, "is that interest in our academic programs continues to be strong, our graduates are in high demand, and our students are ready to 'Hit the Ground Running' as they kick off the new school year." ■



*Moving-in day saw hundreds of families hauling their students' belongings to campus to begin the new academic year.*



## Dr. Terry Tucker Returns to Alfred State

Dr. Terry Tucker has been hired as the dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

Since leaving Alfred State in 1995, Tucker has initiated and managed several academic, outreach, and international development initiatives at Cornell University (Ithaca). Prior to his return to ASC, Tucker served as associate director of the Cornell International Institute for Food, Agriculture and Development (CIIFAD) and director of Academic Programs in the College of Agriculture and Life Science's International Programs unit. Much of his work in Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Africa focused on building the capacity of higher education institutions for advancing community, regional, and national development.

While at Cornell, Tucker continued to serve Alfred State as an advisory committee member and as a collaborator on a Cornell-Alfred State partnership to engage international scholars (through the Humphrey Fellowship Program) with the ASC community.

"I am honored to re-join colleagues whom I consider to be among the world's best classroom teachers," says Tucker. "One of the attractive challenges before us is to create innovative new opportunities to integrate student learning with high impact community engagement – community being defined very broadly. Alfred State has long been an important asset to the region, but we are positioned to do even more."

"Also, Alfred State's commitment to the nascent Center for Organic and Sustainable Agriculture (COSA) holds much interest for me," says Tucker. "Returning to Alfred at a time when I might contribute significantly to more refined conceptualization and building of the Center is an exciting prospect. That said, I am also, of course, fully prepared to enthusiastically support and work tirelessly on behalf of all academic departments and programs within the School of Arts and Sciences."

Tucker holds a PhD in agricultural, extension, and adult education from Cornell University; an MEd in agricultural education from Pennsylvania State University, and a BA in economics from the University of Pennsylvania. ■

# ASC Grads Find Success

## Business

### Jessica Keller, '04

BBA, Financial Services Management;  
MBA, St. Bonaventure University, Dec. '10

### Chuck Neal, '74

AAS, Accounting;  
BS, Accounting,  
University of Buffalo, '76;  
MBA, St. Bonaventure University, '83;  
•Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, ASC

### Tom Golisano, '62

AAS, General Business Management;  
•Founder and Chairman of the board of directors of Paychex, Inc., Rochester

### Wayne Wagner, '60

AS, Business Administration;  
•President and CEO, Birkett Mills, Penn Yan

### Amanda Herrick, '06

BBA, Financial Planning;  
•Financial Planning Assistant, John Ullmlan & Associates, Corning

### Dr. Carol B. Wittmeyer (Bantle), '82

AAS, Financial Services;  
•President, Meliora Group, Allegany

### Sheila Lang Dagucon, '71

AAS, Marketing;  
BS, Economics, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, '82;  
University of Baltimore Law School, '01;  
•Retired Market Surveillance Analyst for Market Watch at NASDAQ  
•Partner in law firm Kramer & Dagucon, LLP, Sonoita, AZ

### Erland "Erkie" Kailbourne, '61

AS, Business Administration;  
•Chairman of the Board, Financial Institutions, Inc., Warsaw  
•Director, Rand Capital Corp., Buffalo  
•SUNY Honorary Doctor of Science, '85

### Hank Henderson, '50

AAS, Mechanical Engineering Tech: Product & Machine Design;  
•Founder, President, and CEO of H.F. Henderson Industries and Systems Control Corp., West Caldwell, NJ

## Engineering/Construction

### Andy Smilinich, '00

BTech, Construction Management;  
AAS, Construction Engineering Technology, '98;  
•Director of Capital Projects, ASC

### William H. Goodrich, '84

AAS, Construction Engineering Technology;  
•President and CEO of LeChase Construction, Rochester

### Jessica Clayson, '07

AOS, Drafting/CAD: Model Building and Process Piping Drawing;  
•Designer, Praxair, Inc., Tonawanda

### Conroy Parchment, '05

BTech, Construction Management Technology;  
AOS, Building Trades: Building Construction, '01;  
•Project Manager, Rodgers Builders, Health Care Construction Company, Charlotte, NC

### Michael "Mick" Galatio, '75

AOS, Building Trades: Building Construction;  
•Founded Desert Wind Homes, Las Vegas, '94  
•Named '05 Builder of the Year by the Southern Nevada Homebuilders' Association

### Jim Bradbury, '67

AA, Measurement Science;  
•President, Kanawha Scales & Systems, Rock Branch Industrial Park, Poca, WV

### Richard Ash, '60

AAS, Construction Engineering Technology;  
•President, C.P. Ward, Inc., Scottsville



# Hit the ground *running*®... What does that really mean?

It means that our graduates are in high demand by employers because the learning curve is not as great for ASC grads as for some others. Thanks to their hands-

on preparation and "live work" on state-of-the-art equipment, our grads are well prepared to enter the work force as contributing members from day one on the job.

Those who choose to continue their education also "hit the ground running" when they enter an upper-division program because their academic preparation was also distinctly

comprehensive and rigorous enough to prepare them for the next level of education.

Just take a look at what our graduates have accomplished!

## Helping Professions

### Julie Abbey (Harrington), '06

AAS, Veterinary Technology;

- Veterinary Technician, Avon Animal Hospital

### Gail Ingersoll, '71

AAS, Nursing; BSN, Alfred University, '80; MS, '83, and EdD, '86, University of Rochester;

Post Doc, University of Pennsylvania, '88;

- Associate Dean for Research & Professor of Nursing

- Center Director, Outcomes Measurement & Practice Innovations, University of Rochester School of Nursing

### Dr. Richard Kellogg, '62

AAS, Medical Lab Tech; BA, SUNY Geneseo, '66; MS, Alfred University, '67;

PhD, University of Rochester, '70;

- ASC Professor of Psychology since '70

### Jennifer Lorow, '08

AA, Liberal Arts and Sciences: Humanities; BA, English, SUNY Binghamton, '10;

- Member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
- SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence
- Paul B. Orvis Award for Excellence
- Member of Tau Sigma, the transfer student honor society at Binghamton University

### Matt Dubai, Jr., '95

AAS, Nursing; BSN, Syracuse University, '97; MS/FNP, SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse, '99;

- Nurse practitioner, ASC Applied Technology campus, '99-'00
- Nurse practitioner at Quarles Dermatology, Hampton, VA

### Michelle Green (Bartholomew), '77

AAS, Medical Records Tech; BS, Medical Records, Daemen College, '79; MPS, Alfred University, '88;

- ASC, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, at the helm of a successful HIT program

### Dr. Charles Anderson, '60

AAS, Medical Technology; BS, Biology, MD, University of Buffalo;

- President, Medical Director, Medical Group of Western New York
- Organizer, Caribbean Medical Mission
- Tour physician for musicians Janet Jackson, Bobby Brown, and others

## Environmental

### Brett Kozlowski, '09

AOS, Construction & Maintenance Electrician;

- Wind Turbine Tech, Noble Environmental Power

### Lindsey Benton (Campana), '06

AA, Liberal Arts and Sciences: Math and Science; SUNY Geneseo, Biology, '08

### Mark Wojtkowiak, '98

AAS, Environmental Technology;

- Environmental Conservation Officer, NYSDEC

### Kris R. Lorence, '80

AAS, Parks and Grounds Management;

- Superintendent of Grounds, River Oaks Golf Club, Grand Island

### Scott Burg, '80

AAS, Construction

- Supervisor, Conservation Operations, NYSDEC

### Don Holzer, '56

AAS, Plant and Soil Science;

- Retired Soil Scientist, Soil Conservation Service and US Forest Service
- Authored several books on soil

## Appalachian Regional Commission Federal Co-chair Visits ASC

Alfred State hosted Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), the New York Department of State (NYSDOS), and Southern Tier West Regional Development and Planning Board (STW) representatives in July at the School of Applied Technology campus in Wellsville. The visitors met with ASC officials to review their partnerships with the College.

Visitors included Earl F. Gohl who was appointed by President Obama as the 11th federal co-chair of the ARC. George Korchowsky, Land Use Training Specialist (LUTS II) with the Department of State's Division of Local Government working for the New York State Appalachian Regional Commission, accompanied the federal co-chair on the visit.

"We are delighted to host these visitors to our campus so they can view the tangible results of our partnerships," noted Alfred State President Dr. John M. Anderson. "I am also confident that they will be assured by their visit that their support has allowed Alfred State to lead the way in alternative energy training."

The Appalachian Regional Commission is a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local government. ARC funds projects that address the four goals identified in the Commission's strategic plan, including the two most relevant to ASC: increasing job opportunities and per capita income in Appalachia to reach parity with the nation and strengthening the capacity of the people of Appalachia to compete in the global economy. Since 1996 Alfred State College has partnered with Southern Tier West, New York Department of State, and the Appalachian Regional Commission on various grants totaling more than \$1.3 million. These grants have focused on increasing job opportunities and strengthening capacity through development of new laboratories, expertise, and programs. This has included grants in the areas of welding, CNC machine tool, computer technology, historic restoration and renovation, automated manufacturing laboratory, heavy equipment operation, advanced diesel laboratory, renewable energy institute, and green building laboratory.



*Work on the "Green Home" continues to progress thanks to the partnerships formed with ARC, NYSDOS, and STW.*

The college has successfully leveraged these resources by working with industry and other agencies. Well over \$4 million in grants from other sources has been awarded to ASC based upon these ARC grants. The last few ARC grants have stressed green technologies and the current ARC grant includes building a green home laboratory that will be powered by geothermal, solar thermal, photovoltaic, and small wind systems. A tour of this project was one of the highlights the visitors from ARC, NYSDOS, and STW enjoyed. The college will also be implementing a new alternative fuels laboratory through an ARC grant in the fall of 2010 that was also discussed during the tour.

The relationships with the ARC, STW, the NYSDOS, and the ARC grants have allowed the college to develop and institute many innovative workforce development programs. The latest grants have focused on developing green programs before they were popular.

"The College's 'green home' is a very impressive project," said Gohl during his visit here. "The ARC is interested in funding projects that create jobs and brighter economic futures for the people in the Appalachian states. Alfred State College continues to develop programs and produce graduates that help make that goal a reality."

"These types of programs are critical for the economic development, business retention, and retention of our youth by developing the latest job skills," said Craig Clark, dean of Applied Technology and principal author of the ARC grants. ■

## A Little Help Goes a Long Way

The Career Development Office is pleased to note that Matthew Kooy, a junior IT (information technology: web development) student is the successful ASC student chosen to participate in a paid rotational internship in the Explore Rochester!IT program.

With only 18 available spots and 65 applicants from schools such as Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and the University of Rochester (UofR), being selected was no mean feat. After learning about the opportunity, Kooy visited the Career Development Center to pump up his resume in order to be more competitive. His hard work paid off when he was chosen as one of the interns for the program.

This program is a unique experience providing interns with a first-hand understanding of the business and the IT field that might be impossible to gain under other circumstances... and get paid for it too! Students spend three weeks at each of three different organizations that are the top IT employers in Rochester. ■



## Alfred State College Joins Communiversity

Alfred State College has joined with five other colleges in a venture termed "Communiversity at Jamestown Community College." This initiative is defined as an alliance of regional colleges and universities making select associate, bachelor, and master degrees accessible to individuals in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties while providing a caring environment and individualized attention. In addition to ASC and JCC, Edinboro University, Empire State College, Houghton College's PACE Program, and Medaille College comprise the charter members of the alliance.



Transfer articulation agreements have been created between JCC and each of the five partner institutions, defining which credits earned at JCC can be transferred to the partners' upper division programs and applied toward higher degrees. The Communiversity partners will allow JCC graduates to transfer well beyond the traditional 60-credit hour associate degree and in most cases will permit students to transfer as much as five semesters of full-time JCC experience. This can yield significant savings for students who follow a Communiversity pathway.

Communiversity students will be able to access the partnership's upper division course work without having to travel. Communiversity courses are delivered through a variety of models including traditional classroom settings on JCC's campuses, live interactive television linked to JCC's classrooms, and online courses via the Web.

Articulation opportunities at ASC include a bachelor of business administration in technology management online with up to 78 transferable JCC credit hours or an associate in applied science degree in court and realtime reporting with up to 37 transferable JCC credits. ■

## New Bachelor Program Announced

### BBA-Sport Management

Alfred State will begin accepting students in a new baccalaureate-level sport management program in fall 2011. Students may enter the program, which results in a bachelor of business administration (BBA) degree, as freshmen or as students holding associate degrees in sport management who may transfer into the program with full junior status.

ASC's sport management program is designed to prepare students to perform sport management roles in educational institutions, professional, not-for-profit, and recreational organizations, sport retail operations, and private firms involved in sport management.

The demand for and popularity of a business degree in sport management within New York State and the surrounding Northeast region continues to increase. This growth has been fueled, in part, by the recognition of this degree as the preferred entry degree within the sport industry and the establishment of sport management as a viable academic discipline. ■



## Italian Archeologists Visit ASC

Alfred State hosted two visitors from Italy: Archeology Professor Ilaria Tartaglia and

her colleague Maria Chiara Giovenco. Following a campus tour, Tartaglia gave a presentation regarding her work, both as an archeologist at Pompeii and as an adjunct professor at the Sorrento Lingue International Language Institute in Italy, to a packed house. Accompanying her talk on the history of the region was a slide show illustrating her work at the excavations of Pompeii. Additionally, she discussed the course she teaches to Alfred State's study abroad students at Sorrento Lingue International Language Institute. The course, "Cities of Fire," focuses on the rich heritage of Roman antiquities in the Sorrento area and is very popular with students because of frequent class field trips to the numerous archaeological and geological sites around the Gulf of Naples. ■

**Pictured above:** Tartaglia, Giovenco, and the first group of students who traveled to Italy for "Studio Sorrento" view a model of the city of Pompeii. **Inset:** Tartaglia, far right, is introduced by Jeff Johnston, assistant professor, Computer Imaging and Architectural Engineering Technology at ASC, and Valerie Nixon, vice president for administration and enrollment.





### Hands-on Clinical Training Benefits More Than Just Our Students

First-year ASC nursing students arrived at McAuley Manor, St. James Mercy Hospital's long-term care facility, to start their clinical training. Four groups of students (37 in total) work at the nursing home one day a week for the fall semester.

*Pictured above l-r:*  
Sunnie Day,  
Cassie Brewer,  
Marie Pierre,  
Tracy Colwell,  
Ronda McEvoy  
(Instructor),  
Andre Bouchard,  
Richard Siriphanthong,  
Nathaniel Bell,  
Marshall Anderson.

"We are proud to partner with Alfred State to support the growth of the nursing profession in our rural area," said Muriel Brown, director of nursing at McAuley Manor. "The clinical experience we offer gives students valuable hands-on experience and a genuine sense of pride for their career choice."

McAuley Manor has served as a clinical practice site for RN candidates from Alfred State for many years, to prepare students for careers as registered nurses. ■

### Veterans' Edition of *Ergo*



Dr. Aniko Constantine, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, English and Humanities, and adviser to *Ergo*, the student literary publication, is pleased to announce that a special edition of *Ergo* will be distributed on Veterans' Day. This issue is dedicated to all the Alfred State students and their comrades-in-arms who have served in any branch of the armed forces.

The selected entries are both current and historical works written by veterans and those who love them.

Alfred State College is pleased to take this opportunity to not only thank those who keep us free, but to honor them.

To request copies of this special edition contact Debra Tomm at (607) 587-4282 [TommDA@alfredstate.edu](mailto:TommDA@alfredstate.edu). ■

### New Bachelor Program Announced

#### BS-Nursing

Alfred State announces the establishment of a baccalaureate-level nursing degree (BS-N) which began accepting students in August.

This upper-division program enhances the students' knowledge and skills, enabling graduates to function more autonomously and interdependently in increasingly more diverse, complex, and dynamic healthcare environments. Moreover, the program will enhance the students' potential to expand their responsibilities in practice to be designers, coordinators, and managers of care. The program will provide an opportunity for qualified registered nurse graduates of accredited or state-approved associate degree or diploma programs to further their professional education and will also serve as a solid academic foundation for advanced study in nursing at the graduate level. ■



## Buckwheat and Summer Cover Crop Field Day

Alfred State's Center for Organic and Sustainable Agriculture (COSA) hosted the 2010 Northeast Buckwheat Field Day in August. Sponsors included the Alfred State College Institute for Sustainability, the Cornell University Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Northeast Organic Farmers Association (NOFA) of New York. Dr. Brian Baker, executive director of the Institute for Sustainability, welcomed the participants, including farmers, seed dealers, and millers. Thomas Bjorkman, associate professor of vegetable crop physiology at Cornell University, led a tour of demonstrations on best management techniques for buckwheat grain production. Dr. Elizabeth Dyck, the Northeast Organic Farmers Association of New York, discussed buckwheat's use as a cover crop. Angela Possinger of Roger Williams University (RI) presented her research on buckwheat's ability to recover phosphorous.

Participants were shown demonstrations of other summer cover crops, including sorghum-sudangrass, Japanese millet, phacelia, and crotalaria. Dyck offered suggestions for the production of cover crop seeds as a farm enterprise. The shortage of supply of certain cover crop seeds has made it a seller's market. Other topics included niches for summer cover crops in rotations, the nutrient and crop protection benefits of cover crops, and the market for buckwheat and cover crop seeds. The take home messages were that buckwheat is a viable alternative crop in the Twin Tiers of New York and Pennsylvania, and that summer cover crops can produce multiple benefits for farmers in the Northeast. ■



## Pollinators and Pesticides Symposium

Alfred State and its Institute for Sustainability, the Western New York Honey Producers Association, The New York Sustainable Agriculture Working Group with USDA RMA, and Bee Culture - the Magazine of American Beekeeping recently hosted a "Pesticides and Pollinators" symposium on campus.

A steady decline in pollinator species has been noted for decades. Additionally, the increasing loss of honey bee colonies suffered by the commercial beekeepers that provide pollination services to commercial growers indicates that many food supplies are imperiled. Because bees rely on various microorganisms to help digest their food, the use of fungicides can have a greater impact on declining bee populations. These pesticides kill the microflora in bees that enable them to metabolize protein from pollen. Scientific evidence suggests that pesticides also compromise the honey bees' immune systems. Repeated exposure to pesticides causes cumulative effects that reduce toxic doses below what a one-time feeding would produce. Pesticides are believed to make honey bees more susceptible to stress and opportunistic infections by parasites such as the Varroa mite.

Maryann Frazier, Pennsylvania State University/Center for Pollinator Research Pennsylvania state extension entomologist, conducted a morning session that examined the role played by pesticides in the decline of North American pollinators, particularly honey bees: "A Survey of Recent Research Findings Regarding Honey Bee Health;" and Dr. James Frazier, professor, Department of Entomology, Pennsylvania State University, presented "Synergistic and Sublethal Effects of Pesticides on Honey Bees."

Additionally, presentations were given by Dr. Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffman, research director, USDA-ARS Honey Bee Pollination Lab, Tucson, AZ, who presented "Do Pesticide Contaminants Alter the Microflora in Healthy Honey Bee Colonies;" and Dr. Diana Sammataro, Dr. Kirk Anderson, and Dr. Mark Carroll, who presented via the Internet: "Beneficial Lactic Acid Bacteria Microflora of Honey Bees;" "Microbiota in the Stored Food Sources of Social Insects;" and "Varroa Mite Attractants: Potential Solution for Varroa Mite/Viral Challenges to Honey Bees," respectively. ■



## Two Honored by Chancellor

Two members of Alfred State College's staff were honored with the SUNY (State University of New York) Chancellor's Award for Excellence: Deborah Claire, senior programming analyst, Technology Services, (left) who received her award for Professional Service, and Annette Burdett, secretary, Physical and Health Sciences, (right) who received her award for Classified Service. The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service recognizes a member of the professional staff who has provided outstanding service to Alfred State College and demonstrates excellence in professional activities beyond the job description. The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service was established to give SUNY-wide recognition for superior performance and extraordinary achievement by employees in the Classified Service. ■



**Dr. Richard Kellogg**, professor of psychology, authored an article which appeared in *The New York Review of Science Fiction*, a scholarly journal published by The Dragon Press. "Philip Wylie and the Atomic Age," discusses Wylie's contributions to the development of nuclear technology and reviews three of his popular novels dealing with atomic warfare.

Kellogg also authored an article which appeared in *Paperback Parade*, a quarterly magazine published by Gryphon Books. Titled "Philip Wylie's Nuclear Nightmare," the article states that writer Philip Wylie (1902-71) was an expert on nuclear energy who wrote extensively about the perils of a global atomic war. ■

## Pioneer Award Winners

Several Alfred State faculty and staff members were honored with the Pioneer Award which recognizes commitment to the mission and goals of the college, meaningful and measurable positive impact on the college, role modeling, and a high level of performance.

This year's winners included:

- Steve Richard**, instructor, Building Trades;
- Nichole Preston**, instructional support associate, Physical & Health Sciences;
- Barb Davis**, secretary, Dean's Office, School of Applied Technology;
- Carolyn Pratt**, cleaner, Facilities Services;
- Deborah Neu**, secretary, Student Records and Financial Services. ■



**Emily Hall-Lochmann Van-Bennekom**,

residence director, has been selected to serve as a regional member of the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) Of The Month Voting Committee. In this capacity she will help select the winning Of The Month Awards from around the Northeast Region (NEACURH). This is the first time a member of the Alfred State community has been selected to this committee; she will serve for the 2010-11 academic year. NRHH is a national organization; Alfred State College is an affiliate college. ■

## Alfred State Winner of Distinction in the Communicator Awards

The Office of Communications snagged three prestigious 2010 Silver Communicator awards, announced by the International Academy of the Visual Arts.

The college's winners included the 2009-10 Viewbook; Transitions magazine, Fall 2009; and the video "Small College, Big Dreams," featuring College President Dr. John M. Anderson delineating the strategic initiatives of Alfred State. The video can be seen by clicking the About Us link at the top of our home page ([www.alfredstate.edu](http://www.alfredstate.edu)).

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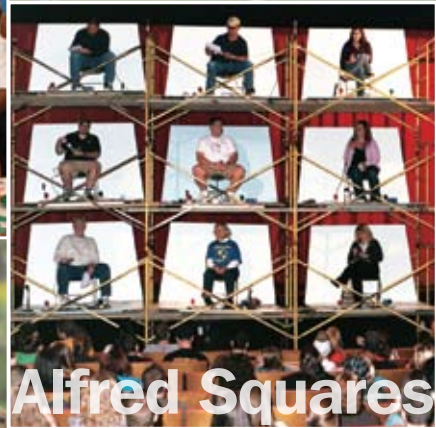




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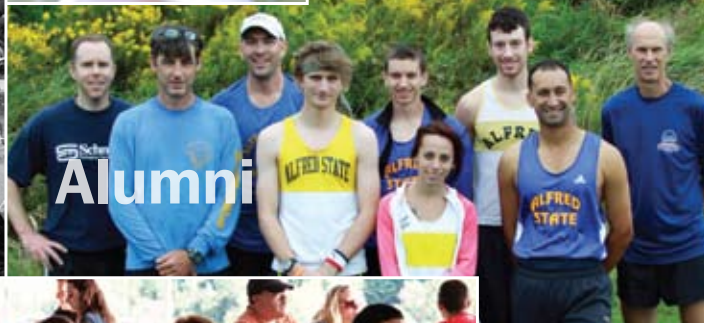


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# Student Engagement

## Alfred State College Students Spend Two Weeks in Haiti

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

The pictures on television following the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti were stunning. The news cycle for the next week was dominated by images of agony and destruction from this impoverished Caribbean nation. Students and faculty at Alfred State were touched by this tragedy and joined in the worldwide outpouring of support for Haiti. Over the course of the spring 2010 semester, almost \$10,000 was raised for humanitarian relief in Haiti. However, the response of Alfred State to the disaster went far beyond financial donations given from a distance.

In February 2010, a group of 21 select Alfred State students spent their spring semester preparing to visit Haiti to offer their assistance in a very tangible “hands-on” fashion. Christianville, a site near the epicenter of the

earthquake, was identified as an area that would be ready for assistance in May 2010, the anticipated time period for a trip to Haiti. Christianville lost about 80% of its school and medical buildings and suffered extensive damage to its housing units as well. Christianville was in the midst of relief efforts -- providing food, shelter, and medical care to thousands of Haitians in the immediate area -- when initial contacts were established with them. Christianville anticipated that by May 2010 it would begin the rebuilding process and Alfred State would be the first to help them in that process.

A call for volunteers to travel to Haiti after graduation resulted in an overwhelming student response. Despite a desire to take all interested students, a difficult selection process resulted in the formation of two teams of students which would travel

“back to back” to Haiti in May and June. These teams would be involved primarily in construction, but would also help with some feeding programs and provide some veterinary care to Haitian livestock.

Three short months would require an intense fund-raising effort to help offset the cost of travel and provide construction funds for the projects in Haiti. The volunteer students each invested \$500 of their own funds and worked as a team to raise an additional \$20,000 to support this effort. May 17 arrived and the first team journeyed to Reagan National Airport in Washington, DC, for the trip to Haiti.

As the plane descended into Port au Prince on May 18, the earthquake devastation and tent cities were obvious. The

team worked its way through the crowds surrounding the airport and boarded trucks for the 13-mile trip to Christianville. A tour through Port au Prince on the way showed the damage to the National Palace, and numerous three- or four-story buildings tilted precariously on unstable foundations. Piles of rubble pushed their way onto the streets and tent cities sprang up everywhere, even on the median strips of some busy roads. We tried not to think about the fact that there were still bodies buried beneath some of that rubble.

Our first team arrived at Christianville and found accommodations that were better than what we had prepared for. Men slept in a plywood bunkhouse and used an improvised outdoor shower. Women lived in the guesthouse which survived the earthquake. Meals were provided by the Haitian



kitchen crew. Earthquake aftershocks were continuing at the rate of about one aftershock per week. These aftershocks were magnitude 4.0-4.5 on the Richter scale, but it was a new sensation for our students to hear and feel the ground move beneath their feet.

the worksite. The Alfred State students from the Building Trades area were responsible for building forms and preparing foundations for concrete pours. They then continued to lay block and build the new facilities. We were working on the very first building in the reconstruction

people were “good liniment” for achy muscles and sore backs.

Alfred State students with expertise in veterinary technology were able to provide some care for the local Haitian livestock. These

people. Language barriers fell as the students worked side-by-side with their Haitian co-workers. They quickly mastered innovative nonverbal communication skills, developing their own brand of sign and body language. The students also made a valiant effort



Structural engineers from the United States had already assessed the damage at Christianville and a demolition crew with heavy equipment had removed the buildings that were unusable. Our team arrived to bare ground and a pile of rubble that was to be recycled as fill material for new construction. Christianville had hired a Canadian building contractor to oversee the project and a Haitian crew of about 12 men had been assembled to help with the continuity of the project. Volunteer work teams would provide the additional manpower needed for the construction.

Our work day began at 7 a.m. and the heat and humidity were already uncomfortable by that time. After a day or two on the job, our students knew exactly what to do at

plan – a cement block building with a metal roof to house a large generator and also provide storage space for construction equipment. The work was labor intensive – even the cement blocks were made two at a time by hand with the aid of a manually operated machine to press the cement mix into forms to create the blocks. Our students helped to operate the press and carry the blocks to an area where they were dried and cured. About 700 blocks could be produced in one work day. Alfred State students also spent many hours bending rebar and sorting the pile of rubble into usable fractions – concrete debris, stones, and soil. The end of the day found our teams of students filthy, sweaty, tired, and happy. The sense of accomplishment and the experience of being able to help a desperately needy

students took a little time away from the construction work to vaccinate and deworm some local goat herds. They also conducted a day-long veterinary clinic for the local Haitian farmers. Livestock would be brought to the clinic site and tied to a tree for our students to examine and treat. This work provided exposure to diseases and vaccines that are foreign to upstate New York. Our students’ efforts in Haiti provided much needed and hard to access veterinary care for the Haitian farmers. The veterinary technology students were even able to provide anesthesia and assist in the spaying of a cat for a local missionary.

Beyond all of the work, the highlight of the trip was interacting and building relationships with the Haitian

to learn Haitian Creole and were quite good at learning

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An error was made in the “Giving Back” story in the Spring 2010 issue of Transitions. The article erroneously named local retired ophthalmologist Dr. Ken Van Dine as the founder of Haiti Outreach. Although Van Dine has been heavily involved in the organization since its establishment in 1997, the organization itself was founded by a group of volunteers in Minnesota and a young man from New York State (Van Dine’s son Neil). Beginning with just one half-time employee in Haiti, Haiti Outreach now has 26 employees, 24 of which live there. Since then, it has raised almost \$5 million to work with the people of Haiti to create sustainable projects that improve their lives. We deeply regret our error.

vocabulary. The Haitians really appreciated the enthusiasm that our students brought to their experience in Haiti. It was heart-warming to see the hugs and tears as the Haitians and the Alfred State students said their good-byes at the end of the trip.



This was a transformative experience for the Alfred State students. Most had never been immersed in another culture and certainly most had never experienced poverty at the level that it exists in Haiti. This trip changed perspectives and brought new appreciation we all should have as Americans for the quality of life we enjoy. These Alfred State students also left Haiti with a new compassion and a desire to share their time and talent when possible to improve the lot of others around them, whether in their own community or across borders around the globe. The excitement of the students who participated in this Haiti project is expected to be a spark for additional teams that will continue the work in Haiti in 2011. Rebuilding Haiti may take a generation and Alfred State is proud to play a role in that process. ■

**“This was a transformative experience for the Alfred State students.”**

*~Douglas Pierson, DVM, assistant professor, Agriculture and Veterinary Technology Department*



## **“Semester in the South” Program Established**

Alfred State senior carpentry students enrolled in the College's Building Trades programs embarked on a “Semester in the South” where they used skills acquired during their first year of study to help rebuild two cities ravaged by Hurricane Katrina five years ago: New Orleans, LA, and Bay St. Louis, MS. Under the direction of Assistant Professor Norm Ellis, and in conjunction with the Episcopal Diocese in the 7th Ward, New Orleans, and Habitat for Humanity in Bay St. Louis, 14 students spent 12 weeks sawing, hammering, and building houses for those who continue to be displaced by the storm.

*Pictured above, getting ready to hit the ground running are, l-r: Doug Baker, Adam Pezzulo, Jim Battaglini, Andrew Catlin, Brianna Gerwitz, College President Dr. John M. Anderson (wishing them bon voyage though he joined them later to lend a hand), Ellis in the driver's seat, Marty Huber, Nick Tier, Evan Sheffer, Laura Vanhorn, Nate Smalt, Kris Carlson, Eddie Sparks, and Jake Schreppel, giving the “thumbs up.”*

[Editor's note: for more about semester in the south, read blogs by Andrew Catlin and Norman Ellis at <http://www.alfredstate.edu/blogs/student-blogs>.]





## Alfred State Community Service Day

Alfred State partnered with several Allegany County human services agencies to conduct an Allegany County Community Action Day, Aug. 28. The objective was to coordinate volunteer groups and individuals to engage in meaningful, high-impact service projects in the Alfred and Wellsville communities; connect with neighbors, students, and fellow community members while making a difference; and build relationships with local non-profit agencies while actively supporting their missions. More than 70 students signed up! Volunteers went to several different sites in Alfred, Almond, & Wellsville:

- Alfred Montessori School
- St. Jude Chapel
- Respite House
- Alfred Methodist Church
- Living Acres Farm
- American Red Cross SWNY Chapter
- Alfred Box of Books Library
- Jones Memorial Hospital
- Office for the Aging
- Accord Corporation
- Betty Burdick, Alfred homeowner. ■



Mona Lisa Payne, a social worker from the 7th Ward, is one of the home owners our students are helping, and was recently interviewed by Dr. Anderson.

**“After the storm I purchased a home on LaHarp St., but it wasn’t livable yet. The house needed to be rebuilt so I applied through the St. Bernard Project and now these nice people are here to help me get in my home. I am very grateful and really appreciative. I feel my quality of life will be much better, as is the quality of life of the clients I serve here in New Orleans Parish.”**



Ben Niemitz, Habitat for Humanity, construction supervisor for the Bay-Waveland Area, is working directly with our students and spoke highly of them to Dr. Anderson.

**“Working with these guys from Alfred State has been a really, really great experience. It’s been cool to see how using what they’ve learned in the classroom, kinda where the rubber meets the road, using it in daily life. They’ve been great, hard workers, good work ethic, and a lot of fun-on and off the job site. We hope they come back!”**



## Distinguished Alumni Award Call for Nominations 2011

In 2005 the Alfred State College Alumni Association established the Distinguished Alumni Award to recognize an alumnus/alumna whose achievements and recognition have reflected honor on his/her *alma mater*, chosen field, community, or region.

The criteria for the Distinguished Alumni Award are:

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

Nominations, including a one-to-two-page summary of nominee, are accepted from alumni, faculty, and friends of Alfred State College. The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2011. The Nominating Committee of the Alumni Board, together with the director of Alumni Relations, representing the Alfred State Alumni Association, will recommend each year's recipient. The director of Institutional Advancement will make a final recommendation to the president of Alfred State College for his/her acceptance.

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

## Alumni Events

We have been having a terrific time meeting new alumni and reacquainting ourselves with those we've not seen in a while at events throughout New York this year. We hope to see you at one of the alumni events for 2011 that we are in the midst of planning right now.

### Buffalo Chapter Event

May 21, at  
Templeton Landing,  
formerly known as  
Shanghai Red's



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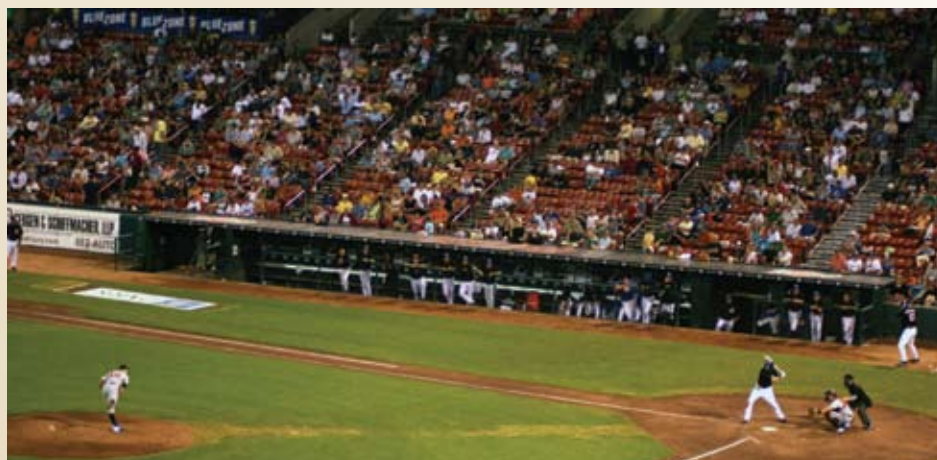
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**Syracuse Chapter Event**

June 13, at  
the Turning  
Stone Resort &  
Clubhouse

Norman Batty, Dr. John Anderson,  
Dr. Daniel Barwick, Vivien Anderson



Remember to bookmark the ASC Alumni Web site: [www.alfredstate.edu/alumni](http://www.alfredstate.edu/alumni) to view current events; you can also become a member of the ASC Alumni Association Facebook group.

Invitations to alumni chapter events 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 or all alumni events. Please register online or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (607) 587-3931.

We look forward to seeing you!

## Alumni Profile



*Hank (left) and wife Ethel,  
having a discussion with Desmond Tutu.*

### Hank Henderson

"Moving from my studies at Alfred State to my first job at Richardson Scales felt like a lateral move – that's how good the education was," says Henry "Hank" Henderson ('50). "The course material at Alfred State mirrored my work exactly."

Hank founded H.F. Henderson Industries in 1954 on a part-time basis. In 1967 he left Richardson Scale Co. to devote full time to his rapidly growing company which today is recognized as a leader in its field and has become a Top 100 minority-owned business. In 1981, Hank formed Systems Control Corp., a designer and manufacturer of navigational aid products. He is presently president and chief executive officer of both companies, located in West Caldwell, NJ.

"My entire experience at Alfred was good," Hank says. "I got married to Ethel in my second year, and we moved into Diaper Hill [the name used for family dormitories at the time]. Ethel sang in the church choir, and I was invited into the Beta Sigma Psi fraternity. I didn't have a big social life because I was usually either working or studying. But the school felt very social to me, and I liked learning," he says.

Hank has hired many of his best people directly from Alfred State. "Given the intense competition in the technical business, seeking

employees trained here is not a function of fond memories about my school," he says. "It is the result of my knowledge about the quality of the technical training and discipline required by the faculty and staff."

Hank holds honorary doctorate degrees from Alfred State (1995), Stevens Institute of Technology, and Kean College. He served as a commissioner to the Port Authority Commission of New York and New Jersey, the first African-American to hold such a position, and his company was featured on the PBS series "Growing a Business" in 1990. He was named to the SUNY Honor Roll for outstanding alumni in 1996; he was presented with the National Minorities Supplier Development Council Leadership Award, 1996; and he received the HiTech Hero Award from the New Jersey Technology Council in 1998.

Although many men might have retired by now, Hank finds work to be an outlet for his creative energy. "My favorite pastime is discussion – I look for people with inquisitive minds who hold detailed views on a subject. Don't just tell me what you think – I want to know why you think it!" ■

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Construction of our showcase green home is well underway at the School of Applied Technology in Wellsville. Our students are building the home to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) green building standards.

This project will have a lasting impact by educating a workforce in green building techniques, including energy efficiency and renewable energy sources such as geothermal, solar thermal, photovoltaic, and small wind. The home will be an open laboratory for the public and Alfred State College students.

Although the green home is funded primarily by the Appalachian Regional Commission, gifts have also been received from the donors listed below.

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## Praxair Continues Its Support for ASC's Drafting/CAD Program

For the third year, Praxair, Inc., a Global Fortune 500 company in Tonawanda, has contributed \$10,000 to provide scholarships to students in the drafting/CAD program. Five students each year will receive \$2,000. Praxair is one of the largest air separation companies in the world and the largest in North and South America. Jerry Falkowski, '74, engineering manager at Praxair, described why the company invests in the College: "Alfred State College's drafting/CAD program is an excellent starting point to ensure that a worker has the right education to be successful in today's market place." ■



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# 1959

## *Men's Basketball Team* **Honored at Hall of Fame Ceremonies**



*T*he Alfred State Athletic Department honored the 1959 men's basketball team at the Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony held during Homecoming 2010 activities. The 1959 squad won the first Region III Championship in Alfred State history and fourth ever in school history.

*(l-r): Gordon Valentine, Jerry Eaton, Larry Chilson, Jon Baker, Frank Oppedisano, and Ben Ridley.*

Members of the 1959 team included Gary Ashley, George Crane, Lynn Long, Jon Baker, Ben Ridley, Ralph Angelo, Frank Oppedisano, Fred Cohen, Gordon Valentine, Larry Chilson, Jerry Eaton, and Jerry Rogers. The Statesmen were coached by ASC athletic hall of famer, Dick Giedlin, who was just in his second year coaching (Giedlin coached at Alfred State for 13 years and is still the leader in career victories with 198).

The Statesmen were 15-5 in the 1958-59 regular season and

landed in the Eastern Regional Junior College Basketball Tournament at Broome Tech in Binghamton. Alfred Tech entered the tournament with a 2-4 mark vs. tournament opponents.

With the rallying cry of "Onward to Kansas," Alfred Tech defeated Canton Tech 69-68 in the first round in a nail-biter and then defeated Broome County Tech 64-58 to advance to the tournament finals. In the finals, Alfred punched its ticket to Hutchinson, Kansas, and the NJCAA National Championship with a 69-59 victory over Paul Smith's College.

After the long train trip to Kansas, Alfred Tech fell to Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato, MN) and Independence Junior College (Independence, KS) to finish the season 18-7.

The Statesmen were led by Jerry Rogers who scored 288 points, shot 49% from the field, and grabbed over 268 rebounds. George Crane shot 73% from the foul line to lead the team while Ben Ridley had a team high 27 points in a victory over Broome Tech. Ridley was also named the MVP of the Eastern Junior College Tournament.

The 1959 regional championship was the only regional title Alfred State had won in basketball until the 1994 season when the Pioneers began a run of four straight regional championships.

The tradition of honoring a past Alfred State College athletic team began last year when the 1984 cross country team was honored. Each year during the Hall of Fame ceremony a new team will be honored. ■



# New Members

## of the ASC Athletic Hall of Fame

Alfred State inducted four new members into the Athletic Department Hall of Fame during Homecoming 2010 activities: Jody Alvarez (women's soccer), Kirt Zimniewicz (baseball), Alison Brotherton (softball), and Gaffel Hippolyte (track & field).

Alvarez was an offensive leader for two seasons for the Alfred State women's soccer teams. She became the first NJCAA soccer All-American after her sophomore season in 2003. In her All-American sophomore season, Alvarez scored 40 goals and passed out nine assists. During that season she recorded eight hat tricks and scored six goals in three different games. Her 89 points on the season was tops in Division III of the NJCAA and led to her earning 1st team All-American honors and 1st team All-Region and All-WNYAC honors. She was also named the ASC senior female athlete of the year in 2004.

Currently, Alvarez is still the only Lady Pioneer to earn NJCAA All-American honors. She also is only the second Lady Pioneer in the Athletic Hall of Fame who has played soccer. Following her career at Alfred State, Alvarez transferred to the University of Northern Colorado.

Zimniewicz is one of the top two-way baseball players to have ever worn the Alfred

State blue & gold. During his two years the Pioneers had an 86-43 record and he helped the team to the Region III Championship, the NY State Division I Championship, and the WNYAC Championship.

Zimniewicz carved his name all over the Alfred State baseball record book. He is the all-time leader during the spring season in at bats (173), RBIs (58), and home runs (10). In the total year record book, he is the leader in games played (66), at bats (238), hits (91), RBIs (78), and total bases (155). In the career record book he is tops in games played (129) and at bats (440) while he is second in hits (166), RBIs (130), and total bases (262). His 16 career home runs rank him third. On the mound he was 6-2 for his career. He was the winning pitcher in the 2001 Regional Championship game as he tossed a complete game victory over Monroe CC.

Zimniewicz was a two-time All-Region and two-time All-WNYAC selection. He was named the ASC Most Valuable Position Player twice and was named the ASC Freshman Athlete of the Year in 2001. After finishing at Alfred State College, he went on to SUNY Albany. Zimniewicz also spent time playing professional baseball with the Chillicothe Paints and the Elmira Pioneers.



(l-r): Jody Alvarez, Kirt Zimniewicz, Gaffel Hippolyte

Brotherton was a two-year member of the Alfred State College softball team. She was an All-American selection as she helped the Lady Pioneers to the NJCAA Division III World Series in 1997. Brotherton was the sparkplug, clean-up hitter, and every day left fielder during her All-American season in 1997. She finished the season hitting .552 with 18 RBIs. She was named 1st team All-Region, 1st team All-WNYAC, and 1st team All-American. She helped the Lady Pioneers to an 8th place finish at the World Series and a 19-3 overall record.

She became the first 1st team NJCAA All-American in Alfred State softball history. That same year she was joined on the All-American selections by teammate Toni Darling, a 2nd team selection. She is one of three Lady Pioneers to have earned All-American honors in the program history.

Hippolyte was one of the top sprinters as the Alfred State College indoor and outdoor track and field teams won back-to-back Region III Championships in 1994 and 1995. Hippolyte holds

the Alfred State records in the 200 m (21.51) and the 400 m (47.81) during the outdoor season and holds the indoor record in the 400 m (48.65). He was also part of the record-holding indoor distance medley relay team. His time in the 200 m and the 400 m were also Region III records. His 400 m time is still the best time in Region III history; the Region III record book goes back to 1962. At the Indoor NJCAA National Championships he finished 6th in the nation. He was also selected MVP of both the indoor and outdoor track teams.

Hippolyte continued his collegiate career at Eastern Kentucky University. While competing at ECU, he provisionally qualified for the NCAA National Championships.

The quartet joins the 52 current members of the Athletic Hall of Fame. The quartet was inducted in front of friends, families, and current Alfred State College athletes in the auditorium and a dinner reception followed for the inductees in the Allegany Room. ■

## Achievements

**1952**

**Douglas W. Gorsline**, *Undeclared Major*, Southport, NC, has a ceramic piece of his permanently displayed at UNCW Wilmington, NC, Randall Library...

**Loretta A. Verdisco**, *Laboratory Technology*, West Chester, co-authored original core curriculum for service orthopedic nursing, in addition to other articles...

**1961**

**Wilbur C. Mull**, *Agricultural Business*, Athens, GA, is the president & owner of Classic Groundcovers, Inc., in Athens, GA. He recently served as the keynote speaker for the 100th anniversary celebration of the Albion Future Farmers Assoc. in his hometown, Albion. Albion is the 1st FFA Chapter in New York and the 5th oldest in the nation...

**1963**

**Stephen G. Shenton**, *Animal Husbandry*, Shippensburg, PA, is a professor emeritus of communications and journalism at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania. Among his many accomplishments throughout his outstanding career, Dr. Shenton most recently co-authored Shippensburg University's expanded Professor/Administrator Emeritus Policy that was adopted in April 2010 by the University's Board of Trustees...

**1975**

**Cathy A. Machacyk (Micelotta)**, *Nursing*, Las Vegas, NV, graduated in May from Stonybrook University with a master's degree in liberal studies...

**1978**

**David S. Gabrielle**, *Truck & Diesel; Autobody and Refinishing*, 1978; *Automotive Service Specialist*, 1977, Wyckoff, NJ, was one of 11 semi-finalists in the 2010 Navistar Dealer Technician Rodeo Competition. He also competed in the 2010 Technology & Maintenance Council SuperTech Competition...

**1991**

**Jalanda D. Seaborn (Brown)**, *Computer Information Systems*, Rochester, recently had a book of poetry, *The Acappella Accompaniment Project*, published. Visit her Web site [www.daughterofeli.com](http://www.daughterofeli.com).

**1999**

**Kathy A. Button**, *Architectural Engineering Tech*, Andover, received her BS in environmental management from Columbia Southern University in April 2010. She is employed as a civil engineer 1...

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**2006**

**David B. Snyder**, BA *Mechanical Engineering Tech*, Coudersport, PA, was the only MET student to graduate with a 4.0. He has since earned his master of science in '09 and his PhD in mechanical engineering from Purdue University in August 2010. David was recently doing an internship with Cummins Engine in Columbus, IN...

**2008**

**Joey Deeter**, *Information Technology: Applications Software Development*, Wayland, recently graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) with an advanced graduate certificate in health information resources (2009) and a master of science in health systems administration (2010). He is continuing with a post-graduate education at RIT in the applied experimental & engineering psychology program...

## Career

**1952**

**Donald J. Graham**, *Agronomy*, Jackson, MI, started his own design consulting company in 1998. He would like to get in touch with 1952 graduates...

**1962**

**Linda Dolan (Clancey)**, *Business-Secretarial Science-Executive*, Pensacola, FL, retired from E. I. DuPont on Feb. 28 after 23 years of service...

TG and Pi Nu Picnic at Ed & Shirley Hatter's on Owasco Lake, Aug. 11, 2010



Row 1: Dave Smith, Shirley (Sitterly) Smith, John Blazey, Bob Granger, Shirley (Reigle) Hatter, Helen Kidd, John Anderson, Vivien Anderson  
Row 2: Earl Herrington, Pat Hall (heads only)  
Row 3: Larry Hall, Ed Hatter, Beverly Miller  
Row 4: Tom Ferguson, Wayne Kidd, Jack Hanel  
Row 5: Gail (Myers) Granger, Sue Herrington, Judy Blazey, Joanne Hanel

**Richard E. Page**, *Floriculture Production*, Clarence Center, has retired from his business, Woodstream Nurseries, Inc., after 40 years in the nursery business that is now run by his family...

**1970**

**Wesley L. Lyons**, *Business-Retail Business Management*, Oswego, retired from the Metropolitan Bd. on Aug. 30...

**1972**

**Michael J. Czekanski**, *Surveying Engineering Tech*, Silver Creek, retired as head of the Survey and Right of Way Mapping Office for the NYS Department of Transportation in May 2009 after 26 years of service...

**1976**

**Steve Wiggers**, *Agriculture-Plant and Soil Science*, Fredonia, was appointed pastor of the Fredonia First United Methodist Church on July 1...

**1977**

**Brenda Griffin**, *Business-Secretarial Science-Executive*, Wallkill, was recently promoted to Secretary 2 for the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation in New Paltz...

**1978**

**Tracey L. McCarthy**, *Medical Assistant*, West End, NC, is employed at Seven Lakes Prescription Shoppe as a clinical pharmacist...

**1979**

**Donna M. Wright (Smith)**, *Business-Secretarial Science-Court Reporting*, Austin, TX, is using her degree fully. She has worked as a federal reporter in the western district of Texas where she was the youngest and first woman to hold this position in that area. She also has done work for federal Grand Jury, FBI security clearance, and has her own firm for freelance deposition work...



**Sandra H. Mosher (DeRuyscher)**, *Business-Secretarial Science-Executive*, Brockport, has been employed 30 years as the human resources officer for the Research Foundation of SUNY...

**1980**  
**Bruce G. Gill**, *Mechanical Engineering Tech-Product & Machine Design*, Amsterdam, is employed with Tymetal Corp. as an engineering manager...

**1981**  
**Matthew Morris**, *Construction/Architectural Engineering Tech*, Richmond, TX, is employed at Drymalla Construction Co. as a project manager...

**1983**  
**Jill Lehman (Henderson)**, *Landscape Development*, Jamestown, has been accepted into the Peace Corps and will serve in Gambia for two years...

**1986**  
**Wena Klein (Ruth)**, *Human Services*, Mumford, is a licensed massage therapist and an assistant cross country coach at Caledonia Mumford HS and masters long distance chair for Niagara Association USATF. She still runs competitively (Masters Division)...

**1987**  
**Marie Bialy**, *Nursing*, Freedom, has been appointed director of medical management in the quality health care management department by Fidelis Care...

TG and Friends from '59, '60, and '61 reunited July 25, 2010



Front row l-r: Gary Herban, David Pupo, Wayne Wagner, Ford Easton, John Muscarella, John Blazey

Back row l-r: Bill Cady, Dick Ash, Joe Rieger, Ron DeGroff, Mel Wiltse, Ron Kenville, Ted Gardner, Roger Gomstock, Lynn Long, Larry Hall, Dave Connelly, Dave Baker. Missing from photo, Dave Willet.

**Theresa Gunn (Brasted)**, *Accounting*, Canisteo, was promoted to assistant professor of accountancy at Alfred University...

**1988**  
**Wendy E. Delay (Cole)**, *Human Services*, Springfield, VA, is employed as operations manager for Gengler Agency Services...

**1991**  
**Robyn C. Good (Tallman)**, *Electrical-Electronic Services-Electronic Service Tech*, Pavilion, is employed with Honeoye Falls - Lima Central School as a desktop computer specialist...



**Gretchen Langdon (Green)**, '80, *Medical Records Tech*, Amherst, married **James Langdon**, '80, *Electrical-Electronic Services-Electronic Service Tech*, on Aug. 21, 2010, in Chemung, NY. James and Gretchen were RA's in Peet Hall and hadn't seen each other for 22 years when they were reunited in 2002... Alumni present for their wedding included, front row l-r: Ralph Lippa, '80, *Electronic Service Tech*; Mike Langdon, '81, *Building Trades*; Dr. John Anderson; Irene Jarema, '80, *Medical Assistant*; Carol Snover, '80, *Accounting*; Dan Green, '74, *Building Trades*; Back row l-r: Tim Kennell, '76, *Electronic Service Tech*; Steve Stefanski, '83, *Electromechanical Engineering Technology*; Nick Green, '75, *Electronic Service Tech*; Gretchen (Green) Langdon; Jim Langdon; John Green, '88, *Building Trades*; Joel Green, '89, *Drafting/CAD*; Missing from picture but at the wedding: Dean Burt, '81, *Drafting/CAD*; Daryl Ryan, '06, *Architectural Engineering Technology*; Kathy (Ferris) Murray, '85, *Medical Records Tech*; and current students, Brett Langdon, Justin Reed.

**1998**

**Andrew C. Gorges**, Agriculture-Animal Science, Addison, is employed at Corning, Inc. as a ceramics scientist...

**2008**

**Trenton K. Roeske**, Surveying Engineering Tech, Wellsville, recently joined the land survey and mapping group of TVGA Consultants as junior party chief...

**Paul H. Farrell**, Construction Management Engineering Tech, Hamburg, is employed with the Army Corps of Engineers as a civil engineering technician...

## Opportunities for Involvement with the Alumni Association

Alumni often say they want to do something to help Alfred State, but aren't always sure how they can make a meaningful contribution, especially if they live far away from campus.

Well, there are many ways you can help. Some of these ideas require very little time or effort, but can bring tremendous benefit to your *alma mater*. You can make a difference right now. Take a look at the following Web site and see how you can help Alfred State: <http://www.alfredstate.edu/alumni-services/opportunities-for-involvement>. ■

**2009**

**Neil W. Laumeyer**, Information Technology: Network Administration, Dundee, is employed as a customer service representative with The Connection since July...

**2010**

**Derek R. Reigle**, Mechanical Engineering Tech, Middleport, is employed as a mechanical engineer for Sigma International General Medical Devices LLC...

## Marriages

**1993**

**Kimberly L. Daly (Duskas)**, Business-Secretarial Science-Court Reporting, Gansevoort, married Ronald J. Daly Sept. 18, 2009, at Fort William Henry Resort, Lake George...

**2003**

**Nicholas A. Benedetto**, Building Trades-Building Construction, Jamestown, married Kathrine Miller Oct. 10, 2009, at the Crown Theater...



**Krista Holland**, '08, Animal Science, married **Tim Beechler**, '08, Mechanical Engineering Tech (BS), Sept. 18, 2010. The two met in the ORC rental room in September of 2005 and started dating not long after...

## Births

**1995**

**Katherine M. Locke (Hutton)**, Business-Secretarial Science-Executive, Liverpool, and husband Brian are the proud parents of a baby boy born Jan. 18, 2010...

**1997**

**Tracy M. Sanford (Strawcutter)**, Business Administration, Clifton Springs, and husband Michael are the proud parents of a baby girl born March 23, 2009...

**1998**

**Jamie L. Barnes (Miller)**, Culinary Arts, Lexington, NC, and husband James are the proud parents of a baby girl born Sept. 15, 2009...

**2003**

**Kenneth M. Klinger**, Mechanical Engineering Tech, Kennett Sq., PA, and wife Tammy are the proud parents of a baby boy born Oct. 31, 2009...

## Remembrance

**1933**

**Edith Braack**, Unspecified, Rochester, May 1, 2009...

**1936**

The College community is saddened by the loss of former student, faculty member, and department chair Howard Merrill of Ontario, CA. Originally from Waverly, NY, Mr. Merrill graduated from Alfred State College in 1936 with a degree in animal husbandry. While at Alfred State, he was a member of Gamma Theta Gamma (TG) and Alpha Zeta fraternities and was an avid basketball player. He continued his education at Penn State, earning a doctorate in 1941. Mr. Merrill then returned to Alfred State as a faculty member and chaired the Department of Animal Husbandry from 1943-48. He moved to Penn State in 1948, and remained there until 1953, when he became a dairy manager for large dairies in Florida and Arizona, finally moving to California to help establish the large-scale dairy industry there. A registered representative of Prudential and named to the SUNY Honor Roll, Mr. Merrill was a consistent supporter of Alfred State College, making major gifts to the Agriculture Department between 2007 and 2010, funding the purchase of genetic material to improve the dairy herd, and donating thousands of daffodils to the College.

**1939**

**Merle W. Swarthout**, Computer Information Systems, Lake View, Jan. 30, 2009...

**1947**

**Clifford L. Collins**, Ornamental Horticulture-Floriculture Merchandising, Ransomville, Apr. 30, 2010...



**Maria C. Agnello (Terrigino)**, '05, Information Technology: Web Development, Rochester, married **Matthew Agnello**, '06, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Aug. 20, 2010... Pictured l-r: John Amico, Samantha (Engle) Richards, Tom Richards, Mary Johnson, Joe Flegal, Matthew Agnello, Maria (Terrigino) Agnello, Heather (Reed) Buckley, Kelli (Pincoski) Castellano, Christine West, Liz Monheim, Kadie Kuss, Mike Castellano, Tom Miller, Kate Byrnes, Christa Robinson, Chris Stewart, Adam Levine, Shawn Noble, Keith Bortle, Michael O'Connell, Patrick Waldo Whelehan, Chris Perkins, Sarah Curtis, Kyle Rank, and Travis McKenna.



**1948**

**Edward L. Fort,** *Refrigeration*, Addison, Oct. 21, 2009...

**1950**

**James R. Bortle,** *Farm Power & Machinery*, New Bern, NC, Dec. 30, 2009...

**1953**

**Bruce R. Dunbar,** *Construction Engineering Tech*, Emery, SD, Apr. 18, 2010...

**Robert L. Klar,** *Office Technologies*, Long Beach, CA, Aug. 1, 2010...

**1958**

**Dieter Pfingst,** *Ornamental Horticulture-Floriculture Merchandising*, Monroe, Aug. 3, 2010...

**1968**

**Jerry Deussenbery,** *General Agriculture*, Wayland, May 10, 2010...

**1970**

**Michael Hart,** *Chemical Technology*, Wellsville, Aug. 17, 2009...

**1971**

**Lawrence R. Mohr,** *Mechanical Tech-Mechanical Design-Design & Drafting*, Rochester, Feb. 27, 2008...

**1972**

**Lyle Corey,** *Construction Engineering Tech*, Victor, Aug. 6, 2010...

**1977**

**Louise Christensen,** *Mechanical Tech-Mechanical Design-Design & Drafting*, Rochester, Apr. 4, 2010...

**1986**

**James Moore,** *Human Services*, Hornell, Apr. 21, 2010...

**1993**

**Melody P. LaChiusa,** *Computer Information Systems*, Hornell, Apr. 29, 2010...

**1996**

**Laura M. Black (McGregor),** *Financial Services*, Canaseraga, Apr. 26, 2010...

**Dennis T. Johnson,** *ASC professor of mathematics emeritus*, Almond, July 8, 2010...

**Maurice Rucker,**

Hornell, Sept. 30, 2010. He served as professor and dean of the Business School at Alfred State, retiring in 1995. He was active in community service serving as co-founder and president emeritus of the Sugar Hill Development Corp. of Alfred....

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## '50s Graduates Gather for 15th Year in a Row



In August 1995, Bernie Eckert and Mary Caton, both 1955 graduates of floriculture, organized a 40th year reunion of the classmates, including graduates the year before and the year after them. About 25 people showed up for this reunion at Mary Berry's farm in Holland Patent, New York. They

came from Colorado, Michigan, Ohio, Florida, Massachusetts, and New York. Since then about 15 to 20 of this original group have met each year, at Holland Patent, Barneveld, Skaneateles, Corning, Bath, Wellsville, Rochester, Hamburg, and Mayville. On Oct. 14, 2009, 17 of this same group met for a luncheon at the Italian Gardens in Hornell. Those attending were Jim & Agnes (Meyer) Comes, Mary (Driscoll) Smith, John Carlinio, Albert & Margaret Kerton, John Markwica, John & Nitia Cole, Russ & Ramona Allen, Nancy (Jackson) Shuart, Bob & Joan Livingston, Ed & Audrey (Warning) Mogenhan, and our Professor Wayne Carter. A few of these floriculture graduates are still growing flowers, keeping the gardens in color for people to enjoy, and helping keep the environment green and clean.

## Together Then, Together Again

In 1966 I was in Theta Gama Theta fraternity. I dated a very beautiful and studious girl, Barbara Fink, who was a sister of Pi Nu Epsilon sorority. When graduation time came around, Barbara had several offers for employment, one of which was for the government in DC. She asked me what I thought and "knowing" everything as I did in those days, I recommended taking the position in DC; she did.

I found Barbara in the directory listed as married. I was eager to see how this special person made out in life and so I wrote her a very cautious letter. I later found out she almost did not open it. I included my e-mail address to which she responded and through that I learned she was divorced. We decided to speak with each other on the phone.

Within a short period of time I invited her to Alabama. She visited last February and within minutes it was as if we had been together for years—all was so natural. Since then I have been to Rochester, we have gone to DC, she, in a plot with my sister, surprised me by coming to Alabama for my birthday in July, and we went to my family get-together in Connecticut in August. Her birthday was Aug. 26, so I took the opportunity on Saturday



It is not quite clear what happened after that, but within the year she found herself in Germany and I wound up in Utah. Nevertheless, we still communicated and at one point I received a beautiful German beer stein from her. Then, I believe it was in the Spring of 1968, I received a letter from her telling me that she had met a wonderful soldier and was getting married. As sweet as Barbara is, she still wanted to remain in touch with me. I declined and that was it... until last Fall when the Alfred State Alumni Directory came out.

afternoon, Aug. 21, to give Barbara her birthday gifts and a proposal of marriage—she accepted. We have not set a date—probably sometime in 2011 after she retires. I am happy to say that everyone in the family took to Barbara immediately—it's hard not to, she is sweet and accommodating to all.

I'm ecstatic to have found her once again—she's the love of my life!

~Frank (Butch) Madarasz



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