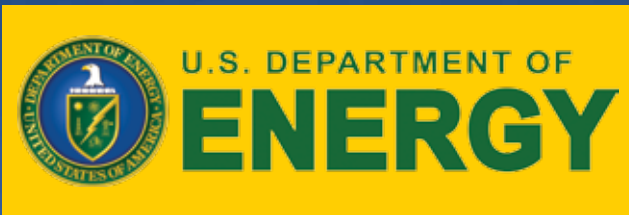


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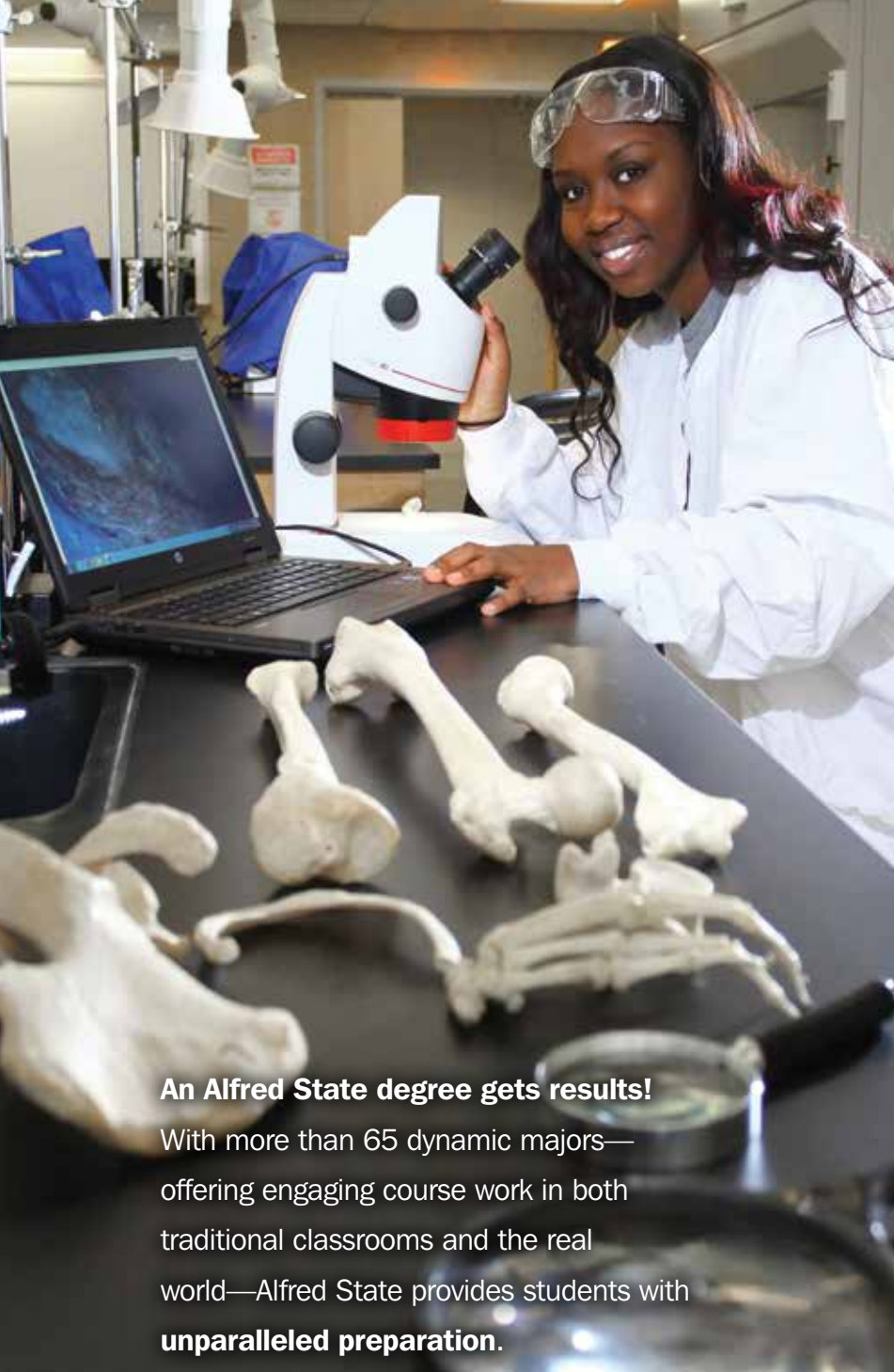


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# Greetings

alumni, faculty, staff, and friends-

As you are all well aware, at Alfred State, we are Pioneers. But what does that mean? What makes someone a Pioneer? Being a Pioneer is being a trailblazer and innovator, venturing into the unknown, opening up new ideas of thought and action. As Alfred State Pioneers, we are on the cutting edge of technology, sustainability, and civic engagement, always looking to explore new territory and new ideas, much the same way the pioneers of the Old West or in industry did long ago.

In this issue of Transitions, you will read about several alums who have lived out the true meaning of the term "Pioneer" since graduating from our college. You will learn about Chad Dispenza, who works for an online publishing company and doubles as a standup comedian; Justin Recktenwald, who founded his own winery; Lee Brasted, who carved out a career as a world-class engineer; and Paul Jurczak, who recently reconnected with a piece of his Alfred State past. Without a doubt, many of you got to be where you are today because you also embody the Pioneer spirit. You met new challenges head on, explored new methods and ideas, and took risks. And you succeeded.

Like the pioneers who headed west in the mid-19th century, you recognized the road ahead wouldn't be easy. There would be struggles and hardships along the way, but the journey ahead had the potential to bring you prosperity, fortune, and a brighter tomorrow.

Speaking of tomorrow, we want to make you aware that the theme of our spring 2016 issue of Transitions will be "Hit the ground running®...". We plan to highlight alums who are business owners, presidents, vice presidents, or CEOs of companies. If you are in an exciting and successful career, please let us know so we can tell your story!

I am very proud of each and every member of our Alfred State family, and all that you have accomplished. We are, and always will be, Pioneers.

Respectfully,



Dr. Skip Sullivan, President

## Dr. Jon Owejan:

### ENGINEERING students for success

All of our faculty members have impressive professional backgrounds in their fields. Dr. Jon Owejan, assistant professor in the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology Department is one such example.

Jon, a Rochester native, is a graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), where he earned his bachelor's degree in 2002, and his master's in 2004. He earned his doctorate from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 2014. All three of his degrees are in mechanical engineering.

As a sophomore undergraduate, Owejan enrolled in a NASA co-op program at the Johnson Space Center. Programs such as this, according to [nasajobs.nasa.gov](http://nasajobs.nasa.gov), are designed to combine academic studies with on-the-job training and experience, and to give students an opportunity to work with NASA while completing their education.

"I worked with really bright people in different areas of expertise," he said. "I had the opportunity to work in structural analysis of shuttle and space station components."

Through the same program, Jon also developed tools for extravehicular activity at NASA's neutral buoyancy lab, and further worked on Robonaut, a dexterous humanoid robot designed to help people work and explore space.

"I was involved in making the hands articulate like a human's hands," Jon said. "It was a very broad experience and it really planted the seed for graduate school and in-depth study of engineering."

After finishing his master's degree, Jon took an engineering position at General Motors, where he focused on design and diagnostic-related activities geared toward developing more efficient fuel cell systems in vehicles.



His research was recognized in 2008 with the General Motors R&D Charles L. McCuen Special Achievement Innovation Award. At General Motors, he worked closely with several universities for research purposes, leading him to consider a career in teaching.

"I enjoyed working with the students and liked the atmosphere, where opportunities are wide open and people can really follow their passion," he said. "I thought at some point in my career, I would like to go into teaching and be part of that culture of learning and research."

Jon worked as a research engineer at General Motors from 2004 to 2012. Once he began searching for an academic position, he started looking at colleges that focus on applied learning.

Logically, his search led him here. "It was very clear that applied learning is what Alfred State is all about," he said. "I met some faculty and

students and the interaction between a professor and a student was more, I would say, casual. It was a way I thought I could relate directly to the students and try to get them excited about linking the stuff we had to do in class to practical examples. That's how I learned engineering best."

Jon, who has about 30 US patents in the field of electrochemical energy conversion, joined Alfred State in January 2013 and currently teaches courses involving thermal fluids and energy management. For him, being a Pioneer means staying "on the cutting edge of a technical education for the modern world, and not losing sight of what our students want, which is a job when they graduate, and to be relevant from day one."

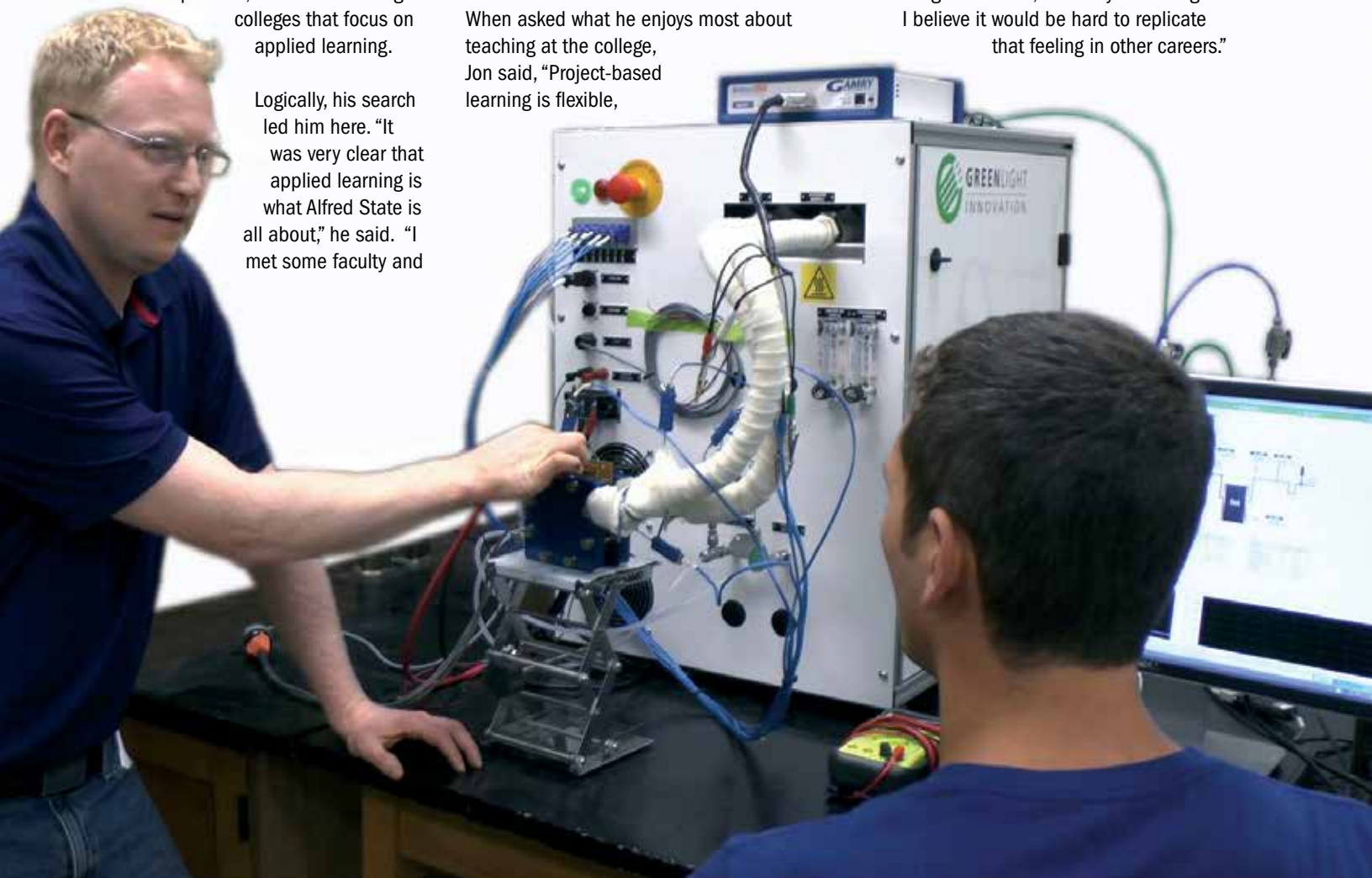
When asked what he enjoys most about teaching at the college, Jon said, "Project-based learning is flexible,

so if I see a student who is really motivated to work on something, then I can immerse myself in it with that student or group of students. That's a lot of fun for me and kind of the dream job for most engineers."

Another rewarding part of his job is being able to introduce a theory to students and then help them put it into practice on a real-world problem.

"That was where things clicked for me — when I was at school. I think I'm getting better at finding ways to make things click for students," he said. "When you see a student take a solid grasp of a concept and then come back to you and talk about a project they want to apply that concept to in an intelligent manner, it's really rewarding.

I believe it would be hard to replicate that feeling in other careers."





# He Channeled His Passions & Discovered Himself

**Chad Dispenza, '06**, was voted shyest person in his high school senior class.

**Once he came to Alfred State, all of that changed...**

"I chose Alfred State because it was a great mix of having the program I wanted and being small enough to where I could easily find a lot of leadership activities. Also, I didn't want to go to a college town that had more than one traffic light," said Chad.

As a Pioneer who graduated in 2006 with a degree in information technology: web development, Chad became less shy by channeling his passions through a number of clubs and organizations on campus. He served as the Student Life chair, vice president of Student Senate, president of Instrumental Music, founded the college's first pep band in about 50 years, served on the Judicial Board, and was a resident assistant for two-and-a-half years.

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Speaking of other ways in which he became more extroverted, Chad was chosen by a casting director to be in a television commercial for the college because he was walking around campus wearing a giant sandwich board promoting an event. At football games, every time we scored a touchdown, Chad would run down onto the field and do as many sit-ups as we had points while the cheerleaders cheered him on.

After graduation, Chad continued his path in higher education, working as a residence director and adjunct lecturer at SUNY Geneseo. He oversaw the Emerging Student Leaders program at Buffalo State, and later went on to work for The Research Foundation for the State University of New York. He did this while also pursuing a Master of Science in creative studies from Buffalo State’s International Center for Studies in Creativity, which he earned in 2012.

Chad is presently the vice president of Content and Creative at Red Blue Media in Los Angeles, managing a staff of more than 30 writers, editors, graphic designers, and social media professionals. He also oversees a number of creative projects, ranging from content creation to comedy videos to animation for various websites, including Guff.com, Memes.com, SarcasmSociety.com, and Sweat.com, with a combined social media reach in excess of 25 million users.

“My overall responsibility in the last year-and-a-half has been taking a startup company with just a handful of writers to being one of the largest publishers on Facebook,” he said. “And our goal is to be the largest.”

Chris Rosiak, CEO of Red Blue Media, said that Chad’s management expertise “brought the writing team together.” He said one of the most disconnected divisions of the company prior to Chad coming on board was the content team.

“It was the inability for us to effectively communicate from the top down to the people actually making the content and having them be inspired to represent the company, the goals, and mission within their content. We would not have been able to (turn that around) without Chad,” said Chris.

While Chad is an executive by day, at night he’s becoming quite successful following his true passion: standup comedy (which he performs under a stage name to keep his two professions separate). Since 2008, Chad has honed his comedic skills, having performed at comedy clubs and colleges in more than 20 states and appearing in more than a dozen comedy festivals — including the prestigious San Francisco International Comedy Competition and the Laughing Skull Comedy Festival. He’s even managed to make the trip home to participate in The Lucille Ball Festival of Comedy.

Chad made his standup television debut this fall, performing on the television show “Laughs” on FOX. He also continues to rack up an impressive comedy resume outside of standup. He has trained with the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre, served as a staff writer for IO west’s longest-running topical sketch show, and even had the opportunity to write a sketch for and perform alongside Alec Baldwin.

When talking about his comedic influences, one of Chad’s former Alfred State professors comes to mind: Computer and Information Technology Assistant Professor Evan Enke. Although he was one of the hardest professors in Chad’s program, he was able to engage his students through the use of humor.

Chad feels that if he hadn’t become a Pioneer, he wouldn’t have found a successful career at Red Blue or had the ability to get out of his shell and become a comedian.

“In terms of leadership opportunities, involvement, getting out of my shell, trying new things, and all of the things that have really become my strengths, they all came from opportunities I had at Alfred State. That’s just from stepping up and getting involved!” said Chad.

He continued, “A lot of times, if you don’t feel that there’s a thing that suits you or that really fits you, you can create your own organization. In the real world, that’s not always the case. I’ve been lucky enough to stumble upon that — both in my day job and in comedy. Alfred is such a small and very supportive community where pretty much anything you want to do, if you find the right people, you can do.”





## In True Pioneering Fashion, **Lee**

### IN HIS 30-PLUS YEARS OF WORKING FOR SHELL OFFSHORE,

a subsidiary of Shell Oil, Lee Brasted carved out an impressive and prosperous career as a world-class engineer. The success he enjoyed in this field was largely founded on the solid education he received at Alfred State.

Lee grew up on a poultry farm outside of Hornell, and originally sought and earned a degree in poultry science at the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University. After graduating, he began working on a poultry farm near Penn Yan and was soon facing doubts about his career. A chance run-in with a successful engineer in Erie, PA, convinced him that engineering was the field he should have entered.

The next step was figuring out which college to attend. In addition to being affordable and close to home, Alfred State also offered a two-year industrial laboratory technology course that could lead to a degree in several branches of engineering. He enrolled in the fall of 1960.

When asked what he enjoyed most about being a student at Alfred State, Lee said, "The college had fairly small class sizes and great professors."

After graduating from Alfred State with his engineering science degree in 1962, Lee enrolled at Bucknell University, where he would earn a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1964.

"I found when I entered Bucknell University at the beginning of my junior year that my first two years of foundation from Alfred State prepared me as well or better than my classmates there," he said.

Following an NSF summer fellowship at Duke, Lee began graduate studies in structural engineering, also funded by an NSF Fellowship at University of Illinois, Urbana. He earned his master's degree in 1965, and that August began a career at Shell that would span more than three decades.

"I joined Shell at the beginning of an amazing leap in technological advancement," he said. "We used slide rules in college, computers were in their infancy, and even electronic calculators were just beginning to come on the scene."

Lee, who began working for Shell in Midland, TX, was transferred after four months to the company's Head Office Construction Design Group (HOCE) in New Orleans. This group of engineers was responsible for the design, fabrication, and installation of platforms for drilling and producing offshore oil fields.

In his career with Shell Offshore, Lee played key roles in designing offshore drilling platforms from California to the Gulf of Mexico and from the North Sea to the South China Sea, and the Atlantic offshore to West Africa.

Three of the projects he was involved with won the American Society of Civil Engineers' Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award, including the company's drilling platform Cognac, which stood in about 1,025 feet of water in 1978. By that time, Lee had assumed supervisory and management responsibilities at Shell Offshore.

Another project that won the same OCEA award 10 years later was known as the Bullwinkle Project, which had nothing to do with the cartoon character of the same name. The \$500 million project, for which Lee was the structural engineering design supervisor, resulted in a 50,000 ton platform standing in more than 1,300 feet of water about 150 miles southwest of New Orleans. The platform produced more than 44,000 barrels of oil and 100 million cubic feet of gas per day at its peak.

Following Bullwinkle's success, Lee became manager of the Floating Systems Group in



# Brasted, '62

*knew innovation was the name of the game.*

1987, which was developing the tension leg platform (TLP), an entirely new system for recovering oil and gas from ocean depths far beyond the capability of sea floor standing structures. Shell Offshore installed the first deepwater TLP, named Auger, in nearly 3,000 feet of water in 1993. That accomplishment earned the company a third OCEA award.

TLPs designed under his tenure were recovering oil and gas from wells nearly 4,000 feet beneath the ocean's surface by the end of 1998. In 1993, three years prior to his retirement at the beginning of 1996, Lee became Manager Civil Engineering Design Process involved with structural design, drafting, and project scheduling for many of Shell Offshore's drilling production platform products worldwide. He currently has six US patents and also co-authored several technical papers that were presented by Lee or others at the annual Offshore Technology Conference in Houston.

Lee has lived in Kingwood since July 1974 and has given much back to his community since then. He was elected to the board of directors of his local Municipal Utility District in 1978, serving a total of 18 years and as president of that entity for 12 years until Kingwood was annexed into the city of Houston. Furthermore, he and his wife, Martha, have served as Stephen ministers in their church, assisted local charities, and recently joined the Meals on Wheels program to distribute meals to shut-ins.

Lee has also given back much to Alfred State over the years. Since 1997, he and his wife have been President's Society members, have donated and had matching gifts totaling nearly \$100,000, and have also established the Lee Brasted Engineering Science Endowed Scholarship.

"My professional success, I believe, is greatly indebted to the solid foundation I received at Alfred State," he said. "God has richly blessed Martha and I and we fully realize that we are only temporary custodians of earthly assets. We enjoy sharing those blessings."

A true Alfred State Pioneer, Lee always ventured into new territory in his field, where, as he said, "innovation was the name of the game."

"Horizons are forever expanding in all areas of endeavor," he said. "So just go for it."

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# PIONEERING *Wine* FERMENTATION



When Justin Recktenwald started at Alfred State in the agricultural technology program, he assumed he would have a career working with animals. It took only one class and one professor to not only change his mind about his future, but to help him figure out exactly what he wanted to do with his life: make wine.





Dr. Gerald Fong, professor of Physical and Life Sciences, wanted to do a direct study with someone on wine analysis. That's when Justin realized this was right up his alley! He did the analysis and was hooked from there.

He graduated in 2010 with an associate degree in agricultural technology. After learning all of the basics from Dr. Fong, he was in a great position to transfer. The Arkport native attended Cornell University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in viticulture and enology in 2012. While at Cornell, Justin worked at Dr. Frank Wines, an award-winning winery located on Keuka Lake in Hammondsport.

Justin's passion for winemaking then led him to Clearlake Oaks, CA, where he worked for a year at Brassfield Estate Winery. While there he learned about wild yeast fermentation, a technique he currently employs at his own establishment, Wild Brute Winery, LLC, which was founded in 2013. Prior to opening his business he did spend some time working for Arkport's Element Winery and back at Dr. Frank Wines.

Very few wineries in New York State use the wild fermentation process, which means nothing is added to the wines. There is no yeast added, thus the natural yeast in the environment ferments the wine. "It can be risky and is only beginning to catch on, so we are somewhat pioneers and at the forefront with respect to fermentation," said Justin. He really embodies the Pioneer spirit and so too does his winery.

The winery is located at 8629 Oak Hill Road in Arkport. Wild Brute makes a number of products, including an Off-Dry Riesling, an Unfiltered Cabernet Franc, a Chardonnay, and they are beginning to dabble in sparkling wine and cider.

The majority of grapes for Wild Brute's wines come from a vineyard on the east side of Seneca Lake. They are diligently sorted and only the finest grapes go into the wine. The same follows through for all Wild Brute does.

Providing testament to the quality of products Wild Brute makes, Danielle Fairman, owner of Outback Liquor and Wine in Canisteo said Justin is very thorough with explaining his process, the flavor of his wines, and where the flavors come from. "His wine has sold out every time I purchase from him," Fairman said. "From a personal standpoint, I have to say both the Off-Dry Riesling and Cab Franc are by far my two favorite New York wines to date."

In addition to Outback Liquor and Wine, Wild Brute's products can be found locally at Maple City Discount Liquors and Wines in Hornell, Club 57 in Hornell, the Black-Eyed Susan Acoustic Café in Angelica, and Ryan's Wine Store in Canandaigua. They have also made their way onto the menus of a couple wine bars in New York City, namely Pearl & Ash, and Rebelle.

"I'm sure we're lost on a list of a thousand wines, but it's still cool," Justin said. "We are on a list that includes Screaming Eagle, which is a \$1,000 bottle. I'm thrilled just to be on the same list."

Justin chose the name Wild Brute for his winery because he felt it embraced what he is...born into a family of adventurous thrill-seekers, motorcycle racers, travelers, and movers and shakers. He has an innate calling for anything untamed, savage...wild. At his core, he's really just a dreamer with a gypsy soul and a fiery zeal for producing memorable wines.

While Justin has begun to make a name for himself in the wine industry, he still attributes much of his success to Alfred State. He confides that until he attended he became much less of an introvert. He continues to maintain ties with the college. Currently his winery is trying to raise money for a scholarship that would benefit a student enrolled in an agriculturally-related program at Alfred State.

To raise funds for the scholarship, Wild Brute held a harvest party on Oct. 17, in which 100+ attendees were able to enjoy some food and sample a number of wines. A portion of the ticket sales were donated toward the scholarship.



[HOMECOMING]







Plenty of fun was had and great memories were made once again as alumni, students, faculty, staff, and their families showed off their Pioneer Pride during Homecoming/Family Weekend.

Festivities kicked off with a Blue and Gold Dinner, a students-only themed event in which students wore their traditional school colors and received gifts and prizes. The exciting annual dodgeball game took place later that evening.

Magician Mike Super, winner of NBC's hit TV show "Phenomenon," dazzled the audience Friday evening with his mystifying magic act. A spirit rally and bonfire later on included a car smash, taco in a bag, brick oven pizza, cotton candy, and snow cones. The night was capped off with a thrilling fireworks display and Late Night Glo-lympics, which featured glow-in-the-dark-related games such as miniature golf, glow racing, and laser tag.

Saturday included the fifth annual Race for a Cure 5K Run/Walk to combat cancer, and the 50th anniversary celebration of the Hinkle Library. A car show preceded the big football game against Husson University, which was the first Homecoming/Family Weekend game for new head coach Jarod Dodson. Always a lot of fun, the final event was the annual Alfred's Got Talent, which showcased the wide range of amazing skills and abilities of Alfred State Pioneers.



Students and faculty will  
be involved in  
the development and  
building of a \$1M  
**Bio-refinery**  
Development &  
Commercialization Center

**State Sen. Catharine Young,** R, C, I-Olean, announced in September that she has secured \$1 million in state aid to help establish the Bio-refinery Development and Commercialization Center (BDCC) on Alfred State's School of Applied Technology campus in Wellsville.

The proposed BDCC will be used to further advance research of the Hot Water Extraction (HWE) process, which removes useful chemicals from natural products, and take the current successful HWE process, developed in the laboratory at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF), to a commercial level. The

"For centuries, the people in this region have gotten economic opportunities and sustenance from the forests and the fields that we have here," she said. "Now it's time to take these resources to a much higher level."

Young said the BDCC has the potential to exponentially increase the \$8.8 billion the forest products industry annually pumps into New York State's economy, as well as the \$40 billion annual impact agriculture has on the state.

Students and faculty will be involved in the development and building of the BDCC. Learning opportunities will include development of the HWE process, process control, pressure vessels, and many other components. We will work with SUNY ESF on other programs, including bioprocessing engineering.

This facility will complement our new Advanced Manufacturing Center, and prepare our students for careers in the newly developed New Forest Economy and various other industrial facilities.



*Pictured from left to right are Patrick McGlew, executive director of Seneca Trail Resource and Conservation Development Council, Inc.; Curt Crandall, chairman of the Allegany County Board of Legislators; Dr. Craig Clark, executive director and dean of the Alfred State School of Applied Technology; Dr. Thomas Amidon, Bio-refinery Research Institute director; Preston Gilbert, SUNY Presidential Fellow for the New Forest Economy and assistant director for Community Development; State Sen. Catharine Young, R, C, I-Olean; Crystal Abers, director of Development, Planning and Tourism for Cattaraugus County; and Dr. Skip Sullivan, president of Alfred State.*

chemicals can then be used for a number of industrial products and the remaining cellulose material can be used for pellets and products used in structures. HWE is the process through which an industrial-based concept known as New Forest Economy (NFE) uses natural resources.

Making her announcement Young said the best economic strategy is to capitalize on your strengths, as in what makes your area special.

"Here's a real,  
live opportunity  
to revitalize the  
struggling areas  
of the state."

- Sen. Catharine Young



## Advanced Manufacturing Center groundbreaking signals great things ahead for welding and machine tool technology majors

The center, on the School of Applied Technology campus in Wellsville, will be used to educate welding and machine tool technology students in state-of-the-art sustainable practices in advanced manufacturing through efficient processes. Other uses for the facility include prototyping and assisting manufacturers in the development of new products and systems.

The building will house freshman and senior welding students and senior machine tool technology students. It includes classrooms, a computer lab, a welding fabrication shop, a material handling and preparation space, a CNC machine shop, and metrology and inspection space. It is expected to be in use by the fall 2016 semester.

Speaking on behalf of elected officials were Julie Schmidt, district coordinator for State Sen. Cathy Young, R, C, I-Olean, and Lori Cornell, Gov. Andrew Cuomo's regional representative for Southwestern New York. Other speakers included Steven D. Fernaays, architect and senior associate for SWBR Architects, whose team designed an efficient building envelope that will minimize energy usage; and Fred Thompson, vice president of LeChase Construction, the general contractor of the project.

The \$5 million, 16,500-square-foot center is part of the \$15 million "Retooling the Southern Tier" SUNY 2020 project. Empire State Development also awarded us a \$500,000 grant for equipment for the center in 2013 through the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council (WNYREDC).

Since the 1990s, Dresser-Rand in Wellsville has provided space for senior welding and machine tool programs. While the company has been a great host, the college's goal has always been to move these programs onto the campus, and the SUNY 2020 grant made that possible.



## Team Alfred travels to California to compete in **Solar Decathlon**

Team Alfred, consisting of more than 25 Alfred State and Alfred University students, came away with an 11th-place overall finish and a third-place award in the "Affordability" and "Comfort Zones" contests in the 2015 US Department of Energy Solar Decathlon.

Held this year from Sept. 28 to Oct. 18 in Irvine, CA, the Solar Decathlon challenged collegiate teams to design, build, and operate solar-powered houses that are cost-effective, energy-efficient, and attractive. Fourteen teams competed in the 2015 event.

Team Alfred's entry was a nearly 900-square-foot zero-energy home for middle-class families in rural western New York. Alfred State and Alfred University also collaborated on a submission for the 2013 Solar Decathlon, held in Datong, China.

In the Affordability contest, teams received up to 100 points for achieving a target construction cost of \$250,000 or less. Team Alfred earned 98.14 points for its house.

Students were complimented on the overall quality of the home, as well as the inside and outside finishes, livability, and open space. We are proud of all of the students who worked on the house and participated in this national event!





## New Facility to Benefit Students, Nanotechnology and Photonics Industries

The cleanroom will provide a controlled environment with an extremely low level of particles or vapors in the air that is essential for creating components on the scale of an individual atom, which is less than 100 nanometers. Several pieces of new equipment will also be obtained, including an aligner tool and a thin-film tool to analyze layers on silicon wafers. This state-of-the-art laboratory will provide students with knowledge of cleanroom operation and hygiene, as well as the many processes used to produce microchips, materials, and other devices.

The cleanroom project is a huge step forward for the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology Department. Students will now have

invaluable exposure to the processes, tools, and equipment that will allow them to actively and successfully support the next frontier of manufacturing. "Currently, the number of New York college graduates with nanotechnology skills is not sufficient to meet the projected demand," stated John Williams, dean of the School of Architecture, Management, and Engineering Technology.

This infrastructure would enable us to take an active role in the network of education and training providers for the rapidly-expanding high-tech workforce of New York. We could support regional manufacturers through applied research and provide educational pathways for students graduating from two-year nanotechnology-related programs.

Totaling \$1 million, this endeavor was part of the \$15 million "Retooling the Southern Tier" SUNY 2020 project, which also helped fund the \$5 million Advanced Manufacturing Center currently under construction on the Wellsville campus.

In order to make room for the new cleanroom, renovations will be made to the electronic fabrication lab and the semiconductor manufacturing lab on the fourth floor of the Engineering Technology Building. The physical work is expected to begin at the end of the fall 2015 semester and the cleanroom should be in use by the beginning of the spring 2016 semester.

David Hunt, associate professor in the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology Department, plans to teach two classes in the new cleanroom, a lower-division microelectronics course and an integrated circuit technology course. He is hopeful that this lab could bring more people into our programs. It's a very unique niche that not many other electrical engineering technology programs have.

**There has been a lot of activity in the state and region with regard to advanced manufacturing including nanotechnology and photonics.** We are upgrading facilities and programs to help support these growing industries and to provide graduates with the skills necessary to be competitive in emerging technologies.





## Criminal Justice AS

### Program to Accept Students for Spring 2016

This new major was developed in response to inquiries regarding the availability of such a program, the popularity and success of similar programs at regional community colleges and peer colleges of technology, as well as a number of jobs available in this field. Opportunities exist in law enforcement at the local, county, state, and federal levels in correctional institutions, parole and probation departments, private security companies, and police science organizations, among others.

Our AS in criminal justice will focus on the development, structure, and function of the US criminal justice system, as well as ethical law enforcement practices and community relations. It will prepare graduates to enter the job market, police academy, to seamlessly transfer into criminal justice programs at the baccalaureate level, or to enter our existing technology management BBA program.

The public interest in criminal justice is significant. This new program is a wonderful addition to our existing curriculum and compliments our strong forensic science technology major.

## Rad Tech AAS Program Enrolls First Class

We are pleased to announce this new program as part of our larger effort to enhance educational opportunities in the health care field. It was developed in response to the rapid increase in employment of radiographers and in partnership with St. James Mercy Hospital and the Bethesda Foundation.

From 2012 to 2022, this field is projected to grow 21 percent, which is faster than the average for all occupations. Currently, radiography is ranked 15th on the *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Health Care Jobs List.

Our program prepares students to become health care professionals who administer ionizing radiation (X-rays) to produce photographic and digital images for diagnostic, therapeutic, and research applications. Students will complete a combination of both didactic classes on campus and clinical rotations at area hospitals.

Upon graduation, students are prepared to take the American Registry Certification exam and be granted licensure through the New York State Department of Health. Employment opportunities for these technologists exist in hospitals, government agencies, and private physician's offices.

## MSCHE REAFFIRMED ACCREDITATION AND COMMENDED ALFRED STATE FOR THE QUALITY OF ITS SELF-STUDY PROCESS AND REPORT.

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), according to [www.msche.org](http://www.msche.org), is recognized by the US secretary of education to conduct accreditation and pre-accreditation (candidacy status) activities for institutions of higher education in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands, including distance education and correspondence education programs offered at those institutions.

The commission, the website further states, is also recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) to accredit degree-granting institutions that offer one or more post-secondary educational programs of at least one academic year in length in those same geographic areas, and other areas in which the commission conducts accrediting activities.

The college conducts a self-study every 10 years, and five years after each self-study is the Periodic Review Report. The self-study takes three-plus years to write, a timeline established by MSCHE.

As part of the MSCHE evaluation, the college has to show it is in compliance with the 14 MSCHE standards, all requirements of affiliation, and all accreditation-relevant federal regulations.

## STARTUP-NY Business Linked to Alfred State

We are sponsoring TDG Wood Products, LTD who will manufacture a new line of micro/micron cooking wood chips under the brand name SmokinLicious® Gourmet Wood Products. The cooking wood chips will be new products and are trademarked as Minuto and Piccolo Chips, respectively.

These chips will come in various sizes designed and manufactured for use primarily in commercial wood cooking and/or smoking appliances. They will be used in a wide variety of culinary settings worldwide. TDG will relocate to the Sanzo building in Cuba, NY, create seven new jobs, and invest \$249,350.

TDG is one of 15 businesses that Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced will expand in or relocate to New York State as a result of START-UP NY.

## SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society Chapter Formed

Six faculty and staff members were recognized Sept. 12 as honorary inductees.

Headquartered at Colorado State University, SALUTE is the first national honor society established for student veterans and military at two-year and four-year institutions of higher education.

Initial inductees, along with the branch of service they were in, included Jim Grillo, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor and Faculty Senate chair, (United States Marine Corps); Matt Pettis, assistant professor in the Electrical Trades Department, (US Navy); Dr. Ed Tezak, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor and chair of the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology Department (US Army Corps of Engineers); Joe Greenthal, controller, (US Army); Timothy Piotrowski, associate professor in the Civil Engineering Technology Department (US Navy); and Ken Geer, associate professor in the Building Trades Department (US Navy).

Students will be inducted as the first class of the Alfred State chapter of SALUTE in spring 2016.



# OASIS

## Student Leadership Center

Oasis, a place for students, faculty, and staff to relax, recharge, and rejuvenate, has opened in the Student Leadership Center. The area features a nap pod, spa music, warm lighting, and refreshments, as well as a MindSpa consisting of fully reclining massage chairs, aromatherapy, an oxygen bar, and more.





Alfred State alumni possess

# MOST VALUABLE SKILLS

**The Brookings Institution recently listed Alfred State as the top two-year or lower college whose alumni possess the most valuable skills.**

The report, “Beyond College Rankings: A Value-Added Approach to Assessing Two- and Four-Year Schools,” determined that the value of Alfred State alumni skills is \$69,219, which is more than \$9,500 greater than the average value of alumni skills at all two-year or lower colleges, \$59,664.

The significance of this top ranking is it implies that the content of what is taught either directly provides highly valued skills in the labor market or prepares students to acquire those skills upon leaving.

“The fact that Alfred State ranks at the top suggests that its teachers instill the most valuable skills in the country, relative to all other two-year colleges,” said Dr. Jonathan Rothwell, a fellow at the Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings.

“Notably, alumni skills not only predict better outcomes for alumni, they predict higher value-added performance,” Rothwell said. “Alfred State scored in the top 2 percent and top 9 percent of all colleges on value-added contribution to occupational earnings power and loan repayment.”

## **New York State STEM Education Collaborative Held on Campus**

Once again, we hosted the New York State STEM Education Collaborative Summer Institute from July 12-14.

The theme was “Building Futures from Pre-K to Careers.” The institute is designed for engaging kindergarten through grade 12 and college-level teachers and administrators.

The STEM Institute provides attendees with 12 professional development hours spread over eight sessions via a wide array of presentations and keynote addresses. College professors and teacher experts will demonstrate how the four STEM areas can be logically and effectively integrated into each subject area.

Last year’s summer institute, also held here, was a great success, with more than 200 attendees.

Alfred State advances—ranked sixth among top public schools and 19 among top colleges and universities in the North by *U.S. News and World Report*—for ninth consecutive year.

We have once again made the *U.S. News & World Report’s* Best Colleges rankings, tying for 19th among the top regional colleges in the North for 2016, up from 22nd a year ago.

The college has also tied for sixth place among top public regional schools in the North, moving up from seventh place last year. Furthermore, Alfred State tied for 14th on the list of best colleges for veterans among regional colleges in the North, and tied for seventh on the freshman retention rate list for regional colleges in the North.



# Thank you

## BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY -

We were able  
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\$1.6 Million!

DID YOU KNOW THAT ALFRED STATE ONLY RECEIVES APPROXIMATELY ONE QUARTER OF OUR BUDGET FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK?

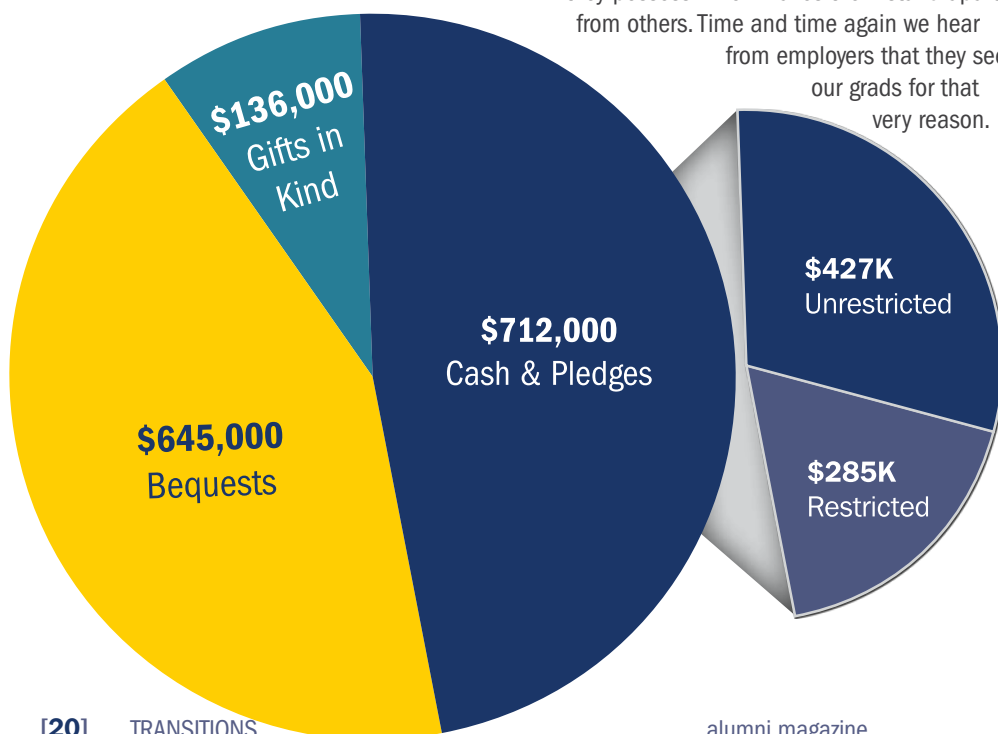
We rely heavily on the generous financial support of our donors and on tuition for funding to operate our college, provide the latest technology, upgrade facilities and most importantly, provide scholarships to our students.

The scholarships, academic programs, and student life initiatives afforded by your generosity to the Alfred State College Development Fund (ASCDF) truly enhance the education our students receive. Your support helps to ease their financial burden and gives our graduates unparalleled preparation for their careers. They are highly sought after, not only for their knowledge, but also the skills they possess which makes them stand apart from others. Time and time again we hear from employers that they seek our grads for that very reason.

The benefits of the \$1.6 million we raised this past year will impact students for years to come. Some of our donors want to leave a legacy at the college after they are gone and have created bequests to the ASCDF totaling \$645,000 last year. These bequests will create scholarships, fund academic programs, and help to build the endowment to benefit future generations.

## OVER 89% OF OUR STUDENT POPULATION **NEEDS** SOME FORM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Over 89% of our student population needs some form of financial assistance. With your help, our students can become the leaders and innovators of tomorrow. Of the cash raised, \$427,000 went directly to support student scholarships, our first priority. The remaining \$285,000 went directly to support academic programs, technology, athletics, and student life as requested by the donor. Gifts to the ASCDF are truly transformational and greatly appreciated.







# - You made a difference!

Some donors possess items that will greatly benefit students in a hands-on way. \$136,000 worth of items were gifted to the college. Some of the donated items included a diesel engine for the heavy equipment truck and diesel technician program, a 3D rigging character software program for the digital media & animation program, different types of metals for the welding program, and radiologic technology teaching tools to help start up the new radiologic technology major at the college.

Again, your gift is greatly appreciated and no matter how large or small, the impact is profound.

## YOU HAVE TRULY MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR STUDENTS!

Currently, our 2015-2016 Annual Fund campaign is underway, and we recognize that there always exists a need for support of our college and our students. Clubs, programs, scholarships, activities, technology, trips to competitions, and much more would not be possible without your help. Therefore, if you haven't already done so, we ask that you please consider making a contribution to the Alfred State Annual Fund.

A gift of ANY amount is truly appreciated and will go a long way toward increasing our fundraising, improving our college, and most importantly supporting our students. Many organizations consider alumni support of a college when making a gift. They want to know that there is strong support from alums. Be sure to check if your employer provides matching gifts, which can double the impact of your donation to our college.

Remember, wherever you are in the world, you always have a place at Alfred State. You will always be a Pioneer! Thank you, again, for your support, and for showing our students your Alfred State Pioneer Pride.

**Danielle White** has been appointed the new executive director of Institutional Advancement. She has served in the position on an interim basis since Dec. 1, 2014. Prior to that, Danielle had been overseeing the college's annual fundraising campaigns as the director of Annual Giving in the Office of Institutional Advancement.

White will also serve as the executive director of the Alfred State College Development Fund, Inc., which raises funds for the college. She holds an MBA from the University of Phoenix and a BS in marketing from Canisius College.



**Every gift** will touch the lives of our students, impact their work, and change their life and the lives of others. Your support of the College shows us and our students that your education had a wonderful impact on your life and now you want to pay it forward. This is a great example to set for our students.

## Your gift matters...

Help Alfred State students today and into the future!

Use this tear-off and mail back to:

**Office of Institutional Advancement**

**10 Upper College Dr., Alfred, NY 14802**

Designate your gift to the area most important to you.

*If no choice is made, your gift will be directed to Alfred State's greatest needs.*

I am enclosing a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please direct my gift as follows:*

- ☐ Unrestricted (For Alfred State's greatest needs.)  
☐ General scholarship support  
☐ Specific scholarship support \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Athletics  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have included Alfred State in my will/estate plans.

*For assistance, contact us at 607-587-3930.*

I am ☐ an alumni ☐ parent ☐ friend ☐ faculty/staff

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## [DEVELOPMENT NEWS]

### GET IN ON THE ACTION - Become a Sponsor Today!

**Consider joining the Pioneers Athletic Corporate Partnership Program.**

Designed to bring area businesses and Alfred State together as partners, this initiative will support athletes and athletic programs, as well as scholarship and programmatic support, while promoting your company, and showing that we support each other in our future successes.

With your sponsorship, you will benefit from visibility at athletic events, public address announcements, signage, and athletic event tickets just to name a few.

**It's a win-win situation for everyone involved!**

To learn more visit [alfredstate.edu/make-a-gift/athletics](http://alfredstate.edu/make-a-gift/athletics).

## THANK YOU

**to our current Athletic Corporate Partners:**

- Auxiliary Campus Enterprises & Services (ACES)
- Campus Construction Management Group
- City of Hornell
- Community Bank, Alfred
- Covered Wagon Tours, LLC
- Dresser-Rand
- Hornell Partners for Growth
- Kessel Construction, Inc.
- Nunda Auto Parts, Inc.
- Pet Saver Superstore
- Sage Rutty and Company, Inc.
- Sports Locker



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.



**To make a donation of any kind or to make an inquiry, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement:  
[ia@alfredstate.edu](mailto:ia@alfredstate.edu) | 607-587-3930 | [www.alfredstate.edu/give](http://www.alfredstate.edu/give)**





### Alumnus

#### William Snyder,

of East Concord, new member  
of the Alfred State Development  
Fund Board of Directors.

In conjunction with its 50th anniversary celebration, the Alfred State Hinkle Memorial Library is currently holding a 50 Years-50 Donors-50 Dollars campaign to raise funds to refurbish its gallery exhibit space.

Specifically, funds raised through the 50-50-50 campaign will be used for new wall coverings in the exhibit space, additional display furniture, and a new gallery hanging system. The campaign's goal is \$2,500.

During the academic year, the gallery is host to displays of work by students, faculty and staff, community members and regional artists, and an occasional traveling show.

### Have you been published? Let us know!

The Hinkle Memorial Library and the President's Office have teamed up to create a listing called "Alfred State Authors" to showcase creative, scholarly, or technical authorship by Alfred State faculty, staff, and alumni.

Work submitted for review to be included in the listing can be fiction, non-fiction, journal or magazine articles, poetry, multimedia, or software and can be in any format, including print or digital documents. A complete citation to the work should be included. If the work is available on the Web, please include the Web address (URL).

You may email your bibliographic information to: [library@alfredstate.edu](mailto:library@alfredstate.edu).

If you are willing and able to donate a physical copy of your book(s), film or video, sound recording, or artwork, you may send them to: Hinkle Library, Alfred State, 10 Upper College Dr., Alfred, NY 14802.

We are honored to showcase the accomplishments of our Alfred State family. It is our hope that your work displayed will continue to inspire our students.

William (Bill) is currently a senior district manager of National Fuel Gas in Orchard Park, where he manages utility operations for two service territories at National Fuel Gas Distribution Operations, the utility segment of National Fuel Gas. He began as a foreman in 2001 and worked through field operation ranks, being promoted to district manager in May 2011.

He has also served on a number of community-related organizations, including the Salem Lutheran Church and Preschool Leadership Council, the Town of Concord Zoning Board of Appeals, the Concord Library Board of Trustees, and as town councilman for the town of Concord.

Bill is certainly no stranger to Alfred State, having received his associate degree in construction engineering technology in May 1999, and his bachelor's degree in construction management technology in May 2001.

As a student, Bill served on Student Senate, as student representative to the College Council, as a student ambassador, and as a resident assistant at Peet Hall. A graduated member of the Psi Beta Honor Society, he received numerous awards and honors, including the 2001 State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, the Paul B. Orvis Award, the Associated General Contractors' National Associate Undergraduate Scholarship Award, and the Outstanding Student Award in Construction Engineering.

In addition to the Development Fund Board of Directors, Bill has been a member of the Alfred State Alumni Council since 2011.

## Dear alumni and friends,

As always, it is our pleasure to keep you up-to-date on alumni happenings and all other related matters at our college. We hope by doing so, you will find old friends; learn about upcoming alumni events, chapter activities, and exciting travel opportunities; as well as find out how to get involved or make a donation.

We seek to encourage and foster lifelong alumni participation, involvement, and commitment. Over the next several years, the goals of the Office of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations will be to strengthen the bond between Alfred State and our alumni; to create programs that match the interests and needs of alums; to maintain and build upon the positive relationships we have with our more seasoned alumni; to increase the participation, involvement, and communication with our younger alums; and to continue to serve as the primary communications link between the college and its alumni.

The Office of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations is determined to keep the communication channels open by using social networking tools, such as Twitter, LinkedIn, and, more recently, Facebook, to further involve and inform the school's alumni base.

We are also focusing on strengthening the alumni regional network. In the past few months, the college has organized events in Charlotte, Atlanta, and Florida, along with all of our regional New York state events. The focus is to create, build, and strengthen relationships, and engage with each of you personally.

So please stay in touch with us! It is a constant challenge to keep our alumni records updated, and accurate data is vital to our success. If you've moved or have a new phone number or email address, drop us a line and let us update your file or update it online at [www.alfredstate.edu/alumni](http://www.alfredstate.edu/alumni). Let us know if you had a job change, promotion, marriage, birth, and if you've been published. We want to know – we are so proud of you!

We hope you will stay connected and involved with this ever-growing institution. Our staff is here to help in any way! If you have questions or need more information about any alumni happenings, have suggestions or new ideas, or are interested in forming a new alumni chapter, please feel free to contact our office at 607-587-3931 or [alumni@alfredstate.edu](mailto:alumni@alfredstate.edu). Thank you and I look forward to meeting you soon.



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

## Be our *quest*

Watch for an alumni event in your area!



» Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016

### Holiday Valley Ski Event in Ellicottville, NY

Invitations will be going out soon. Save the date and plan to reconnect with alumni on the slopes!



» Fall 2016

### Seattle, WA, Alumni Event

Hosted by alumna Mick Galatio, '75 and wife, Patty, on their yacht, "The Mistress." Watch for your invitation and additional details as plans progress.

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

[f/groups/AlfredStateCollegeAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlfredStateCollegeAlumni)

[www.alfredstate.edu/alumni-events](http://www.alfredstate.edu/alumni-events)



# 1968

## Grad Reunites with His Missing Class Ring

**On a snowy Wednesday evening in the winter of 1967, student Paul Jurczak** and his friends were walking past Peet Hall. Suddenly, they were pelted with snowballs, and in no time a snowball fight ensued.

While launching handfuls of packed snow, Paul felt his class ring slide right off his finger. "I heard 'ding, ding, ding,' and it was gone," said Paul. He posted to every board and looked and looked and never found it. Paul graduated in 1968 with a degree in agricultural science and assumed his ring was lost for good.

In April 2015, Thomas Eckel, a heavy equipment operations major, was working on a class excavation project near a dumping ground on the Alfred campus, when he noticed a shiny object in some dirt. At first, Thomas was unsure of what he had found. Upon closer examination, he discovered it was a class ring from more than 40 years before, bearing the initials PJJ - Paul Joseph Jurczak.

Tom showed the ring to his class instructor Mark Payne, who offered a theory as to how it ended up at the location it was found. "The Facilities Services workers are raking yards right now and bringing debris up," Mark said in April. "That's been common practice for years. Then they dump it here."

Shortly thereafter, Paul received a phone call from Colleen Argentieri, director of Alumni Relations, to tell him his long-lost ring had been found. He was in disbelief. "I thought it was a joke, to be honest," he said. "I said, 'Really? Come on. After this long?' But they said, 'No, we found it, it's yours.'"

The ring was then shipped to Paul, who resides in Port Clinton, OH, and is currently the vice president of sales at Opta Minerals, North America's leading integrated processor/distributor/seller of industrial minerals.

Since losing the ring more than four decades ago, Paul has grown both personally and professionally, and his educational experiences at Alfred State helped lead to his success in the commercial environment. Married with three children, he has held various positions at companies within the steel production industry, including Allied Chemicals, Roblin Steel, CCPI, Inland Refractories, and, currently, Opta Minerals. He also earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Buffalo in 1974.

When the ring returned to Paul, so too did some wonderful memories of his days as a student. "It felt great to get it back," he said. "It was in very good condition. The only flaw was that it had severely shrunk from when I bought it. I've since had it cleaned up and resized and I can wear it now. It's pretty cool."



**Thomas Eckel**, heavy equipment operations, discovered Paul's ring while working on a class excavation project.







## Alumni parties at the ballpark!



Alumni from the Buffalo region enjoyed a Bisons ball game from the Coca-Cola Field Party Deck.



Rochester area alumni gathered for a Red Wings ball game in the Hardball Café at Frontier Field.

Join the fun, head to the ballpark with us next summer!

[www.alfredstate.edu/alumni-events](http://www.alfredstate.edu/alumni-events)



Featuring 35 teams and raising approximately \$17,000, our Inaugural Golf Tournament was a big hit.



All proceeds from the tournament benefited the Alfred State Development Fund, Inc., which raises funds for the college, primarily for student scholarships. Numerous organizations, businesses, and individuals supported the event, either through volunteering, sponsorship, or donating prizes. In particular we'd like to recognize our event sponsors Auxiliary Campus Enterprise Services (ACES) and Pathfinder Engineers & Architects.

## NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

THE ALFRED STATE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTED FIVE NEW MEMBERS ON OCT. 16.

**James Wheeler**, a wrestler (1960-62), was undefeated in regular season competition during his two years competing for the Pioneers.

In the 1960-61 season, Wheeler and the Pioneers were 3-1-1. He was one of three Pioneers to earn a third-place finish at the NJCAA National Championships.

In the 1961-62 season, he was a captain and one of three undefeated wrestlers who helped the Pioneers to a 7-1 overall team record, earning the 1962 Alfred State Athlete of the Year Award.

**Steve Douglas**, a lacrosse player (1999-2001), scored a program-best 114 career goals, recorded 132 career points, and picked up 285 ground balls.

As a freshman, Douglas scored 67 goals, passed out 11 assists, picked up 117 ground balls, and was named the Alfred State Freshman Athlete of the Year.

As a sophomore in 2001, he was a captain of the 11-2 team that rose into the national spotlight and became one of the first two NJCAA All-Americans in program history.

**Matt Hewitt**, a football player (2004-06), was a two-time All-Northeast Football Conference selection, finishing his career with 190 tackles and seven interceptions.

During his freshman season, Hewitt led the Pioneers with 103 tackles, intercepted four passes, recovered three fumbles, and forced another fumble.

In 2005, he led Alfred State with 87 tackles despite missing two games, intercepted three passes, and recovered on fumble. After Alfred State, Hewitt transferred to the University of Arkansas, appearing in the Capital One Bowl and the Cotton Bowl with the Razorbacks.

**Brianne McMahon**, a volleyball player (2006-08), is the only volleyball player to earn NJCAA All-American honors in consecutive years. During her playing career, the Lady Pioneers were 68-9, won the first Region III Championship since 1977, and finished tied for fifth at the NJCAA National Championships.



During her freshman season, McMahon helped the Lady Pioneers to a Region III runner-up finish. She was named second team All-American, Region III Player of the Year, first team All-Region, and first team All-WNYAC.

In 2007, McMahon and the Lady Pioneers won the Region III Championship and finished tied for fifth at the NJCAA National Championships. McMahon was named first team All-American, Region III Player of the Year, first team All-Region and first team All-WNYAC, and Alfred State Senior Athlete of the Year.

**Jenni Jerome**, a volleyball player (2007-09), is the only Alfred State volleyball player to play on the back-to-back National Championship qualifying teams in 2007 and 2008. While she wore the blue and gold, the Lady Pioneers were 74-10.

During her freshman season, Jerome was named first team All-WNYAC and Alfred State Freshman Athlete of the Year. The team won the Region III Championship and finished tied for fifth in the country.

In 2008, the Lady Pioneers won their second straight Region III Championship, and finished fourth in the country. She was named honorable mention NJCAA All-American, first team All-Region, first team, All-WNYAC, and the Alfred State Senior Athlete of the Year.

*Pictured above l-r: James Wheeler, Steve Douglas, Brianne McMahon, and Jenni Jerome. Missing: Matt Hewitt*





**Catherine Chambers,** director of Print and Mail Services,

was on a panel of printing experts presenting "Don't Stop the Presses! SUNY Print Matters: Your Statewide Shared Printing Service" at the 2015 SUNYCUAD Educational Conference, held June 3-5 in Rochester.



**Channon Burroughs,** admissions counselor, was selected to

serve as a mentor for the New York State Association for College Admission Counseling (NYSACAC) Camp College program, held Aug. 7-9 at the State University of New York at Delhi.



**Dr. Matthew Lawrence** was promoted from

associate professor to professor of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology.



**Dr. Jon Owejan,** assistant professor in the Mechanical

and Electrical Engineering Technology Department, was awarded three US patents in the field of electrochemical energy production.



**Jeremy Schwartz,** assistant professor in the Digital Media and

Animation Department, attended the Annecy International Animation Film Festival in Annecy, France. While at the Society for Animation Studies conference in Canterbury, UK, he presented a paper he wrote, titled "Animate the Audience: Compulsory Interactive Animation."



**Dr. Richard Kellogg,** professor emeritus of psychology at Alfred

State, is the author of a new book titled "Barry Baskerville Traps a Thief." The book, intended for young readers between the ages of 6 and 10, features color illustrations by noted Hawaiian artist Gary Kato.



**Alex Bitterman,** associate professor, was named chair of the Architecture

and Design Department. He also had two scholarly articles published in the Journal of Applied Arts and Health and the Journal of American Culture.



**Christopher Tomasi** was promoted from associate

professor to professor of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology.



**Lenwood Fields,** assistant professor in the Mechanical and

Electrical Engineering Technology Department, was awarded a US patent electrically isolating polymer composition that is used in electrowetting applications.



**Danielle Bond,** assistant professor in the Mechanical and

Electrical Engineering Technology Department, attended the SENCER Summer Institute at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute from July 30 - Aug. 3.



**Dr. Richard Mitchell,** professor in the English and Humanities

Department, published six poems, including two in England and two others in Australia.



**Danielle Green,** court reporting and captioning

instructor, is the new chair of the Business Department.



#### The Print and Mail Services Department

received a first-place award for quality and uniqueness and an honorable mention for two of its printed pieces in the Association of College and University Printers' 2015 print competition.



## 1960

**Daniel Renovetz**, *Mechanical Engineering Technology-Internal Combustion Engineering*, Northfield, OH, received a 50-year Golden Achievement award from the American Truck Historical Society.

## 1985

**Lee Hartzog**, *Automotive Service Technician*, Syracuse, has owned New Court Autotech, LLC for 18 years.

## 1986

**Wena Klein (Ruth)**, *Human Services*, Churchville, was recently hired as girls track head coach at the Wheatland Chili Central School District.

**David L. Standing**, *Surveying Engineering Technology*, Palmyra, was promoted to senior associate at Erdman Anthony in Rochester.

## 1987

**John R. Smith**, *Chemical Technology*, Cuba, would like to reconnect with all the people who lived in MacKenzie East on his floor from 1985 to 1987.

## 1991

**Paul C. Case**, *Construction Engineering Technology*, Clarence Center, was named by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. as senior civil engineer and project manager for its western New York operations. Case will be a lead designer in the Buffalo office's land development group.

## 1993



**Robert C. Fornataro**, *Construction/Architectural Engineering Technology*, Rochester, was promoted to senior associate of SWBR Architects.

## 1994



**Tracy Martorana**, *Medical Laboratory Technology*, LeRoy, established Holistic Wellness with Tracy, a business whose mission is to inspire and support people who want to make positive changes to achieve a healthier, happier, and more balanced life.

## 1997

**Jason A. Piebes**, *Architectural Engineering Technology*, has joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Homesale Realty as a realtor. Piebes will specialize in residential sales throughout the Greater Baltimore area.

## 2003

**Jessica Frasca**, *Human Services*, New Rochelle, is employed with Kidz Korner Mamaroneck as a director. She is also one of the foster coordinators for a rescue group called Snarr Northeast.

## 2005

**Andrew J. Reardon**, *Drafting/CAD: Technical Illustration*, Buffalo, has been employed since August 2014 as a designer/drafter for VANEK in Orchard Park.

## 2008

**Krista E. Beechler (Holland)**, *Agriculture: Animal Science*, Java Center, has joined ABS Global, Inc. as a sales team leader in New York.

**Gregory J. Eichinger**, *Automotive Service Technician*, Tonawanda, has been employed as a master certified technician at Basil Toyota since 1999.

## 2009

**Jenny E. Green**, *Technology Management*, Binghamton, has been employed at Ithaca College as assistant to the executive director of Alumni Relations since August 2014.

**Neil W. Laumeyer**, *Network Administration*, Dundee, started working as a help desk analyst for Nesco Resources in Painted Post in March 2015.

## 2015

**Damon Allen**, *Construction Management Engineering Technology*, Fillmore, was recently employed by Christa Construction, of Victor, as a junior estimator.

**Destiny J. Brito**, *Business Administration*, Wellsville, was recently employed as an admissions counselor at Alfred State.

**Chris M. Marron**, *Construction Management Engineering Technology*, Rochester, has joined the project management team of TAYLOR, one of the leading regional general contractors. Marron has been hired as a new junior project manager to assist in estimating, planning, scheduling, and coordination in all phases of select TAYLOR projects.

**Ilsa S. Miller**, *Biological Science*, Hornell, has been a mental health aide at Arbor Development since July 2015.

## MARRIAGE

### 2005

**Jonathan D. Gilbert**, *Computer Art and Design*, Charlotte, NC, married Katie Walsh on May 30, 2015.

### 2015

**Jeremy M. Daly**, *Agricultural Technology*, Hornell, married **Diana Whitmore (Zschoche)**, *Nursing*, '15 on Sept. 22, 2013.

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### ROTC members participate in opening ceremony of Cheez-It 355 at The Glen

Members of the US Army ROTC program at Alfred State served as the color guard were Alfred State students and Cadets **James Haveron** (mechanical engineering technology, Falconer) and **Jesse Cole** (forensic science technology, Selden), along with Cadet Casey Kelly from Alfred University, and Spc. Cody Wells of the 222nd Military Police Company out of Hornell.

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## REMEMBRANCE

### 1950

**Mervyn Abbott**, *Business-Retail Business Management*, Avon, passed away May 9, 2014.

### 1955

**Richard S. Giles**, *Farm Power & Machinery*, North Hornell, passed away Oct. 24, 2014.

### 1956

**Agnes R. Comes (Meyer)**, *Floriculture Product*, Almond, passed away May 4, 2015.

**Charles Wildman**, *Chemical Technology*, Myrtle Beach, SC, passed away July 5, 2015.

### 1957

**Joan R. Leberman (Melberg)**, *Executive Secretarial Science*, Waterville, passed away May 24, 2015.

### 1960

**Frank Oppedisano**, *Refrigeration*, Honeoye Falls, passed away June 13, 2015.

### 1964

**Donald Hook**, *Electrical Technology*, Penfield, passed away Oct. 22, 2014.

**David E. Johnson**, *General Agriculture*, Rushville, passed away July 12, 2015.

**Gerald J. Loftus**, *Accounting*, Queensbury, passed away Dec. 25, 2014.

### 1965

**Randy A. Bederka**, *Mechanical Technology: Design and Drafting*, Lantana, FL, passed away Jan. 15, 2015.

### 1966

**Roger L. Palczewski**, *Business Administration*, Hamburg, passed away Sept. 14, 2015.

### 1967

**David H. Bradford**, *Landscape Development*, Rome, passed away April 26, 2015.

**Dona N. Soper (Nedrow)**, *Executive Secretarial Science*, Stanley, passed away Jan. 1, 2015.

### 1973

**John J. Dessena**, *Liberal Arts and Sciences: Math and Science*, Canisteo, passed away Feb. 3, 2015.

### 1979

**Judy L. Stape**, *Business Administration*, Pittsford, passed away June 28, 2015.

### 1981

**Richard L. Puffer**, *Mech Technology: Design and Drafting*, Hornell, passed away June 6, 2015.

**Curt Wykstra**, *Drafting/CAD*, Moravia, passed away Aug. 27, 2015.

### 1993

**Kathryn K. Weiman**, *Liberal Arts and Sciences: Humanities*, Almond, passed away Sept. 11, 2015.

### STAFF

**Donald Carl**, Scio, green thumb worker, passed away July 1, 2015.

**Michael Cole**, Canisteo, Facilities Services staff, passed away May 1, 2015.

**James F. Falzarano**, Hornell, retired staff, passed away March 3, 2015.

**Joyce E. Weimer**, Allentown, retired staff, passed away Sept. 5, 2015.

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