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I want to thank all of you for making my first semester as president a very welcoming one, as well as a productive one. My wife and I have been embraced by the college community in a way that exemplifies why Alfred State is great and also why I am personally excited to be part of the Alfred State family.

I want to tell you in very simple terms that it matters what we do here at Alfred State. As I speak with alums across the United States, I am learning “it” is all about the Alfred State “experience.” Believe me, “it” is the sum of the whole. The “it” that folks talk about is an experience that is enhanced by our distinctives. On this page, you will see just some of the faculty and staff who continue to help make “it” the best experience possible.

As you read through the pages of this edition of *Transitions*, you will learn how an Alfred State education mattered to Al Styracula, who through the knowledge and hands-on experience he gained while as a student at the college, was able to become CEO of a successful company. You will also read about why Alfred State matters to Mary Huntington, a former first lady of the college who has been deeply involved with the institution since 1964.

I want you to be proud of Alfred State. It matters that we are student-centered. It matters that you take pride in who you are. It matters that you are an example. Attitude matters. H.G. Wells said, “What really matters is what you do with what you have.”

As we view our part, kindness matters, integrity matters, civility matters, courtesy matters, civic engagement matters, sustainability matters, leadership development matters, project-based learning matters, good health matters, student success matters, and I could go on and on.

We are defined by our families, our relationships, our faith, and many things, but we are also defined by our life's work. It is not to be minimized. It is also about your experience at Alfred State. I couldn't be more proud of the Alfred State family. It matters to me to be a part of this family.

Dr. Skip Sullivan, President

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Watch the faculty and staff *It Matters* video, on our YouTube channel.

You may have seen her at an Alfred State sporting event, at Commencement, or exercising at the Orvis Strength and Conditioning Center.

MARY HUNTINGTON HAS HAD A STRONG PRESENCE AT ALFRED STATE AND THE NEARBY COMMUNITY SINCE 1964, when she became first lady of the college after her husband, David, took over as the school's seventh president. David Huntington, for whom the Huntington Administration Building on the Alfred campus is named, served as head of the college until 1986.

"Alfred State really means a lot to me because David was president for quite a long time and we did a lot of things for the college," Huntington said.

Born in a small town in eastern New York State called West Hebron, Huntington graduated high school at Washington Academy in Salem, NY. She went on to attend the State University of New York (SUNY) at Oneonta, where she graduated in 1946 with a Bachelor of Education degree.

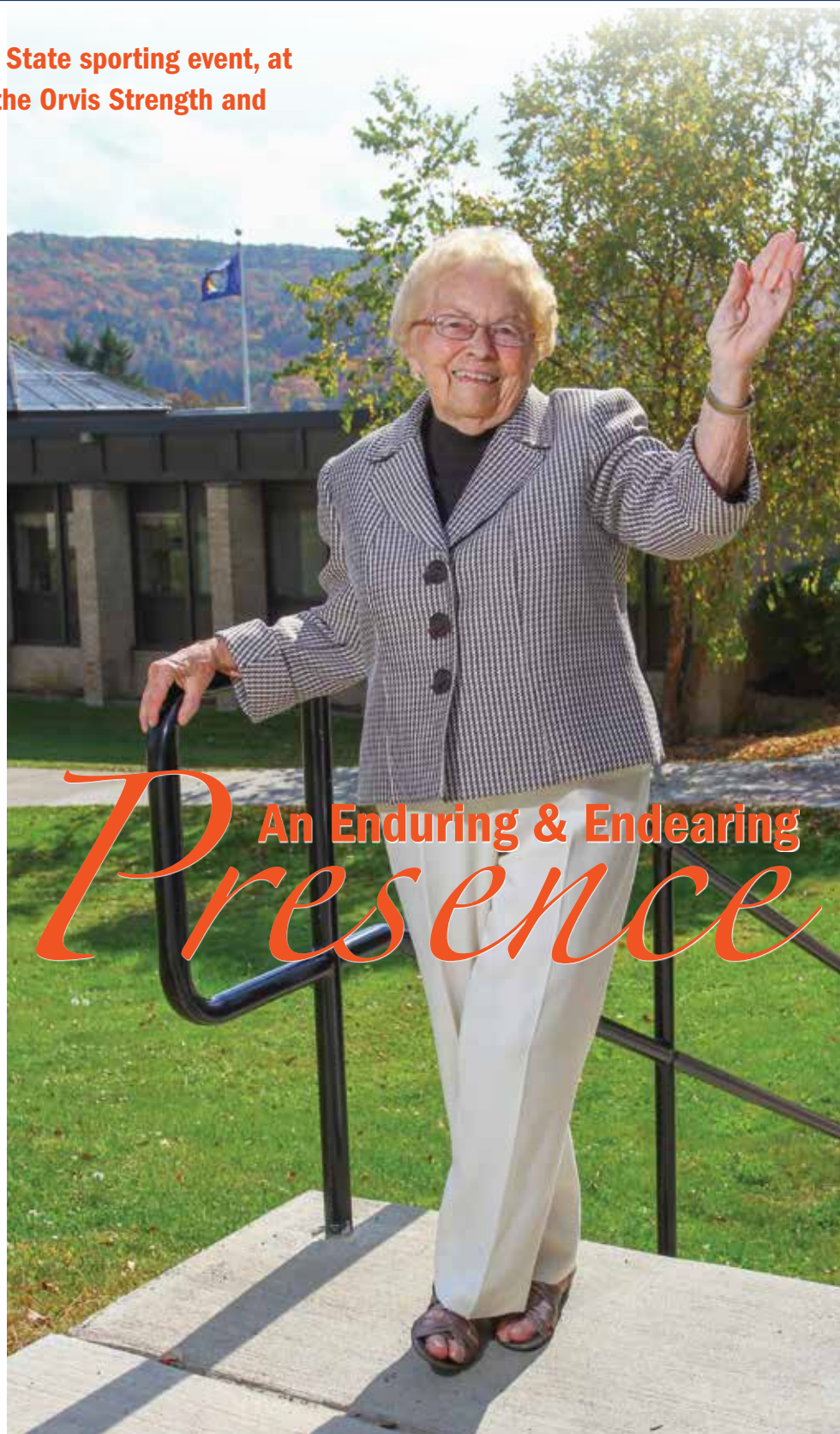
After college, Huntington taught fourth grade in Pine Bush, NY, where she connected with a certain high school teacher.

"That's where I met Dave," she said.

The couple married in 1949 and had two children, Debra and Scot. After leaving Pine Bush, Huntington taught second grade in Ithaca, NY, then kindergarten and sixth grade in Maine.

When her husband became president of Alfred State in 1964, Huntington said, her children were very young.

"One was five and the other was nine, so I had to draw lines sometimes to make sure that I gave attention to them as well as to the college," she said, "and you're really busy."



An Enduring & Endearing Presence

That same year, Huntington became an honorary president of the Alfred State College Association of Women. Known as the Alfred State Faculty Wives from 1963 until 1979, the group participated in numerous service projects and held many fundraisers, which collected scholarship funds for students in need, older returning students, and women.

"It was about \$20,000 that we had raised for scholarships and then when we disbanded in the '90s, the money we had left over, we gave to the Development Fund," Huntington said.

Huntington currently serves on the board of directors for the Alfred State Development Fund, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that raises funds for the college.

Reflecting on her time as first lady of Alfred State, Huntington recalls that she and her husband started a Christmas party at the college and that they used to entertain international students. Once her husband retired in 1986, the couple traveled across the United States and to places such as Australia, New Zealand, England, Canada, and Sicily.

"We enjoyed that very much," she said.

In 1998, after nearly 50 years of marriage, her husband passed away. But because Alfred State matters so much to her, Huntington continues to be a presence at the college, attending a variety of functions, including speaking events, Commencement, convocations, and sporting events.

"Alfred State is important to me because I think, being first lady when Dave was

here, I grew to like it, and after he passed on I thought, 'Well I'll just give my time and whatever I can,'" she said. "One of the things is, I go to events, just to make a presence, because I enjoy what the college has."

Her involvement extends beyond the boundaries of Alfred State, too.

Huntington is a board member of multiple non-profit organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, which builds affordable houses in partnership with those who lack adequate shelter, and the Bethesda Foundation, which is devoted to the funding and support of health-related projects and scholarships in the Hornell area, including Alfred State nursing scholarships for residents of Allegany, Steuben, and Livingston counties.

A current member of the Jones Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board, she has also served on the Village of Alfred Planning Board, as president of the Hornell Campfire Girls, as president of the Women's Golf Association at the Wellsville Country Club, and as vice president for membership with the American Association of University Women.

During Celebrate Women's Month in 2007, Allegany County presented Huntington with a certificate of recognition for being a role model for all women. SUNY also awarded her with a certificate of appreciation for service, support, and contributions to the Alfred State College Association of Women. She was also included in the Marquis Who's Who of American Women publication. And Huntington shows no signs of slowing down. She exercises at least three times a week, golfs, reads, plays bridge, and travels.



David and Mary Huntington

"I'm physically active," she said. "I like to exercise."

As someone who has accomplished much in her lifetime, Huntington offers this advice: "I've always said, 'You have to be yourself. You can't be somebody else. You have to do what you think is right.'"

Patricia K. Fogarty, Alfred State College Council chair, said Huntington is the "grand lady" of Alfred State.

"She supports every endeavor we have," said Fogarty, who has known Huntington since 1984. "She has financially supported the school. She has participated in numerous committees, but more importantly, she is always there to encourage our students, our staff, and the various people who have roles at Alfred State."

Jim Grillo, SUNY distinguished teaching professor and Business Department co-chair, said, "In my 43 years at Alfred State, I have never known a more outstanding supporter of our college than Mary. In my mind, Mary Huntington is and will always be the matriarch of the Alfred State family."

From the Ground Up

WHEN ALBERT STYRCULA ENTERED THE WORKFORCE IN 1959, he was fresh out of college, having just graduated that year from Alfred State with an associate degree in general business management.

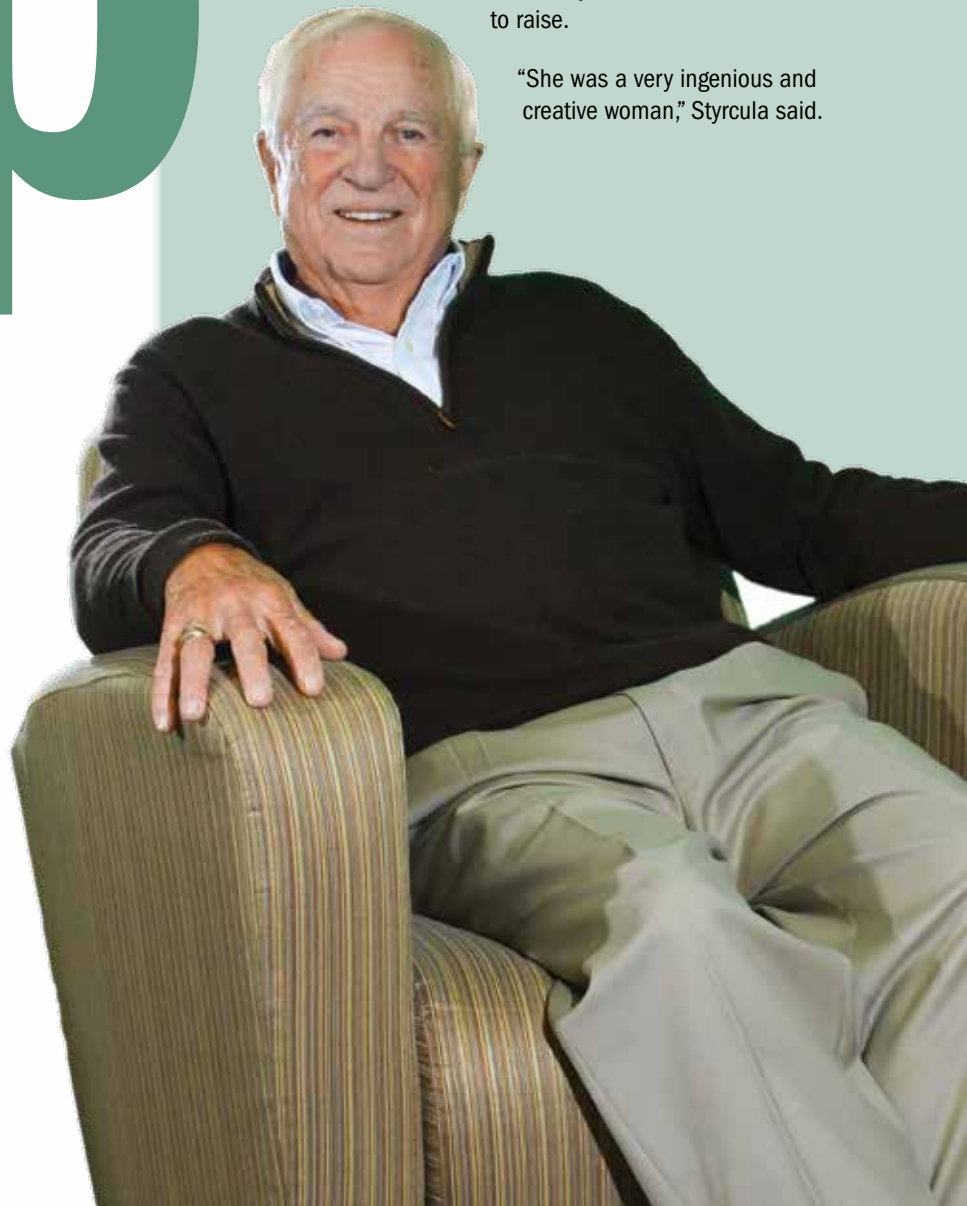
He started out at Foodcraft Inc., a small processing and distribution company that dealt in dairy products. His jobs varied from accounting work to driving trucks to delivering milk to washing bottles.

However, by 1972, Styracula had worked his way up to the top of Foodcraft, becoming CEO and chairman of the board, positions he held until 1988, when Uni-Marts Inc. acquired the company. During that time, the company's sales increased from \$2 million to \$50 million under Styracula's leadership.

"I think my employees all respected me because I came from the ground up," Styracula said. "I got along very well with them."

A strong work ethic was instilled in Styracula at an early age. While growing up on a farm around the Dundee and Penn Yan area, he helped his mother, Mary, a widow with several children to raise.

"She was a very ingenious and creative woman," Styracula said.



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After graduating from Dundee High School in 1952, Styrcula served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

"I was in the Marine Corps during the Korean War and afterward, I went back to our guidance counselor in high school and jobs were relatively difficult to find in 1956, so he recommended that I apply to Cornell University and two or three state universities," Styrcula said. "I was getting up in age where I didn't think I needed a four-year degree, so I chose Alfred State, which turned out to be an excellent program for me."

Styrcula enrolled in the agriculture business program at Alfred State, entering the college in 1957. He said he has always been interested in the business and science aspects of agriculture, such as the improved breeding of animals and increasing production.

"I was always intrigued," he said. "I think today, when people go into the supermarket, they should at least give a little bow to agriculture science, what it has done and how productive it is."

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Much like today, the faculty, according to Styrcula, took a keen interest in students and their futures. A discussion he had with E.J. Brown, who headed the Business Department at Alfred State at the time, led him to switch his major to general business management.

"I talked to E.J. Brown and I told him I just didn't think I was getting enough substance in the agriculture business program," Styrcula said. "He said, 'Well, you know, you did pretty well in accounting, why don't you come over to the business section?' So I did and I spent an extra year at Alfred State and that really paid off because basically I could prepare a profit/loss statement, some cost accounting and some federal taxes and that was an important part of a small company, that you could prepare the monthly statements."

While at Alfred State, Styrcula became vice president of the junior class and joined the Theta Gamma fraternity and the veterans club. Unquestionably, the biggest connection he made while at the college was with a girl whom he went on a blind date with on what was only her tenth day at Alfred State.

"I think the first event of the year was the Harvest Ball and I didn't have a date so somebody fixed me up with the girl who turned out to be my wife, Judith," Styrcula said.

The couple married in 1959 and had three children, Keith, Kim, and Mike. They currently reside in Williamsport, PA, and sponsor a scholarship at Alfred State called the "Albert and Judith Styrcula Endowed Scholarship," which is awarded to academically talented students from Dundee High School or from Yates County.

During his career, Styrcula also served as president of the Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers, and as president of the All Star Dairy Association. He is also an honorary trustee at the Pennsylvania College of Technology.

After working his way up to the top, years of running a successful company, and even at one time having to fend off corporate raiders, Styrcula retired in 1994. Looking back, he lists several reasons for his success in life, including the experience of helping his mother provide for their family; the Marine Corps, which he said taught him discipline; and a strong work ethic he honed at his family farm, Alfred State, and in the workforce.

"As a result of that education that I had received at Alfred State, I just stayed in my field and I found it very enjoyable and it became very successful for me," Styrcula said.

Styrcula also mentioned how significant an impact the State University of New York (SUNY) system had on him.

"What it meant to me was that it gave rural children an opportunity to become students in a post-secondary environment and there were so many areas that they could study in," Styrcula said.

His advice to current Alfred State students is to study hard.

"You're here to get an education," Styrcula said. "It's a very short period in your life, but it's a very important time and you should get as much out of your education as you possibly can."

Albert Styrcula certainly did.

[INAUGURATION DAY]



“ I am passionate
about being
**STUDENT-
CENTERED.**

I am passionate
about being a
PIONEER,

— & I am —
PASSIONATE
— about —

ALFRED STATE
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Pioneering PASSIONS

Alfred State history was made Oct. 10 with the inauguration of Dr. Irby "Skip" Sullivan as the 12th president in the college's 106-year history.

Hundreds of faculty, staff, students, special guests, and elected officials packed into the Orvis Activities Center, where the inauguration took place. "Pioneering Passions" was the theme of the ceremony, which the campus radio station, WETD 90.7 FM, broadcasted live.

Alfred State Voices and the brass band performed prior to the ceremony, which began with "Pomp and Circumstance." At the start of the event, student group representatives held up signs that displayed what they are passionate about and a pipe band played as the procession made its way down the center of the aisle.

Numerous speakers offered brief remarks before Sullivan gave his student-centered speech.

"As president of Alfred State, I view it as my responsibility to help you grow. It is my responsibility to create an environment that is safe and that fosters both the pioneer and the passion inside of you," Sullivan said. "Today, I want to pay tribute to our students – our past, present, and future students. You are the reason I am here today."

After the ceremony, student groups lined the walkway from the Orvis Activities Center through the center of campus. The procession headed along the walkway, where student projects were on display, to the Student Leadership Center, where everyone gathered for a reception and to personally congratulate the new president.



[HOMECOMING]



Homecoming/

FAMILY WEEKEND



[HOMECOMING]



A time to laugh, a time to cheer, a time to revel in the camaraderie of others, and a time to celebrate all of the things that make Alfred State such a terrific college to attend. This year typified the spirit of the annual celebration, with an intense dodgeball game on Thursday, Sept. 25, an Open House for the Veterinary Technology Center on Friday, Sept. 26, a football game on Saturday, Sept. 27, and much, much more.

On Friday, we honored the 1971 and 1972 National Champion ski teams and inducted five individuals into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni proudly showed their Alfred State spirit at a bonfire and rally, witnessed a dazzling fireworks display, and gave stellar performances during the Alfred's Got Talent show.

More than 40 people stood up to cancer Saturday during the fourth annual Race for a Cure 5K Run/Walk. Though the Pioneers football team came up short in a 36-23 game against Castleton State, Rasheed Williams of Swedesboro, NJ, set a new school record with a 99-yard run and rushed for 265 yards and two touchdowns on the day. Touted as "The perfect blend of incredible and hilarious," Comedian/Magician Daniel Martin didn't disappoint as he capped off the night with a captivating, side-splitting show that delighted everyone in attendance.

This is Extreme Engineering

Alfred State participated for the first time this past spring in the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Baja competition, held from April 24-27 at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Baja SAE, according to its website, consists of three regional competitions that simulate real-world engineering design projects and their related challenges. Engineering students are tasked with designing and building an off-road vehicle that will survive the severe punishment of rough terrain.

This year, more than 100 teams competed in Baja, according to Dr. Jon Owejan, assistant professor in the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology Department. The Alfred State team finished 70th overall, with top-third placing in design and presentation.

"It's rare for a first-year team to pass tech inspection and actually get in the competition," Owejan said. "Most of the time, it's just a learning curve for teams, so that's a big accomplishment for the students by itself."

Nathan DeMario, a mechanical engineering technology major from South Wales, NY, was one of five Alfred State students who traveled to El Paso, Texas, for Baja, along with Dr. John Williams, dean of the School of Architecture, Management, and Engineering Technology. He said the experience was extremely rewarding.

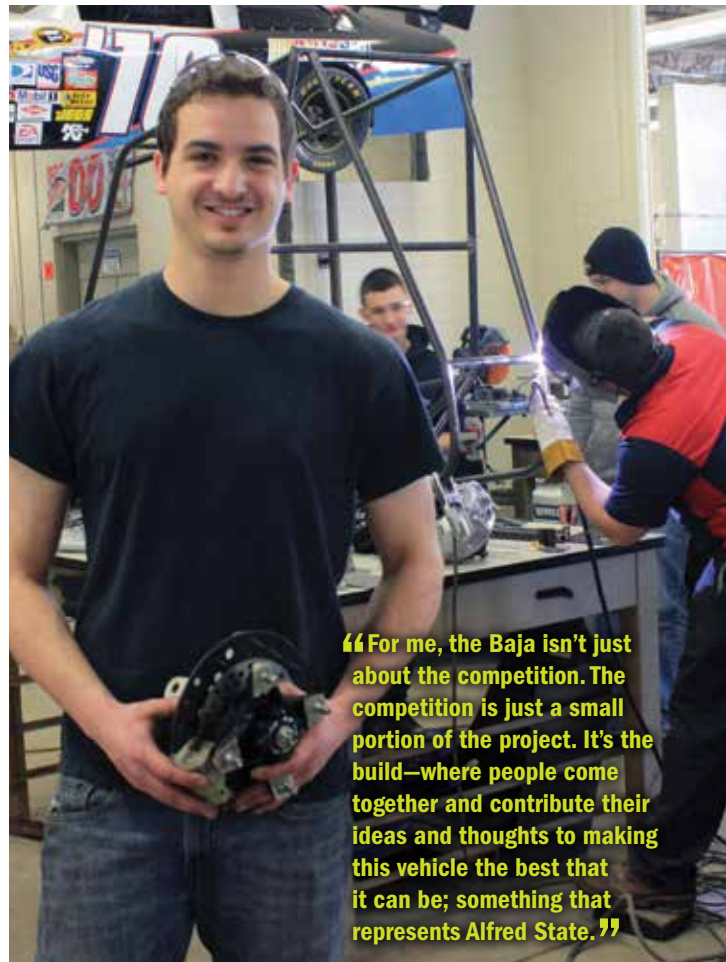
"At the beginning, you didn't really know what was going to happen by the end of the year; everything was just an idea," DeMario said. "It was really cool to watch everything come together, to watch what you had designed on a computer come to life and actually get put together."

Overall, the process of planning and building the Baja car took about seven months, the students said. Once at the competition, the vehicle was tested on design, sales, maneuverability, cost, acceleration, hill-climb, traction, suspension, and endurance.

Noah Casscles, a mechanical engineering technology student from Catskill, NY, is especially excited to be a new member of Alfred State's Baja team.

"I came to Alfred State for the mechanical engineering technology program because of this Baja team," Casscles said. "I want to help design, build, and get involved in the whole process. It's just awesome."

Anyone interested in assisting the team can Contact Danielle White, director of Annual Giving, at 607-587-3931 or whitedm@alfredstate.edu.



"For me, the Baja isn't just about the competition. The competition is just a small portion of the project. It's the build—where people come together and contribute their ideas and thoughts to making this vehicle the best that it can be; something that represents Alfred State."

-Adam MacBain, '14
Mechanical Engineering Technology
SAE Student Chapter president,
2013-14 Pioneer Racing team captain

Connect with the team!

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Architecture students enhancing local environments

STUDENTS IN THE ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN DEPARTMENT ARE HELPING TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY of the built environment in Allegany County and the surrounding region through a number of Southern Tier Architectural Resource (STAR) Center civic engagement projects.

The STAR Center is a collaboration of two organizations in the department: the Architecture Club and the Interior Design Club, which, through the promotion of sound design and planning principles, seek to enhance the local built environment.

Last semester, architectural technology majors Jeremy Dearing, of Allentown, PA, and Andrew Scott, of Arverne, NY, proposed designs for a project at Pioneer Park in Dansville. The project involved creating a place for a monument marking the park as Dansville's first cemetery - where many are still interred - as well as landscaping and lighting work.

"What the clients were proposing was fairly low impact and it was really meant to just formalize the park and create a place for a new monument that they had already made," said Bill Dean, chair of the department of Architecture and Design. "Most of the time you would create the plan first and then place the monument. They had the monument first and it was like, 'All right, where do we put it?'"

"Jeremy and Andrew worked on that and talked about two different possible locations for the monument and did renderings of what that might look like, just to kind of give them some guidance."

Dearing said, "I'm very glad that I was able to get some real hands-on experience with actual clients."

In the fall of 2013, Dean said, two students through the STAR Center also presented designs for a project that involved placing a welcome sign in downtown Bath. The clients ultimately chose architectural technology major and Syracuse, NY, native Katie Dussing's plan.

Since 2013, according to Dean, the STAR Center students have undertaken eight typically infrastructure-related civic engagement projects, mainly in the Southern Tier. Potential upcoming projects include conceptual planning for a pocket park in Scio, documenting existing conditions for a veterans' center in Rushford and for a building in downtown Buffalo, and a master plan for Lions Camp Badger in Spencer, NY.

Another project involves two students working with the Alfred State Sustainability Committee on converting an L-shaped area near the Central Dining Hall into a community garden.

Dean noted, "These students are actually getting that experience of talking to people about their problems and helping them develop solutions to the extent that they can do that through an academic exercise, so I think it really provides a tremendous experience for the students that they're not going to get in every architecture program."



Pictured are, from top, counter-clockwise, Alfred State architectural technology majors Jeremy Dearing and Andrew Scott, and members of the Pioneer Park Committee Patricia Kreiley, Paul Hoffman, and Jane Schryver. The students worked with the committee members on a civic engagement project at Pioneer Park in Dansville last semester through the college's Southern Tier Architectural Resource (STAR) Center.



Joining the search for America's MISSING CHILDREN

Fireball Run squads departed for Frisco, TX, in September for a 14-city, 2,000-mile competition.

Two of the squads, Team Allegany and Team Salamanca, competed in Fireball Run, while Alfred State provided a support team and sponsored the annual life-sized trivia game that seeks to aid in the recovery of America's missing children.

The college's support team performed duties such as tire pressure and car checks, according to Kent Johnson, chair of the Automotive Trades Department.

The Alfred State team drove a 1987 Mercedes Turbo Diesel donated by 1975 Alfred State graduate Mark Crounse.

Along with Johnson, the Alfred State support team included automotive service technician students and brothers Josh and Jordan Ricotta, both from Falconer, NY.

"We're honored to go and represent the college that we wanted to take up automotive at," said Josh Ricotta. "Our hard work paid off and they honored us with being able to go."

"It's a great experience to learn from," Jordan Ricotta said.

This year's Fireball Run began Sept. 26 in Frisco, TX, and ended Oct. 4 in Independence, MO, covering 14 cities and 2,000 miles. For more information, visit www.fireballrun.com.

[SCHOOL OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY]

MEETING A GROWING NEED

\$5 million Sustainable Advanced Manufacturing Center coming to School of Applied Technology

Alfred State is actively involved in meeting the growing demand for expertise in sustainable and efficient manufacturing through its Sustainable Advanced Manufacturing Center (SAMC), which will be part of the School of Applied Technology on the Wellsville campus.

Basic funding for the \$5 million, 16,000-square-foot SAMC is through a NYSUNY 2020 Challenge Grant Program and the Western New York Regional Council.

The center will be used to train electrical construction and maintenance electrician, welding technology, and machine tool technology students in state-of-the-art renewable energy aspects of sustainable energy advanced manufacturing through installation of a photovoltaic system and energy monitoring of all energy systems in the center, including advanced lighting, HVAC, and process improvements through waste reduction and LEAN Six Sigma processes. Other uses for the center include prototyping and assisting manufacturers in the development of new products and systems.

"Students will understand energy costs related to sustainable operation of a commercial facility by implementing an energy management system," said Dr. Craig Clark, executive director of the Wellsville campus and dean of the School of Applied Technology at Alfred State. "The graphical interface will allow monitoring via our website and be used in advanced course work for students to monitor, for community awareness programs, and for a demonstration project for the area."

"Exposure to this system will make our students more employable and local manufacturers more competitive."

According to Clark, construction is expected to occur after the beginning of next year, with the building housing the programs before January 2016.



1+2+1

format introduced for
NURSING



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS APPLYING for the associate degree program in nursing who meet all established entrance requirements will be offered acceptance through a new 1+2+1 format. This allows students to take general education courses including anatomy and physiology I and II during the first year. Nursing clinical classes are taken during years two and three, allowing students to earn the associate degree at the end of the third year. They are then eligible to take the registered nurse licensing exam (NCLEX). In one additional year, students will earn their Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. This new format allows students to meet the educational preparation that will be required of nurses beginning in the year 2020.



Dairy Farmers of America awards College Farm

The College Farm received a Superior Milk Award from the Dairy Farmers of America for the organic herd by averaging a somatic cell count under 100,000 for the year 2013.



Vet Tech Center Impresses Visitors

ALFRED STATE CELEBRATED ITS NEW Veterinary Technology Center with an open house during Homecoming/Family Weekend.

Dr. Philip Schroeder, chair of the Agriculture and Veterinary Technology Department, said the center is used to teach almost all of the vet tech classes that involve live animals. It includes animal housing, teaching labs, a radiography suite, and a surgical suite.

"The Vet Tech Center is a top-quality teaching facility that rivals any in the region," Schroeder said, "and helps the program continue to be one of the best in the country."

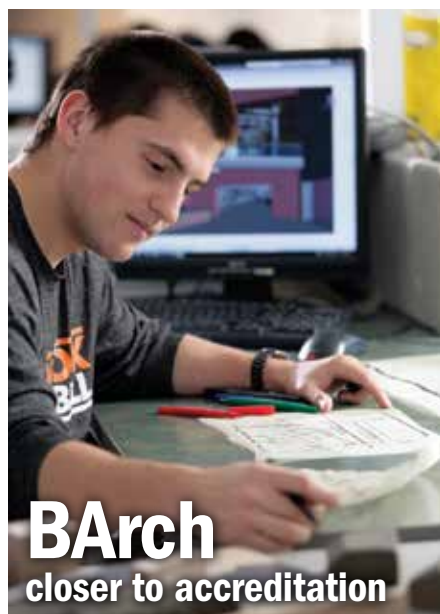
Before opening during the spring 2013 semester as the Vet Tech Center, the facility was used for the horticulture and landscape design program since the 1950s. Renovations to the roughly 7,500-square-foot building began in the spring of 2012 and ended this summer, costing \$1.2 million.

Veterinary technology alumna Kellie Donovan, '06, attended the open house and took a tour of the new facility. She came away impressed. "I think it's great," said Donovan, who is now a licensed veterinary technician at Genesee Valley Equine in Scottsville. "It looks amazing."

Alfred State ranked among top regional colleges by U.S. News & World Report

U.S. News & World Report has once again named Alfred State to its Best Colleges list, tying for 22nd among the top regional colleges in the North for 2015. The college has also earned a seventh-place ranking among top public regional schools in the North.

This marks the eighth consecutive year Alfred State has made the prestigious list, tying this year with Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology, out of Flushing. According to *U.S. News & World Report*, Alfred State's average freshman retention rate is 82 percent, up from 74 percent a year ago.



The Bachelor of Architecture (BArch) program has moved one step closer toward accreditation from the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) after the board formally granted the program initial candidacy status in August.

Dr. John C. Williams, dean of the School of Architecture, Management, and Engineering Technology, said NAAB granted the status after approving the Architecture and Design Department's accreditation plan and conducting an initial candidacy visit.

"In 2016, there will be a continuation of candidacy visit," Williams said. "Two-year intervals are required to check your progress as you move forward." Williams said the department hopes the BArch program will be accredited by 2018.

Alfred State's Bachelor of Architecture degree is the only BArch in the State University of New York (SUNY) system. It is also one of only seven BArch degrees offered in New York State.

According to its website, www.naab.org, the NAAB is the sole agency authorized to accredit U.S. professional degree programs in architecture. Most state registration boards require a NAAB-accredited degree to be a licensed professional architect.

Middle States evaluation underway

Alfred State has its decennial evaluation for accreditation this year with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The college's self-study for the evaluation has been drafted, is being reviewed campus-wide, and will be updated accordingly by the Self-Study Steering Committee. The Self-Study Evaluation Team, comprised of eight individuals from peer institutions outside of New York State, will receive the final version of Alfred State's self-study in December 2014, and then will be on campus Feb. 8-11, 2015, for the site visit. In preparation for the site visit, the Self-Study Evaluation Team chair visited Alfred State on Oct. 14, 2014. The Commission will take action on Alfred State's self-study at its June 2015 meeting.

Partnership Burgard High School yields Advanced Manufacturing Early College program

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo announced in July the approval by the Buffalo Board of Education to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the state and community partners to create an advanced manufacturing early college program at PS 301 Burgard High School. Burgard teachers, together with Alfred State instructors, will train students in skills such as automotive technology, welding, and machine tool technology (CNC machining). This initiative grew out of the Buffalo Billion Investment Development Plan which, in an effort to bridge the gap in workforce needs, stresses aligning Buffalo's training system with the career paths, certificates, and degrees required for growth in core industries, such as manufacturing.

Being a comprehensive college of technology with four- and two-year programs across the spectrum in advanced manufacturing, Alfred State is a critical academic partner in this initiative and will enhance the curriculum at Burgard while providing associate degrees to students who complete a 13th year.

Burgard High School will also become a middle/early college school where students attend college courses taught by Burgard teachers in collaboration with Alfred State and obtain an associate degree after completion of the 13th year.

A leader in civic engagement

Alfred State has been selected to participate in a national initiative on civic learning and democratic engagement. The college has been named one of nearly 100 colleges and universities in the nation as a Lead Institution by NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, the leading voice for the student affairs profession.

As a participating institution in NASPA's initiative, Alfred State will continue to encourage students' civic development through thoughtful community partnerships, engaging leadership opportunities, and democratic participation. By combining real-world learning situations with civic engagement opportunities, Alfred State students make significant contributions to communities around the world and are frequently among the first to lend their skills and knowledge to those in need, including communities devastated by Super Storm Sandy and Haitian communities recovering from the 2010 earthquake. Last year, Alfred State students contributed nearly 60,000 hours of service, civic leadership, and workforce-ready knowledge to communities in need.



Ed Foundation welcomes new board member



The Educational Foundation of Alfred, Inc., a private foundation representing faculty, staff, and friends of Alfred State, welcomed a new board member, Peter M. McClain, of Alfred.

McClain, senior staff assistant in Business Affairs, Alfred State, received his bachelor's degree in economics from Alfred University. He is chair of the Alfred Village Planning Board; treasurer of Cub Scout Pack 1026; adviser to the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship; and inventor of the family card game, Str8 Eight. McClain and his wife, Janet, are the parents of two children, Justin and Micah.

NYS STEM professionals, teachers, and industry leaders gather for Education Collaborative

The 2014 New York State STEM collaborative took place at Alfred State's Alfred campus this summer, with more than 200 attendees, mostly high school faculty.

"Holding the STEM Summer Institute at Alfred State was a great opportunity for the college to showcase its technology-focused educational programs, high-tech facilities, and expert faculty," said Dean of the School of Applied Technology Dr. Craig Clark.

Keynote and banquet speakers included Johanna Duncan Poiter, senior vice chancellor for community colleges and the Education Pipeline for SUNY; Dr. William Gerberich, a world-renowned researcher in nanotechnology, micromechanics, and materials science from the University of Minnesota; and Dr. Anthony Fasano, executive director of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers. The collaborative had four terrific sponsors, NYS United Teachers, Corning Inc, CTE Technical Assistance Center, and Dresser-Rand.

"Alfred State's Karen Canne, and Craig Clark, along with many Alfred State staff members provided tremendous support on many different levels to make for a glitch free and totally enjoyable experience," said Chuck Goodwin, conference chair.

Alfred State will host this event again in July 2015 because of the great success of the 2014 Institute. In 2015, the college will highlight laboratories on both campuses including the Zero Energy Home.

Proudly supporting veterans

For the fifth consecutive year, Alfred State has been named a military-friendly college by Victory Media, originator of the Military Friendly® group of education and career resources for veterans.



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INSTITUTE
SHOWCASES OUR
TECHNOLOGY-FOCUSED
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EXPERT FACULTY.**



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Veterinary Technology, '16



Ryan
Business Administration, '15



Shavonne
Business Management, '15



Daniel
Financial Planning, '16



Chelsea
Biological Science, '15



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Welding Technology, '15



Aneka
Marketing, '16



Dennis
Architecture, '18



Ryan
Building Construction, '15



Jazmin
Technology Management, '16

PHONATHON

Student callers raising funds and

If you are an alum or a parent of a current student, you may have received or will receive a phone call from The Alfred State Phonathon, one of the fundraising components of the college's annual giving program, the Annual Fund. From mid-September until the beginning of May at a call center on campus, around 20 students phone alumni and parents of current students to raise funds for the college, to update and provide information, and to answer any questions.

These students come from a wide range of backgrounds and majors. Maybe you'll speak with Ryan Hierlwimmer, a business administration major from Livonia, who is also on the college baseball team. Perhaps you can swap stories with Jazmin Green, a technology management major from Brooklyn. They will tell you about their experiences and listen to yours, keep you in the loop with all of the goings-on of the college and explain why you matter to Alfred State.

Donors to the Annual Fund can restrict their gift to the school, department, unit, scholarship, faculty, or academic program of their choice. They can also allocate their gift for general unrestricted support, where it will be used for critical needs such as merit scholarships, faculty development, career networking, and admissions programs. Every dollar raised ultimately bolsters the solid foundation of academic excellence and success of the college. The Annual Fund supports Alfred State's most precious resource - its students.

The Phonathon's 2014-15 goal is to raise \$75,000. The Office of Institutional Advancement is seeking to raise \$515,000 for the Annual Fund.

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You Matter.

Aimee
Entrepreneurship, '15

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Electrical Construction & Maintenance Electrician, '15

Jenna
Human Services, '16

Justin
Construction Management Engineering Technology, '16

William
Mechanical Engineering Technology, '17

On behalf of the Development Fund Board, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the support received from our alumni and donors for scholarship funds used during academic year 2013-14. Because of you, we were able to disburse more than 130 annual and endowed awards and scholarships to Alfred State students totaling more than \$340,000. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Dale Stell

has been named the new chair of the Alfred State Development Fund Board of Directors, taking over for J. Joseph Wilder.



Stell, who grew up on a small farm in Gorham, near Canandaigua, graduated from Alfred State in 1975 with an associate degree in landscape development. After serving stints as head of grounds at Highland Hospital in Rochester and at F.F. Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua, Stell founded a company in 1980 called Lakeview Lawn and Landscape.

Lakeview handles commercial landscaping, including at colleges such as Alfred State. Stell recently sold Lakeview and purchased a business with his two nephews in 2013 called City Hill Construction, which is located in Penn Yan, and provides quality residential and commercial site work, excavation, landscaping, and aggregate products. He is currently president of City Hill.

Stell said Alfred State matters to him because it helped jumpstart his career, as it has for so many others. "The graduates of Alfred State are prepared and ready to go to work and be full participants with their new employer," Stell said. "The training and the learning curve for Alfred State graduates going to work for a new employer is very small. You graduate and you're prepared to hit the workforce. That's the amazing part."

Recently, Stell has donated \$25,000 for a leadership suite at the Student Leadership Center and has made a \$10,000 gift for an endowment to preserve the bell tower.

As for what he would like to accomplish as chair of the Development Fund Board, which raises funds for the college, Stell said he hopes to increase the amount of money alumni give and also enhance the percentage of alumni who give to Alfred State.

"I do think the Development Fund is a very important part of the Alfred community because without us raising the funds that we do, a lot of students wouldn't be able to stay in college," Stell said. "We raise a lot of money year to year for scholarships and equipment and other academic needs that the college wouldn't otherwise be able to provide."

You can have an everlasting impact on our students.

Your gift will help Alfred State today and in the future!

Use this tear-off and mail back to:
Office of Institutional Advancement
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Designate your gift to the area most important to you.

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I am enclosing a gift of \$ _____

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- ☐ Other _____

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Help create the foundation for a new tradition, and remind fellow Pioneers of the faithful alumni and friends who paved the way for them. Honor yourself or pay tribute to a friend, family member, or favorite faculty or staff member. Declare your devotion to a fraternity or sorority, Pioneer team, club, or chapter.

The Alfred Alumni Plaza and the Wellsville Campus Courtyard are central gathering places in the heart of our two thriving campuses. You may acquire your piece of Alfred State by purchasing a brick (or bricks) to be included in either of these dedicated sites.

Prices range from \$65 to \$85. Visit www.alfredstate.edu/give or call 607-587-3930 for more information.

Help us reach our goal: To install 75 new bricks in the plazas

You Matter...

Gifts for scholarships ensure our students ultimate success.

Providing scholarships can be a decision-maker for students to attend college or not. Program competitions, internships, and once-in-a-lifetime learning experiences give our graduates the edge to get sought-after jobs.

You have the power to change someone's life for the better!

TAKE IT FROM TYLER:

"As a technology school, Alfred State prepares you with both the technical and conceptual sides of architecture. I don't just know how to design a building; I know what it takes to build it from the ground up."

*Tyler is currently employed
by JM2 Architecture P.C.,
in Farmingville, NY.*

Alfred State proudly recognizes outstanding students by offering numerous scholarships given on an annual or endowed basis. These scholarships can be created for students to recognize their high academic standing, achievements, community contributions, volunteer work, and financial need. Scholarships offered include the Academic Distinction Scholarship, the Distinguished Scholar Program scholarships, and scholarships for students who are international, from out-of-state, minorities, or studying abroad. For a named endowed scholarship, the minimum initial corpus is \$10,000, which could be payable over the course of five years. Alfred State also offers a number of program- and activity-specific scholarships.

Help us reach our goal: To raise \$100,000 for the Excellence in Education and Alumni Scholarship Fund

Tyler Fox

Architectural Technology, '14

A recipient of the Distinguished Presidential Scholarship



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President's Society members lead the way in leadership giving, which preserves Alfred State's greatest asset - our students!

Join the Alfred State President's Society - a group of alumni, friends, parents, faculty, staff, and corporations who support the college through contributions of \$1,000 or more annually to the Alfred State Development Fund, Inc. The society's primary purpose is to obtain unrestricted support for scholarships, faculty and staff development, and advancements in technology.

Visit www.alfredstate.edu/make-a-gift or call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 607-587-3930 to learn more about the many opportunities and benefits associated with the President's Society.

Help us reach our goal: To have 175 President's Society members

AS A RESULT OF A LONGSTANDING AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP

between Alfred State and Dresser-Rand, the company has pledged to pay the Alfred State Development Fund, Inc. \$20,000 a year for the next five years to fund the Dresser-Rand Endowed Scholarship.

The scholarship was created to provide financial assistance to current and/or new students in the region who attend Alfred State. The scholarship money may only be applied toward tuition or costs associated with attending the college. The first disbursement of scholarship funds will be in the fall of the 2016-17 academic year.

To be eligible for consideration for the endowed scholarship, a student must be:

- An incoming or current student at Alfred State.
- From one of the following counties: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, or Steuben in New York; or McKean, Potter, or Tioga in Pennsylvania.
- In good academic standing.

Hello Alfred State Alumni!

On behalf of the Alumni Relations Office and the Alumni Council, I want to express to you how excited I am with all the activities and events taking place at Alfred State. Having just celebrated one of our largest Homecoming/Family Weekends to date, as well as the many alumni events throughout the year, I continue to have the privilege and opportunity to interact with our fantastic alumni, both near and far!

Alfred State is a special place, but without the students, it would simply be a handful of buildings. You, my alumni friends, are Alfred State and what it represents. Whether your walk across the stage at graduation is now a distant memory or it was very recent, you are what made and what continues to make Alfred State so special.

I also wish to stress the importance of alumni gifts, no matter the size. When you give to your alma mater, you are not only enhancing the quality of education our students receive and providing an opportunity for students who might not otherwise have the means to attend college, you are also increasing the value of your own degree. Your gifts to Alfred State make an enormous difference in the level of support we can provide to our students and our academic and athletic programs. Every gift in any amount is a testament to the generosity of our enthusiastic alumni and your loyal connection to Alfred State!

Our door is always open in Alumni Relations, so please feel free to share your Alfred State story, identify ways you would like to volunteer, or to provide ideas on how our office could better serve you. You now also have the opportunity to tell us what you think online! What would you like to learn more about regarding Alfred State? Do you prefer postcards or emails? Let us know how we can improve our outreach and methods of keeping you up-to-date by taking our survey at www.alfredstate.edu/alumni.

We look forward to connecting with you!



Warm regards,
Colleen Argentieri, '85
Director of Alumni Relations



ALUMNI GATHERINGS

Observing the old college friendships being rekindled, and the new ones being forged



KSE & DCO alumni associations hosted a 60th reunion in September. Over 300 guests attended weekend celebrations.

Be our *quest*

Saturday, Jan. 31

Holiday Valley Ski Event

3 p.m. at Holiday Valley, 6557 Holiday Valley Road, Ellicottville, NY 14731.

Friday, July 31 - Sunday, Aug. 2

TG & Pi Nu Reunion - Save the date

Gamma Theta Gamma Fraternity and Pi Nu Epsilon Sorority members from 1977 and prior together with Delta Chi Omega Sorority members from 1965-73. Please contact Colleen Argentieri or Cindy Croston at 607-587-3931 or via email at alumni@alfredstate.edu if you wish to assist with the planning.

Friday, June 19

Alfred State Signature Golf Tournament - Wellsville Country Club

Updates and details on these events can be found on the Alfred State Alumni Facebook group and the Alfred State Alumni Events website as they progress.

 /groups/AlfredStateCollegeAlumni

www.alfredstate.edu/alumni-events

BECOME AN ALUMNI COUNCIL MEMBER

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

Your participation as an alum encourages Alfred State students and other alumni to strengthen ties with the college, to create new friendships and networking opportunities, and to serve the students of today and future generations. If you are interested in becoming a member, or if you wish to forward a name for nomination, please send information to alumni@alfredstate.edu.



is very inspiring.



5^{New Athletic} Hall of Famers

THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
INDUCTED FIVE NEW MEMBERS
INTO THE HALL OF FAME DURING
HOMECOMING/FAMILY WEEKEND.

Wrestlers Richard Zeitler (1970-72) and James Burns (1976-78), skiers Tom Stapleton (1971-73) and Peter Wuerslin (1970-72), and swimmer Paul Eaton (1974-1975) were inducted while the National Championship-winning ski teams from 1971 and 1972 were honored.

RICHARD ZEITLER

Zeitler was one of the most successful Alfred State wrestlers of all time. He never lost a match in his two years wearing the Pioneer blue and gold in a dual meet or in Region III competition.

Zeitler was 38-2 over his two years at Alfred State. He won back-to-back Region III Championships and finished fifth at the NJCAA National Championships in 1972 in the 190-pound competition. He was 33-0 in Region III competition.

When Zeitler left Alfred State, he was the program leader in wins in a season (19), wins in a career (38), most dual wins in a season (12), most dual meet wins in a career (22), most consecutive dual meet wins (22), most consecutive wins in regional competition (33), most pins in a season (14), most pins in a career (25), and most career wins in a regional tournament (8). For his numerous accomplishments, Zeitler was inducted into the Region III Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1981.



L-R: Paul Eaton, James Burns, and Tom Stapleton

JAMES BURNS

Burns was one of the top wrestlers on the Pioneers 1977-78 teams that finished in the top 20 in the nation. He earned NJCAA All-American honors both years.

In 1977, Burns and the Pioneers finished 19th out of 116 teams at the National Championships. He won the 190-pound Region III Championship and earned All-American honors at Nationals following a fourth-place finish. During the 1977 season, Burns was selected and became the first Alfred State athlete to compete in the Junior Pan American Games. He won a silver medal in the 220-pound competition.

The 1978 team won the Region III Championship and finished 19th out of 107 teams at the National Championships. Burns earned All-American honors again and was named Co-Most Valuable Player along with teammate and Alfred State Hall of Famer Mike Fuller.

TOM STAPLETON

Stapleton was key as the Alfred State ski team won the NJCAA Championship and the Region III Championship in 1972. The National Championship was the second straight for the skiing program.

Stapleton was first in the giant slalom (32.4), second in the downhill (30.5), and third in the slalom (37.0) at the 1972 Championships. The Pioneers came from behind to win the Nationals and then finished their season by winning the Region III Championship.

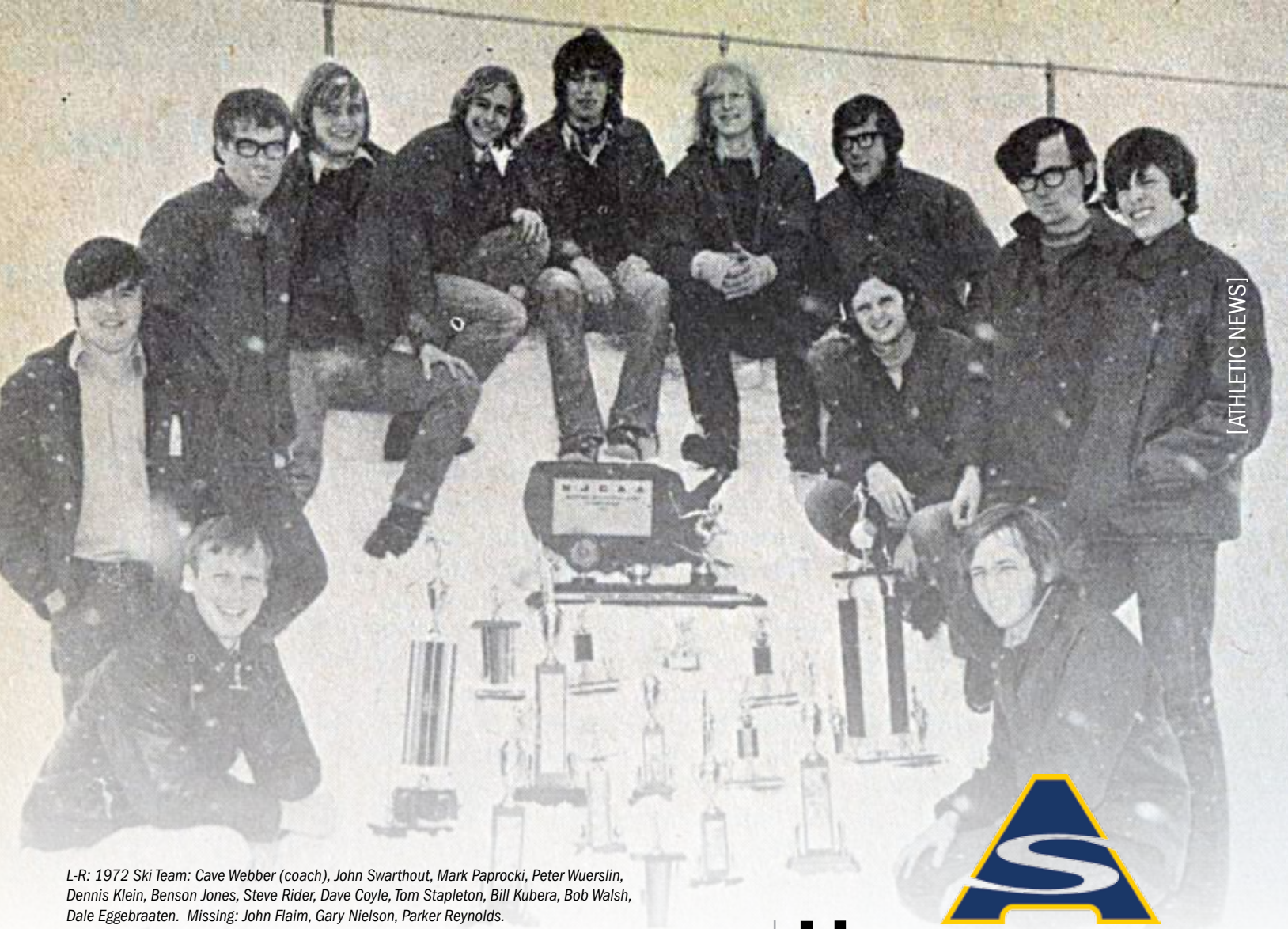
In 1973, Stapleton finished second in the giant slalom and fourth in the downhill as the Pioneers finished 11th at the National Championships.

PETER WUERSLIN

Wuerslin was a two-year member of the Alfred State ski team that won back-to-back NJCAA National Championships in 1971 and 1972. The 1971 National Championship was the first NJCAA title won by any Alfred State team.

Wuerslin won the National Championship in the slalom in 1971 (31.5) and was second in the giant slalom (36.0) as the Pioneers took home the national title and finished second in the Region III Championships.

In 1972, Wuerslin was third in the giant slalom (33.2), fifth in the downhill (32.5), and sixth in the slalom (39.55). The team



[ATHLETIC NEWS]

L-R: 1972 Ski Team: Cave Webber (coach), John Swarthout, Mark Paprocki, Peter Wuerslin, Dennis Klein, Benson Jones, Steve Rider, Dave Coyle, Tom Stapleton, Bill Kubera, Bob Walsh, Dale Eggebraaten. Missing: John Flaim, Gary Nielson, Parker Reynolds.

went undefeated en route to the National Championship. The team also won the Region III title.

PAUL EATON

Eaton became one of the most decorated Pioneer swimmers of all time in his one year of competition at Alfred State. He helped lead the Pioneers to a runner-up finish at the 1975 NJCAA National Championships.

At the 1975 NJCAA National Championships, Eaton was named the NJCAA Swimmer of the Year after swimming to All-American honors in three individual and one relay event. At Nationals, he won the 50 free (21.6), the 100 free (46.8), and the 100 butterfly (51.8). All three of his individual performances were NJCAA Championship, NJCAA, and pool records.

He was also teamed with Kevin Osborn, Peter Ritz, and Tom Ravel to establish new NJCAA Championship, NJCAA, and pool records in winning the 400 free relay (3:15.1).

Eaton is still the Alfred State record-holder in the 50 free, 100 free, and 100 butterfly.

1971-1972 SKI TEAMS

The 1971 and 1972 ski teams won back-to-back National Championships. The 1971 Championship was the first won by any team at Alfred State (the swimming team won the national championship just a few weeks later). The ski teams are the sixth team to be honored by the Athletic Department.

LivESTREAMING

a new feature for AlfredStateAthletics.com

For everything you need to know about your favorite Pioneer athletic teams, from stats to schedules to news, visit www.alfredstateathletics.com. The site launched in January 2012 after the college moved to NCAA Division III. It includes live stats, photo galleries, social media pages, team histories, and, recently, video streaming of home contests. Visitors to the site can now purchase the live video stream of an event and can sign up to receive email alerts with news from their favorite Pioneer teams. Desired future changes to the website include more sponsorship opportunities for businesses/organizations with the sale of advertisements on the site, establishment of online stores to purchase Alfred State athletic photos and gear, and a fresh look to the site, which will be revealed for the 2015-16 school year.

AlfredStateAthletics.com



Dr. Kristin Poppo is the new vice president of Academic Affairs at Alfred State.

Most recently, Poppo has been associate provost and executive director of regional centers and the National Institute of Teaching Excellence at Cambridge College.

Poppo has held teaching positions at colleges in Vermont, North Carolina, and Washington. She was head of graduate and professional studies at IslandWood/University of Washington

from 2001 to 2008 and director of extended learning at Olympic College, a Washington State community college, from 2008 to 2011.

Poppo has served in the Solomon Islands as a community development worker/medical discharge with the U.S. Peace Corps and has held chaplaincy internships at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital and Goddard Chapel at Tufts University. She has also served on numerous committees in leadership and membership positions, published articles, given numerous presentations, and has been awarded two fellowships.

Poppo received her Ph.D. in the social and philosophical foundations of education from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro; her master's in divinity from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass.; her master's in teaching/environmental communications from Antioch University – New England in Keene, N.H.; and her bachelor's degree in philosophy and religion with a minor in women's studies from Colgate University in Hamilton.



Dr. Robert Curry has been appointed dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Alfred State.

Curry joined the Alfred

State faculty in 2004 and served as department chair for English and Humanities from 2008-13, and as interim dean of the School of Arts and Sciences in 2013-14. He is New York's higher education representative to the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and serves on PARCC's Core Leadership Review Committee and New York's English Language Arts Content Advisory Panel—groups that guide development of state and national Common Core-aligned assessments. He has also worked on Common Core-aligned standards and assessment projects for the U.S. Department of Education and with the GED Testing Service.

As dean, Curry is responsible for leading more than 70 faculty and staff. The school, with an annual budget of about \$3 million, includes seven departments (Agriculture and Veterinary Technology, English and Humanities, Mathematics/Physics, Nursing, Physical and Life Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and the Student Success Center) offering 19 programs to more than 1,250 students.

Curry holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Connecticut; a master's in English from California State University, Chico; and a bachelor's in creative writing and comparative literature from San Francisco State University.



Dr. Craig Clark, dean of the School of Applied Technology, successfully defended his dissertation "Funding Local Rural

Highways" on July 14 and has completed all requirements for his Ph.D. in civil engineering from North Carolina State University, in Raleigh, NC.

Clark also was a panelist at the Oct. 9 Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Conference titled "Investing In Appalachia's Youth" in Florence, AL. He discussed a construction-related overview of the region's STEM jobs and Alfred State's programs that target them.

Dr. Joseph Petrick, technical services coordinator at the Hinkle Memorial Library, successfully defended his dissertation "Mapping Research Themes in Communication" on April 30 and has completed all requirements for his Ph.D. in communication from the University at Buffalo.

Dr. Jon Owejan, assistant professor, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology, successfully defended his dissertation "Transport Resistance in Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cells" on March 26 and has completed all requirements for his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Dr. Kathleen Ebert, chair of the Mathematics and Physics Department, and **Dr. Earl Packard**, professor in the Alfred State Mathematics and Physics Department, served as College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Program readers in Kansas City, MO, for seven days in June 2014.

Ebert was selected to score AP statistics for more than 183,000 student exams with nearly 700 college faculty and AP teachers from around the world.

Packard was selected to score AP calculus exams for more than 407,000 student exams with more than 1,000 college faculty and AP teachers from around the world.

David Haggstrom, director of libraries, received the Community Service Award from the Catherine Schuyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) at the chapter's luncheon meeting in Wellsville on Sept. 18. The award recognizes "a worthy individual for voluntary achievement in cultural, education, humanitarian, patriotic, historical citizenship, or environmental conservation endeavors."

Dr. Ron Rhoades, curriculum coordinator of financial planning in the Business Department, recently published his new book, "Choose to Succeed in College and in Life: Continuously Improve, Persevere, and Enjoy the Journey."

Dr. Richard Kellogg, professor emeritus of psychology at Alfred State, is the author of an article appearing in the most recent issue of "The Serpentine Muse," a quarterly literary journal. The article, titled "Charlotte Perkins Gilman: Sherlockian," summarizes the life and literary legacy of Gilman (1860-1935), a prominent writer and a crusader in the feminist movement.

Dr. Kathleen Ebert, chair of the Mathematics and Physics Department; **Tammy Brackett**, chair of the Digital Media and Animation Department; and **Kandi Geibel**, senior associate director of Admissions, have been selected for the Western New York Consortium of Higher Education Women's Leadership Institute, which is intended for women who are preparing for higher education senior leadership positions.

William Dean, chair of the Architecture and Design Department, delivered a presentation titled "Community Visualization Studies in New York's Southern Tier: Engaging Students to Help Create Sustainable Communities" as part of the first annual AIANYS Design Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY. The presentation featured work from senior architectural technology students in the Urban Design Studio as well as ongoing community engagement projects by students involved with the Southern Tier Architectural Resource (STAR) Center. This was the first time that a member of the architecture faculty has been invited to present at a statewide conference sponsored by the New York State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.



Tammy Brackett, chair of the Digital Media and Animation Department, presented a solo art exhibit titled "Deer Dear" at the Syracuse University Art Galleries in Syracuse.

Jeffrey Stevens is the new chair of the Electrical Trades Department. He replaces Jim Jerla, who retired at the end of the 2013-14 academic year.

Lucas Bayus, of Alfred Station, a business administration (BBA) major at Alfred State, was named the 2013-14 Alfred State Student Employee of the Year. Bayus works in the Marketing Communications Office and was nominated by his supervisors, Deb Root, senior director of Marketing and Communications, and Molly Andrus, graphic designer. Students are nominated on the basis of reliability, initiative, quality of work, disposition, and contribution to employer.

1960

Walter J. Tomaszewski, *Animal Science*, Hancock, NH, recently had a novel published titled "TJ Retlaw." He references memories of working on the College Farm.

1961

Ford Easton, *Rural Engineering*, Friendship, authored a book called "Stock Car Racing in the '50s," which highlights 48 racing tracks in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania that operated in the 1950s.

1962

Peter L. Krog, *Construction Engineering Technology*, Orchard Park, received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual Business First Brick by Brick Awards ceremony held June 9 at the Pearl Street Brewery & Grill.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP ALFRED STATE?

Alumni often say they want to do something to help Alfred State, but aren't 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 our alma mater. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE RIGHT NOW!

1969

Thomas Grealish, *Business Administration*, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, founded Integra Consulting in 1990 after 25 successful years in corporate America. Integra provides sales, marketing and strategy to large, privately held B2B manufacturers throughout North America. Grealish was the Paul B. Orvis Award winner in 1969.

1972

Ronald DeGraff, *Internal Combustion Engineering*, Beloit, WI, recently retired as an engineer from Enpro-Fairbanks Morse Engine Division, after 36 years of service. He has been married to Phyllis August DeGraff, '73, for 41 years, who is a paralegal with Nowlan & Mouat LLP.

1974

Paula J. Komarek (Osborne), *Chemical Technology*, Panama, is a senior tax accountant with Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C., and recently earned her Enrolled Agent Certification. Enrolled agent status is the highest credential the IRS awards.



1975

Janet Lurz-Gutner (Lurz), *Nursing*, Laconia, NH, has been employed with Elliot Hospital as a cardiovascular health RN specialist for 10 years.

1977

Rebecca Guthrie (Held), *Executive Secretarial Science*, Waterville, earned her master's degree in professional counseling and pastoral care from Methodist Theological Seminary of Ohio.

1978

Anne P. Bell (Maune), *Computer Information Systems*, Rochester, a vice president for enterprise and corporate applications at Xerox Corp., was recognized by Digital Rochester with its 2014 Technology Woman of the Year Award.

1979

David P. Simons, *Accounting*, Orchard Park, has been named executive vice president and chief financial officer of the western New York-based company Dunn Tire.

Scott Stowell, *Business Administration*, Marcellus, joins TERACAI as an account executive.

Previously, he worked in legal services at Counsel Press, LLC.

1984

Timothy J. Costello, *Marketing*, Wayland, has been promoted to vice president of field sales at Gunlocke.

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1986

Jane M. Elliott (Wentworth), *Accounting*, Acworth, GA, was promoted in Nov. 2013 to executive vice president and chief of staff at Global Payments, Inc.

1987

Jeffrey S. Holley, *Construction Engineering Technology*, Livonia, was recently promoted to vice president of operations at LMC Power Systems, Inc. in Dansville.

1989

David J. Gorman, *Electrical Engineering Technology*, Westerville, OH, was elected executive committee chairman of the Franklin County Libertarian Party of Ohio in Oct. 2013.

1991

Thomas W. Parry, *Agricultural Science*, Fountain Inn, SC, was hired as vice president of business development for ClearDATA Networks in Nov. 2013.

1997

David J. Gifford, *Architectural Engineering Technology*, Cohasset, MA, was recently hired by Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated as a project manager.

Michael J. Ramsden, *Product and Machine Design*, Binghamton, received the NYS Technology and Engineering Educators Association (NYSTEEA)

Region 43, Educator of the Year Award. He was the presenter for the 2014 NYS STEM Education Collaborative Summer Institute, held in July at Alfred State.

2001

Frederick J. Thompson, *Construction Management Technology*, Woodhull, was promoted to vice president of LeChase Construction Services' Corning office.

2005

Jessica E. Flint (Brown), *Accounting*, Syracuse, has been named divisional field accountant for Empire State Division of the Salvation Army.

2007

Katharine Haggstrom Sherwood, *Nursing*, Angelica, was among seven finalists in the oncology category at the March of Dimes "Nurse of the Year" awards ceremony held Sept. 19 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

Megan M. Vanderbrook (Merry), *Architectural Engineering Technology*, Liverpool, has been promoted to project architect in the Education Studio at King & King Architects.

2008

Jay P. Burdin, *Culinary Arts*, Cohocton, has been hired as a project engineer by LeChase Construction Services.

2013

Carolyn A. Horvath, *Health Information Technology*, Amherst, began a new position at Kaleida Health as a coding specialist at a Kaleida facility called Buffalo General Medical Center in Sept. 2013.

MARRIAGE**2005**

Christina N. Fouser (King), *Liberal Arts and Sciences: Social Science*, Webster, married Michael Fouser, '00/'03, *Construction Engineering Technology*, on Oct. 5, 2013.

2011

Melissa A. Vandermark (Sokolinski), *Surveying Engineering Technology*, South Glens Falls, married Alexander Vandermark, '10, *Electrical Construction and Maintenance Electrician*, on Sept. 14, 2013.

2012

Nicole M. Stuart (Doverspike), *Interior Design*, Warren, PA, married Kenny Stuart on Aug. 31, 2013.

REMEMBRANCE**1938**

Lyle G. Nobles, *Office Technologies*, Bolivar, passed away Sept. 10, 2011.

1948

Raymond B. Emerson, *Farm Power and Machinery*, Elmira, passed away Dec. 12, 2013.

1950

Harry E. Ottaway, *Agricultural Business*, Sherman, passed away May 6, 2014.

1951

Robert C. Ferguson, *Electrical Technology*, Fort Collins, CO, passed away June 3, 2014.

1952

Angelo J. Luongo, *Business Administration*, White Plains, passed away May 4, 2014.

1955

Jean Claus (MacDonald), *Executive Secretarial Science*, Bergen, passed away April 22, 2013.

1956

Irving Foss, *Air Conditioning Engineering Technology*, Rochester, passed away Jan. 26, 2013.

1960

Thomas R. McGlynn, *Agricultural Business*, York, PA, passed away June 18, 2014.

1964

Anthony Putich, *Business Administration*, passed away June 27, 2013.

1965

Dale H. Frankish, *General Agriculture*, Canandaigua, passed away Feb. 3, 2013.

1966

Michael E. Bennett, *Marketing*, Camp Hill, PA, passed away Jan. 28, 2013.

Betsy Gannon, *Medical Laboratory Technology*, Painted Post, passed away July 31, 2014.

Charles J. Solat, *Measurement Science*, Winder, GA, passed away Dec. 31, 2012.

1969

Paul Sandberg, *Food Distribution/ Food Marketing*, Bent Mountain, VA, passed away April 25, 2014.

1974

Gregory M. Pelcher, *Business Administration*, Webster, passed away on March 12, 2013.

1984

Cynthia L. Polanowski (Plank), *Nursing*, Angelica, passed away June 10, 2014.

1991

John C. Franklin, *Heavy Equipment Truck and Diesel Technician*, Fredonia, passed away May 3, 2014.

Ramona Hassan, *Individual Studies*, Crossville, TN, passed away Aug. 21, 2013.

Diane D. Martin, *Interior Plantscaping*, Alfred, passed away Sept. 13, 2014.

2003

Kendra L. Haacke, *Architectural Technology*, Churchville, passed away April 18, 2014.

2010

Robert T. Sorg, *Building Trades: Building Construction*, Jamestown, passed away May 4, 2014.

Faculty

Walter I. Lang, Alfred Station, Professor Emeritus, passed away Sept. 12, 2014.



Many Alfred State alumni were in attendance at the wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Vandermark.



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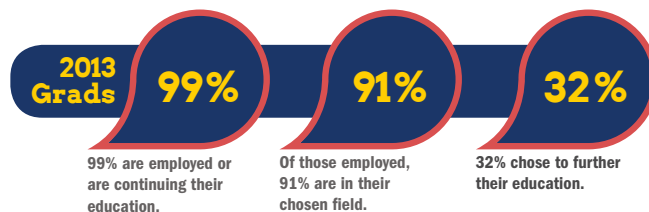
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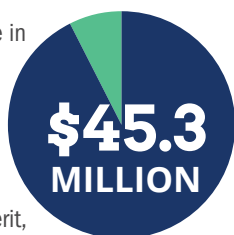
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