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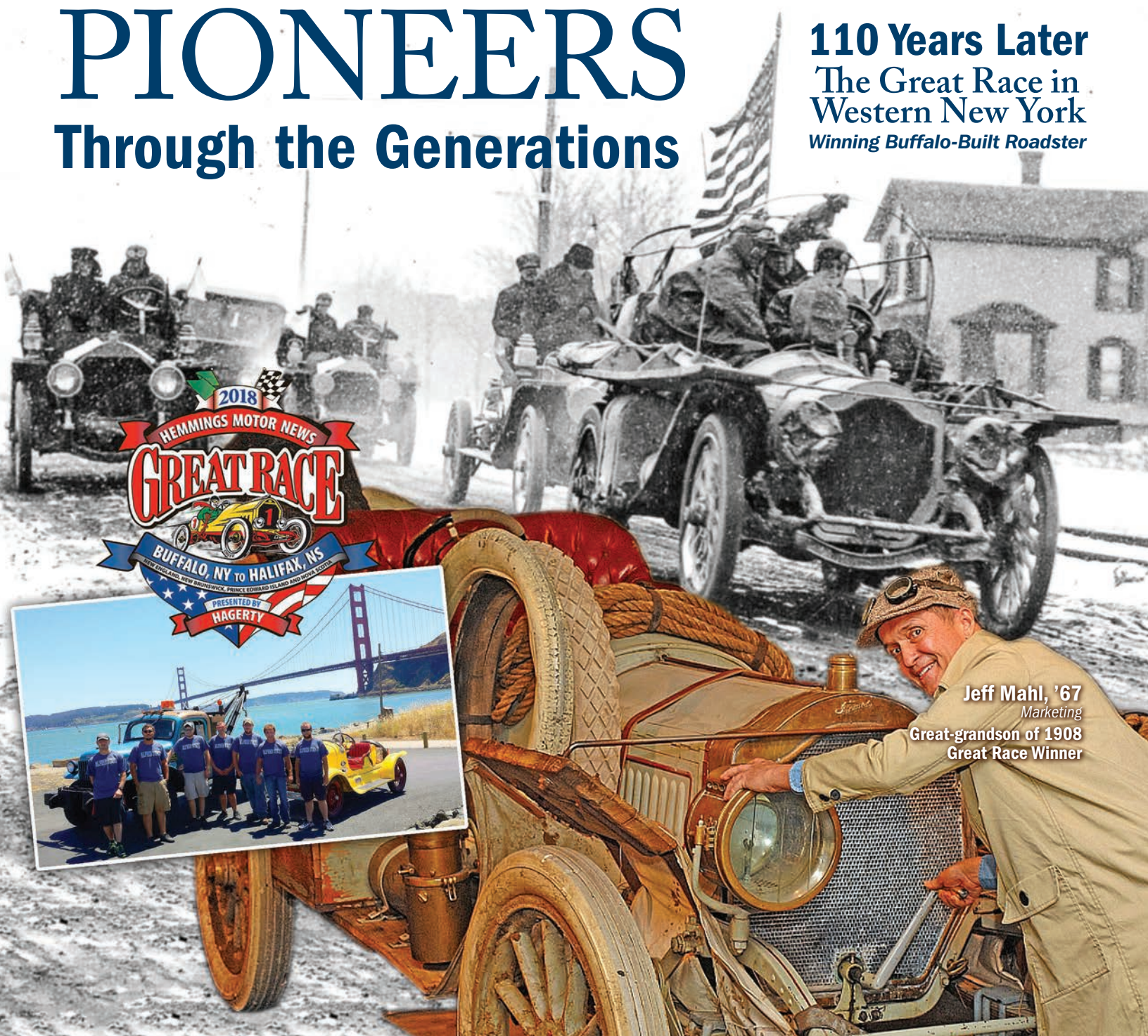
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The Great Race in
Western New York
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alumni, faculty, staff, & friends,

I think everyone appreciates how important family, togetherness, and support are in life.

No matter where you go in your own life's journey, you will always be connected to the thousands of others who, like yourself, are true Pioneers. All of us are bonded by that common thread that is Alfred State. We support our college, we support our community, and we support each other.

And for many of you, the term "Alfred State Family" has a much more literal meaning. Maybe in addition to yourself, you had an aunt or an uncle who attended our school, or a parent or a sibling. Maybe you had many siblings or relatives who studied or worked here.

During my time as president, I have been delighted to meet many members of our Alfred State Family who have mentioned that some members of their own family are Pioneers, as well. There have been so many in fact that we have decided to focus on this very topic in this edition of Transitions.

In the pages that follow, you will read about Pioneers with special family stories to tell, including the Harveys – a father and his two children who are all presently earning their degrees from Alfred State. You will also read about two of our alumni, Martha (Radley) Woolley and Rich Laudisi, who have seen quite a few of their family members go on to attend our college, as well as alumnus Jeff Mahl, whose great-grandfather won the famous international competition known as The Great Race in 1908.

And of course, many of you (and perhaps some of your family members, as well) are familiar with the focus of our faculty profile, Jim Grillo, whom we are pleased to have honored this year with the President's Medallion. Jim, who is retiring at the end of this academic year after 46 years of employment at the college, has many family ties to Alfred State, and the Alfred community as a whole.

We hope this issue of Transitions will cause you to take a moment and reflect on your own connections to Alfred State. We are proud of all of our Pioneers, and honored to call you members of our Alfred State Family.

Respectfully,

Dr. Skip Sullivan, President

ALFRED STATE a family affair — for the — HARVEYS



“...it’s fun to be going to college with my son and daughter. I never thought I’d be doing this.”

On a typical weekday morning, Anthony Harvey hops into the driver’s seat of his vehicle to take his son, Austin, and daughter, Kylie, to class.

The family heads from the tiny Steuben County town of Cameron to the also-small Allegany County village of Alfred. The drive normally takes about 40 minutes.

But instead of dropping Austin and Kylie off and driving away, Anthony, too, grabs his backpack and heads off for a day of learning at Alfred State – taking classes and working toward a bright tomorrow.

Since the fall of 2014, Anthony, 49, has been enrolled as a full-time student at the college after losing his job as a mechanic due to a factory closing. He initially began in the air conditioning and heating technology program on the Wellsville campus and quickly excelled, becoming an Honors Program student and graduating in 2016 with a 4.0 GPA.

Austin began his Alfred State career the same semester that his father did, enrolling in the computer information systems program, which he graduated from in May 2017. Both Austin and Anthony have since re-enrolled in the technology management Bachelor of Business Administration major at Alfred State.

Joining her father and her brother in the fall of 2016 was Kylie who also became a computer information systems major.

And every weekday throughout the school year (sometimes even on the weekend if the Internet at their house is acting up), the Harveys make the trip together from Cameron to Alfred State and back again.

“Austin and I share the driving duties,” Anthony said. “You get used to it. It’s a 40-minute drive. Usually, in the evening, we talk about what happened during the day, and then in the morning, we talk about classes that are going to occur. It’s college 24/7 at our house just with all of us going to school.”

Austin said it’s “pretty interesting” having his father and sister at the same college as him.

“It’s made things a little bit easier because we all share a ride to and from the college and we help each other with homework,” he said.

Kylie added that she has taken some of the same classes at Alfred State as her father, and that being able to look back at his old

notes helps her with her studies. Plus, she admitted, it can actually be nice to have a parent on campus.

“It’s kind of easier dealing with school stuff because he’s here,” she said. “When you’re in a residence hall, you can’t always talk to your parents about things, but I can go home and swap stories with him and he can relate because he’s going to school right now.”

From homework to financial aid to registering for classes, Anthony helps his son and daughter in whatever way he can. And every so often, he will also treat them to a meal at one of the local restaurants in Alfred, particularly their favorite – Sicily’s.

Still, Anthony definitely recognizes when to give Austin and Kylie some space.

“I’m a cool enough dad that I don’t hover over them,” he said. “If we see each other in passing, I’ll say hi, but I don’t want to embarrass them if they’re talking to their friends or something. If I get the look, I’ll back away. But it’s great and it’s fun to be going to college with my son and daughter. I never thought I’d be doing this.”

Anthony said he is extremely proud of Austin and Kylie, and that he is also proud to be attending the same college as them. Likewise, the siblings – as well as their mother and Anthony’s wife, Laurie – are also very proud of him for going back to school.

“You so rarely hear about that kind of thing,” Austin said.

“I think it’s incredible that he went back to school and that he’s doing so well at it,” Kylie added. “He could have gone to another factory job and it wouldn’t have been good for his health, so that would have been more stress for him. But now, he’s here and getting good grades and I know he’s going to go do stuff that he wants to do in life, so I’m happy for him.”

And so, with Kylie in only her second year and Austin and Anthony still enrolled in the technology management program, the Harveys continue to work toward their degrees together and make the 40-minute trip to Alfred State each weekday, a journey whose ultimate destination is a bright tomorrow for them all.

Driving forth a LEGACY



Growing up in Springville, Alfred State alum Jeff Mahl had heard the story many times before – the one about how his great-grandfather, George Schuster, had won the 1908 Great Race from New York City to Paris.

But as can be expected for any youngster, he hadn't paid very much attention. That is, until he reached age 14 and wrote a paper on the subject for an English assignment.

"I of course waited until the last minute on Thursday night to settle on a subject," he said. "Desperate, I decided to do a story on the 1908 race. I received an 'A+' (knowing more about this part of automotive history than the teacher), and then it dawned on me that I was hearing history from the man who lived it. Fortunately, from that time on, I paid very close attention to what 'Great Gramp' was saying."

As it turned out, "Great Gramp" had a pretty amazing story to tell. On Feb. 12, 1908, in New York City, George Schuster got behind the wheel of the Buffalo-built Thomas Flyer automobile for a thrilling international competition known as "The Great Race."

In this event, George went head to head against five other teams from Italy, France, and Germany, all of which took off from Times Square on that cold winter day for what would become the longest automobile competition in history. Altogether, the race covered 22,000 miles, 13,341 of which were driven, as it was necessary for the teams to cross the Pacific Ocean by ship, as opposed to the original plan of crossing via the frozen Bering Straits.



The race drew international interest and was extensively covered, earning front-page news in the New York Times for six months. It would later serve as the inspiration for the 1965 movie "The Great Race," starring Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon, Natalie Wood, and Peter Falk.

Finally, after 169 days of facing unpaved and unplowed roads, unreliable maps, and little food, George Schuster and the Thomas Flyer arrived in Paris on July 30 to win The Great Race. The American Thomas Flyer was one of only three vehicles to have finished the competition, along with the German Protos and the Italian Briax-Zust.

Over the years, Jeff has researched The Great Race passionately, and at one point provided narration for a video on the competition. He has also told the story in person numerous times to audiences around the world, including once at his alma mater, Alfred State.

Jeff's visit to the Wellsville campus in 2013 prompted the college to enter a modern version of the Great Race that bears the same name and is for vintage cars only. Each year since 2014, Alfred State has competed in the 2,000-plus-mile controlled-speed endurance rally in a 1953 Dodge Power Wagon tow truck.

Years prior to this, Jeff was an Alfred State student himself, graduating with a degree in marketing in 1967 and also receiving the Paul B. Orvis Award for Excellence. Named in honor of Paul B. Orvis, a former president of Alfred State and State University of New York dean for two-year colleges, the award is presented at commencement each year to five graduating students in recognition of their scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

"I think being a student at Alfred State was a time in my life that helped me focus," he said. "I had terrific professors whom I got to know personally. I remember small groups of us would be invited to their homes and it was an opportunity to ask questions and learn outside the formality of a classroom. I also met some great lifelong friends there."



Following his graduation from Alfred State, Jeff attended the University of Buffalo, then joined the US Army. Possessing a special affinity for the ocean and having spent time with the Coast Guard, Jeff obtained his Merchant Mariner Oceans Master license, becoming a captain aboard various types of ships over the years, covering much of the world's oceans. Having since retired, Jeff is now able to spend time on several new projects.

One cause that Jeff passionately devotes his time to now, understandably, is The Great Race, having been closely involved with mentoring teams for the past several years in the competition's X-Cup Division, which is designed for high school and college teams. As an antique automobile enthusiast and a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America's National Youth Development Committee, this was a natural fit.

For the 2018 Great Race, which is set to begin June 23 in Buffalo and end July 1 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Alfred State is looking to field two teams, including one all-female squad, which would be a first for the X-Cup Division.

But while more than 100 cars will be heading from Buffalo to Halifax that day, another group of antique automobile drivers will be embarking on a much more symbolic journey.

"Since 2018 marks the 110th anniversary of the original Great Race from New York to Paris, something special will also be happening," Jeff said. "A group of us will be starting in New York City at Times Square and arriving in Buffalo on the 23rd. We will then be departing from the starting line that morning as well, however, we will be going west for the Eiffel Tower in Paris, covering the 13,000-plus-mile original 1908 route across three continents."

As he follows in his grandfather's footsteps (or rather race tracks), Jeff will be driving a 1929 Ford Model A Roadster Pickup.

"It will be a great experience comparing the world today with pictures and stories from the same spots Great Gramp passed through in



1908," he said. "It will also be much easier with things like paved roads and GPS."

No doubt, repeating the same race course his great-grandfather took more than a century ago will mean a lot to Jeff. He acknowledged that he was fortunate to have had the chance to bond with his Great Gramp, who also lived in Springville before he passed in 1972 at the age of 99. George was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame in Detroit in 2010 for his racing accomplishments.

"He was quite a guy, still driving at 95 and shoveling snow in the western New York winters at 98," Jeff said. "By that time, I was in my 20s and had heard the story (about The Great Race) many times. He also kept extensive notes as he was circumnavigating the globe, saved hundreds of original photographs and artifacts from the race, and even wrote a book with his memoir."

Though he may not have initially paid much attention to the story when he was very young, Jeff has certainly more than made up for it over the years through his research, his involvement with the modern Great Race, and by spreading the word about his great-grandfather's amazing feat. And for the first time ever when he heads from New York City to Paris in June, Jeff will not only be sharing Great Gramp's story, he will also be living it.

Pictured top l-r: Jeff Mahl reenacting cranking the engine on the Thomas Flyer at the National Automobile Museum in Reno, NV (the Flyer's home).

Jeff seated on the couch to the right of his "Great Gramp". His brother Matt and sister Jenny are seated below. Courtesy of: TheGreatAutoRace.com

Times Square at the start of "The Great Race" in 1908. Courtesy of: TheGreatAutoRace.com

Jeff in 1967 after receiving the Paul B. Orvis Award for Excellence.

WOOLLEYS



*a high note in
Alfred State
Family Medley*



In 2016, Michael became the latest member of the Woolley family to graduate from Alfred State, earning his degree in network administration. He now works as a team leader of network technical support for Cisco-Meraki in San Francisco.

Martha and Jared's first-born, June, is currently employed as a secretary to the superintendent at the Forestville Central School District, where she also serves as district clerk. She and her husband, James Prince, have two sons, Jared (Valerie) and Joshua (Tracy), and one grandchild.

Speaking to the fact that so many of her family members have attended Alfred State, Martha says she is grateful and excited that it was and is possible. She said each of them appreciate the experiences and education they received at the college.

In addition to their Alfred State education, Martha, Jared, and their son Jim also share the fact that they all sang in Anthony Cappadonia's choir. Cappadonia served as the instrumental and choral director at Alfred State for 56 years, and in 2012, the Anthony C. Cappadonia Auditorium in the Orvis Activities Center was officially dedicated in his honor.

Martha notes that when she and Jared attended the college, approximately 115 students were in the choir. This required three buses to transport the singers to the various locations where they performed. The couple has since returned to campus several times over the years for alumni choir weekends.

In addition to the choir, Martha was a proof editor for the Tor Echo student newspaper, a Sigma Tau Epsilon certificate of outstanding scholastic achievement recipient, and a member of the Delta Chi Omega sorority. Jared was a member of the Kappa Sigma Epsilon fraternity.

In addition to being involved at the college, Martha and Jared were also active in many community organizations over the years. Martha is currently very active in her local Grange, the Forestville United Methodist Church, the Order of Eastern Star, 4-H, and the Chautauqua County Fair. Her husband was also very active in many community organizations, including serving in the Forestville Fire Department for 58 years (earning the department's lifetime achievement award), the 4-H, and the Chautauqua County Fair.

Sadly, Jared passed into eternal rest on Jan. 28, 2017. Soon afterward, the family received countless heartfelt messages and condolences, speaking to the impact that Jared had on so many others.

"We are amazed at how many people knew him and the outpouring of loving hearts," Martha said. "The fire department provided a wonderful tribute at the funeral home and all the way to the cemetery, with dinner afterward at the fire hall."

What started out as a simple car ride from choir rehearsal ended up becoming so much more. And while Jared may have passed on, the harmony he created with Martha continues to live on in her heart and in the hearts of the entire Woolley family, who will always be a high note in the Alfred State Family medley.

While attending Alfred State in the mid-to-late-1950s, Martha Radley and Jared Woolley were both members of the college choir, with Jared singing tenor and Martha performing as an alto.

Rehearsal took place daily at 3 p.m. at the Alfred Village Fire Hall, and would quite often run close to supper time. As a result, some of the gentlemen singers who owned cars would offer rides to the young ladies to help them get to the dining hall on campus in time for dinner.

And one fateful day, Jared decided he would offer Martha a ride.

"He pulled up the car and I asked, 'Where are the others?' He replied, 'There aren't any others.' He was providing a ride for just me to supper," she said. "Then he asked if I was going with anyone. I replied, 'Where?' thinking of an event coming up on the weekend. He said he meant going steady with anyone in particular. I replied, 'No,' which began our nearly 60 years of making harmony together."

That harmonious beginning would eventually lead to several members of the Woolley family becoming Pioneers as well, joining in on the wonderful medley that is the Alfred State Family.

After graduating from the executive secretarial science program in 1958, Martha began working at the FBI in Buffalo as a stenographer. She remained in that position for a little more than a year, and moved to Forestville upon marrying Jared (a 1958 animal husbandry grad) on Sept. 12, 1959. The couple have maintained a farm together on 500 acres of land there ever since.

Known as the "Mapl-Camp Farm," the Forestville establishment has been in Jared's family since 1845.

"His grandfather used to prepare and sell maple syrup and also honey," Martha said. "His parents and aunt and uncle raised Holstein dairy cows and Horned Dorset sheep. Jared and I continued to milk approximately 80 cows (eventually changing to Jerseys) and raised approximately 150 sheep (adding the breed of Cheviots) for approximately 50 years. Our children helped on the farm and we had a hired man when Jared decided to drive a school bus for 18 years."

Two of those children, Jim and Mark, would go on to become Alfred State alums themselves, Jim earning a degree in agricultural engineering – technology power and machinery in 1983, and Mark graduating in 1987 from the animal husbandry program.

These days, Jim is the service manager at Romance & Sons in Arcade, and he and his wife, Ellen, also have about 60 Dorset sheep on their farm in Belfast. They have two children, Jessica (Alex) and Robert, and three grandchildren. Jessica is an Alfred State graduate, having received her bachelor's degree in business management in 2011.

Mark, who also holds a degree from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, is a partner at the Riles and Woolley Funeral Home and Riles and Woolley Monuments in Forestville. He and his wife, Ann, have 60 Montadale sheep at Martha's and Jared's homestead farm location. They have two children, Michael and Lynanne.



Keeping it in the FAMILY

Rich Laudisi remembers his first visit to Alfred State like it was yesterday. For him, one trip to campus was all it took to know this college was the right choice for him.

Of course, what also made his decision easier was the fact that he wasn't the first in his family to attend Alfred State, nor the second, nor the third. In fact, Rich was the fourth in his family to become a Pioneer, but he certainly would not be the last. Several more relatives would follow, creating a proud family tradition and proving that the term "Alfred State Family" is more than just a symbolic one.

Rich graduated from Alfred State in 1980 with a degree in business administration. He continued his education at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), which he graduated from in 1982 with a bachelor's degree, also in business administration.

Immediately after graduating from RIT, Rich began working in the family's mechanical construction business.

“Walking around the Alfred campus amongst the students is awe-inspiring for me. The work of the DFB has yielded hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for those very students...”

“I applied my education to the finance side of the business initially, and then worked my way through all aspects of the organization until I became vice president and partner with the firm,” he said.

In 2001, Rich switched from working at his family's business to becoming an employee at LeChase Construction Services, LLC, a full-service construction management and general construction firm with extensive experience in a wide range of industries.

For years, LeChase has been a strong supporter and partner of Alfred State's, having been involved in numerous construction projects, including the Construction Workforce Development Center and the Sustainable Advanced Manufacturing Center on the Wellsville campus, and the Student Leadership Center (SLC) on the Alfred campus. LeChase has sponsored a leadership suite within the SLC that is awarded to community-focused student organizations.

In 2004, Rich became a vice president and partner with the firm, and today he is the vice president for construction at LeChase.

“My role in the organization has varied over the years, but primarily I have had account executive responsibilities for many of LeChase's industrial clients,” he said.

But while Rich is no longer an employee of his family's business, he has maintained his roots in the town where he grew up, a Rochester suburban town called Greece. There, he lives with his wife, Joanne, and their three children, Robert, Michael, and Olivia.

While Greece may have been where he was raised, it's not the only place in which Rich and his family have roots. In fact, Rich's father, Robert Brennan, began the family tradition of attending Alfred State when he enrolled at the school following World War II. Robert graduated in 1949, with a degree in air conditioning engineering technology.

Following in their father's footsteps, James Brennan and Thomas Brennan also attended Alfred State. James graduated in 1973 with a degree in air conditioning engineering technology, and Thomas earned his air conditioning engineering technology degree in 1976.

Rich then became the fourth in his family to attend and graduate from Alfred State, followed by his younger sisters, Laura (Laudisi) Mann and Bonnie (Brennan) Murphy. Laura received her chemical technology degree in 1982, and Bonnie graduated from the marketing program in 1983. His younger brother, Thomas, earned a degree in food distribution/food marketing in 1983.

In 1991, Rich's cousin David Laudisi also earned his degree from Alfred State, graduating from the air conditioning engineering technology program. David is currently a vice president with Postler & Jaeckle, a large mechanical contracting company that is also a supporter of Alfred State.

Rich said he believes the reason that so many of his family members have become Pioneers is because their older siblings enjoyed their experience at the college and thus encouraged their younger brothers and sisters to follow in their footsteps.

Overall, Rich said, he and his family members have very fond memories of their time at Alfred State.

“We were afforded the opportunity to learn in Alfred's caring and nurturing environment,” he said. “Even though Alfred is only an hour from Rochester, its rural setting in a small college town yielded a faraway college experience. All my family members have had very successful careers. I'm certain that some of my nieces and nephews and possibly my children will be attending Alfred State in the future.”

As for himself, Rich said Alfred State gave him the opportunity to grow up, and that it prepared him well to take on the challenges everyone faces in the global business environment.

“We (LeChase) hire many Alfred State Civil Engineering Technology graduates,” he noted, touching upon the fact that the college continues to prepare graduates for the challenges of the industry. “They are much sought-after in our organization.”

Rich continues to be a big supporter of his alma mater. In 2012, he was approached to join the college's Development Fund Board (DFB), and gratefully accepted the opportunity.

“What a great decision that has been,” he said. “Getting re-engaged with Alfred has brought back many memories of my time on campus. Walking around the Alfred campus amongst the students is awe-inspiring for me. The work of the DFB has yielded hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for those very students, as well as for much-needed state-of-the-art lab equipment.”

Ever since joining the Development Fund Board, Rich has also been a member of the college's President's Society, a dedicated group of alumni, friends, parents, faculty, staff, and corporations/foundations who support the college through contributions of \$1,000 or more annually to the Alfred State College Development Fund, Inc.

“Giving back to Alfred State is very gratifying for me,” he said. “It's a small gesture in comparison to the large opportunities it afforded me and my family.”

For Rich and his relatives, Alfred State will always hold a special place in their hearts, just as they will always hold a special place in the Alfred State Family.

Answering

THE CALL OF DUTY



Jim Grillo has always gone wherever he was needed.

Whether it was fighting for his country and fellow Marines during the Vietnam War, or taking on whatever role was required of him at Alfred State, Jim has always answered the call of duty, and in every case, he has thrived.

Jim's service to others began when he enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1967. At the time, the 1965 Hornell High School grad was a civil engineering student at Clarkson University, but a significant event would change the course of his life – the death of his friend and former classmate, Joe Barillo.

“Joe Barillo was the first Hornell boy killed in Vietnam,” he said. “He and I were friends, very good friends. When Joe was killed, that was when I quit college and joined the Marines.”

This decision, Jim acknowledged, “made me who I am.”

“What I like to say is, I was born and raised in Hornell, but grew up in Vietnam,” he said. “I don’t think I’d be the man I am today without having served in the Marine Corps.”

From 1967 to 1968, Jim fought in Vietnam as part of a Marine Recon unit, having been wounded three times and earning three Purple Hearts, with duties ranging from infantry machine gunner to platoon sergeant. He returned to the US in 1968, having been forced to retire from the military because of the wounds he received in combat.

Following his service in the Marines, Jim returned to college, receiving two degrees from Alfred University: a Bachelor of Science in business administration in 1971 and a Master of Science in counseling and guidance in 1972. The latter year, he also took his first job at Alfred State as a residence hall director of Robinson/Champlin Hall.

“They didn’t hire me because I had a Master of Science in counseling and guidance,” he said. “They hired me because I was a former Marine sergeant. They put all the fraternities and sororities in that one dorm. Those students were the ‘problem children’ of that era, and I was hired to keep them in line.”

Still, Jim acknowledged, this position was “the most fun job I ever had in my life” and that the students never gave him any trouble. But while the job may have been enjoyable, it also meant that he had lots of time on his hands during the day when students were in class.

As a result, Jim decided to volunteer in the Admissions Office, which he joined in 1973 as a counselor. He quickly rose through the ranks, becoming the assistant director of Admissions three years later, and then the dean of Admissions, Records, and Financial Aid in 1978, a position he would hold until 1989.

“I’ve always felt like I was a utility infielder,” he said. “Basically, I was the go-to guy. If they needed me here, that’s where I went. If they needed me there, that’s where I went. I never said, ‘No,’ much to the consternation of my wife, Linda.”

That comparison certainly rings true when you look at his resume: in 1989, Jim joined the Business Department as an associate professor, becoming department chair in 1993, a position he held until 1999. He then served as the dean of the School of Management and Engineering Technology for less than a year until he was named the dean of Marketing and Enrollment Management in November of 1999.

A year and a half later, Jim became the vice president for Marketing and Enrollment Management, and then vice president for Administration and Enrollment Management. He rejoined the Business Department faculty in 2005, where he has remained ever since. He also served a total of eight years as Faculty Senate chair.

Throughout his career at Alfred State, Jim has received a number of significant honors and awards, including the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service in 1980, the Business Teacher of the Year Alumni Award in 1992 and 1993, being recognized among the Who’s Who

In Teaching in 1996, and most recently receiving the President’s Medallion in early November 2017.

But in 2007, Jim received what he considers the biggest honor of his career: being named a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor.

“As far as I am concerned, my biggest honor was when the students put me in for Distinguished Professorship,” he said. “Distinguished Professorship is not something you can put yourself in for like you can for associate professor or full professor. Distinguished Professorship has got to come from the students and be approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees.”

For Jim, working with and helping the students is what he has enjoyed most about being a professor. From offering plentiful office hours, to securing tutors, to making sure that all of his notes and videos from class are readily available online, Jim has done whatever it takes to ensure that his students succeed.

“I really enjoy teaching them ethical behavior and how important ethics are and how important it is to make good decisions, because we live by the decisions we make,” he said. “I keep telling them we live by the decisions we make, and success does not come without effort.”

Unfortunately, however, students do not always make great decisions, like texting in class, for example. As a result, Jim has implemented a unique, but well-known solution to this problem.

“I’m known for throwing telephones out the window,” he said. “If you text in my class, I take your phone and throw it out the window. I’ve thrown 22 of them so far. But I tell the students, it’s in the syllabus, and we talk about it. I aim for the bushes, so I’ve never broken one.”

By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, however, Jim will have taught his final class

(and, presumably, thrown his last phone), as he is set to retire after 46 years of working at Alfred State.

“Alfred State, as well as Alfred University and the village of Alfred, have been very, very good to me and my family,” he said.

Speaking about the connections he and his family have to Alfred and its two colleges, Jim mentioned he runs four different businesses, including Gentleman Jim’s bar, the laundromat, rental properties, and a consulting business, in addition to being an Alfred University grad and a longtime Alfred State employee. He also noted that his brother Bob, sister-in-law Judy, and his wife – longtime Alfred State employee Linda Grillo – are all Pioneer alums, and that his daughter, Michelle, and son-in-law, Jesse, are Alfred University grads.

Having been employed at Alfred State for more than four decades, Jim has also seen similar cases in which numerous family members and generations have enrolled at the college.

“Two of the resident assistants that I worked with have sent their children and their grandchildren to Alfred State, and I had them in class” he said. “I love it because I think we’re still predominantly a blue-collar college and a career-oriented college where students can come here and learn the skills needed to go out and have a decent life for themselves just as they could years ago. To me, that’s outstanding.”

What is also outstanding is the service and dedication Jim has shown for so many years to so many others. And looking back on his 46 years at Alfred State, Jim noted he wouldn’t change a thing.

“I’ve loved every day,” he said. “I can honestly say I have enjoyed coming to work every single day. I don’t think too many people can say that. Looking back on my career, I wouldn’t change a thing. I’ve loved every minute that I’ve been here.”

**\$1.5 MILLION
AWARDED
for biorefinery prototype**

THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC) AWARDED \$1.5 MILLION TO ALFRED STATE FOR THE BIOREFINERY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION CENTER (BDCC). The prototype facility will help private and public partners leverage wood resources to create sustainable businesses using advanced manufacturing processes. The new grant increases the total funding raised to date for the research facility to \$4.5 million.

The BDCC is a prototype that will develop and commercialize the Hot Water Extraction (HWE) process that produces valuable chemical assets from wood, energy crops, and agricultural residuals. Through this technology, approximately 25 percent of the biomass is converted into value-added products such as advanced fuels and bio-based chemicals for plastics. The remaining 75 percent produces modified wood chips that have improved qualities for paper products, fuel pellets, and particleboard used in furnishings and construction.

Alfred State’s 18,000-square-foot biorefinery center is intended to spur additional investment, including business start-ups and full-scale biorefineries. Alfred State, the State University of New York (SUNY), universities from other ARC states, and private-sector bioenergy and biochemical companies will benefit from the research facility.

Through the BDCC, Alfred State will also provide training and technical services to both start-up companies and companies impacted by economic changes as they seek to enter new markets, diversify their manufacturing base, and adapt their workforce. The research facility is a collaboration between Alfred State and Syracuse-based Applied Biorefinery Sciences.

The award to Alfred State was made through ARC’s POWER (Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization) Initiative. This congressionally funded multi-agency strategy brings federal resources directly to help communities and regions affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries due to the changing economics of America’s energy production.

MOTORCYCLE FACILITY OPENS

Alfred State is all revved up about its newest facility that enables students to learn about motorcycle and power sports diagnosis and repair.

The college held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of its new Motorcycle and Power Sports Technology Building, which houses a new program of the same name. The program is the first of its kind in the entire Northeast.

The new building includes hands-on laboratories, where students work on all kinds of full-size functioning vehicles, from motorcycles to jet skis.

The Associate in Occupational Studies degree in motorcycle and power sports technology trains graduates for careers such as a motorcycle technician, marine vehicle technician, small engine/lawn and garden equipment technician, service manager, and repair shop supervisor. Some graduates may also choose to be their own boss and own a maintenance and repair shop.

Training includes all aspects of motorcycle and small vehicle repair, working with gasoline and diesel engines, transmissions, electrical/electronic systems, brake systems, steering systems, and suspension systems.

The new facility is located in Alfred between the college farm and motorsports technology labs along Route 244.



**A NEW
Recipe
FOR LEARNING**



Alfred State has cooked up changes to its culinary arts program and public dining options. The goals for the improvements are to better prepare Alfred State culinary arts students for the current food services industry, as well as improve the experience for patrons.

As a result, Alfred State has expanded lunch fine dining to five days a week and is open one night per month for unique themed events including both buffet and fine dining options.

According to Deb Burch, chair of the Culinary Arts Department, the new changes, which were implemented this fall, include:

- A wider variety of menu options for dietary needs and healthier choices.
- Farm-to-table options.
- Seasonal presentations.
- Themed menus including international cooking and traditions.
- Customer point-of-sale devices to expedite service.

Additionally, Burch said, students will be managing the restaurant and preparing the meals under the guidance of multiple faculty members. They will also have a greater opportunity to plan and execute a menu of their design, and will benefit from a progressive team teaching style, giving them the ability to develop and explore a variety of cooking techniques under the tutelage and expertise of chef instructors.

In addition to planning and preparing the meals, students will further benefit from hands-on training in areas related to “front-of-the-house” service, including ordering, presentation, appearance, and

professionalism – all focused areas that aim to achieve expert levels of student proficiency.

“The Culinary Arts Department also hopes to be taking on special event caterings, which will teach our students how to accommodate customers and their requests,” Burch added. “The goal is to afford our students variety and expertise in all situations, making them invaluable to their employers.”

Dr. Kristin Poppo, provost at Alfred State, said attendance for the college’s traditional fine dining offering has decreased over the years, which is another reason for the changes.

“I am thrilled by the changes in the culinary arts program, which will maintain training in fine dining, while adding more contemporary trends such as farm to table and international cuisine,” Poppo said. “Close collaboration between our farm and culinary program will truly benefit students in both programs.”

Alfred State also recently unveiled a newly renovated space for baked goods now called the Hank and Evelyn Turner Pastry Emporium in honor of a longtime supporter of the culinary arts programs. The facility includes a new refrigerated bakery case, as well as a new island cupboard with a granite countertop constructed by building trades: building construction students. The emporium will also be open during weekday lunch hours.



ALFRED STATE'S
ADAM WILKINS
---RECEIVES---
**TD Ameritrade
SCHOLARSHIP**

For the fifth straight year, TD Ameritrade Institutional awarded NextGen RIA Scholarships of \$5,000 each to students around the country who are pursuing bachelor's degrees in financial planning. Among the dozen recipients this year was Alfred State's own Adam Wilkins, a financial planning major from Rochester.

As one of the scholarship winners, Wilkins traveled to New York City, where he participated in a tour of the Financial District given by TD Ameritrade. Wilkins and his fellow winners were able to visit the Nasdaq MarketSite in Times Square and help ring the closing bell on July 18.

**Business
Department
Granted Candidacy
for Accreditation**

Having recently been granted candidacy status, the Business Department is one step closer to being accredited by an internationally recognized accreditation body.

Granting the candidacy was the Board of Commissioners of the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE), the leader in mission-driven and outcomes-based programmatic accreditation in business and management education for student-centered colleges, universities, and other higher education institutions throughout the world.

Over the next 18 months, the department will be collecting data and reflecting on academic and operational practices as part of its comprehensive self-study. Following the self-study, the programs eligible for accreditation will be reviewed by the Board of Commissioners.



**BUV TEAM
SECURES BACK-TO-BACK
TOP FINISHES
IN ANNUAL COMPETITION**

For the second consecutive year, the Alfred State Basic Utility Vehicle (BUV) Team earned a first-place finish in the annual intercollegiate BUV Design Competition in Batavia, OH.

The team tied with the University of Cincinnati for first place, making this the fourth time Alfred State's squad has come out on top. The team has also come in second four times since first entering the competition in 2006.

The contest is a combination of a race and manufacturing design competition. Other schools that competed include Baylor University, Purdue, Trine, and Texas A&M.

This year's team consisted of William Faes (mechanical engineering technology, Canisteo), Dominic Freudenvoll (mechanical engineering technology, Rochester), Robert Kelso (mechanical engineering technology, Middletown), and Kyle Glaub (mechanical engineering technology, Buffalo). The team was accompanied by Academic Support Technician Ray Gleason, and Steven Martinelli, professor in the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology Department, who served as team's adviser.

According to Martinelli each team's vehicle was judged prior to the competition. Points were awarded at the onset of the competition with respect to safety, innovation, and construction. The Alfred State team received all points possible at the inspection.

As for the competition, which was primarily an endurance test, each team's vehicle was required to haul three 55-gallon drums full of water three times around a very muddy track that was about 1.5 miles in length. The teams then had to unload the water into a pond, reload the barrels with water, and repeat the process until the competition ended.

While the Alfred State squad experienced a number of mechanical challenges throughout the day, they never relented, completing four cycles of the competition. After all points were calculated, judges determined that the Alfred State group had tied for first.



**Vet Tech Ranked
Third Best in Nation**

A new review of the best veterinary technology programs ranks Alfred State as the third best in the United States. The analysis is based on the likelihood of success for students who want to put their love of animals to work.

TheBestColleges.org explained that they "looked at the most important factors for prospective students, mainly common predictors of future success" to determine the best colleges for becoming a veterinary technician. These factors included admissions rate, default rate, retention rate, and graduation rate. Students agree that the Alfred State program prepares them for a fulfilling career.

Alfred State's veterinary technology program is fully accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Licensed veterinary technicians are indispensable members of the veterinary medical team, capable of providing everything from life support and surgical assistance to physical therapy and nutritional management. The program is designed to provide students with extensive training in the theory and principles, reinforced with the hands-on technical, animal, and laboratory experience needed.

TheBestColleges.org also has advice about potential careers with a vet tech degree and predicted job growth from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics: "Veterinary technicians conduct clinical procedures on animals under the supervision of a veterinarian in private clinics, laboratories, animal hospitals, zoos, and other facilities. The demand for vet techs is expanding; the number of vet techs is projected to grow 19 percent between 2014 and 2024."

Bethesda Foundation
continues strong support of
Alfred State Nursing

For over 30 years, the Bethesda Foundation has been a major supporter of Alfred State's nursing and health-related programs, having generously donated funds for grants, scholarships, and major projects.

And today, that relationship is still going strong, as the Foundation continues to support nursing education locally by funding scholarships for students from Steuben, Allegany, and Livingston counties who are enrolled in nursing at Alfred State.

For the 2016-2017 academic year, the Foundation's scholarship support totaled \$15,000, an amount the organization typically donates on an annual basis to ensure that Alfred State nursing students can afford an education. This year, recipients of Bethesda Foundation-supported nursing scholarships included:

- Courtney Briganti, Hornell
- Samantha Crosson, Arkport
- Morgan Emo, Hornell
- Brooke Geibel, Hornell
- Rachael Gibbs, Hornell
- Elizabeth Hover, Hornell
- Britany Krause, Livonia
- Rachel McMahon, Almond

Based in North Hornell, the Bethesda Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization devoted to the funding and support of health-related projects and scholarships in the Hornell area. The Foundation's first grant to Alfred State was in 1987, and to date, the organization has awarded to the college approximately \$354,178, which includes grants and scholarship support.

One of the Foundation's most recent noteworthy contributions to Alfred State health-related education came in the form of a \$50,000 donation used for the purchase of new imaging equipment for the college's radiologic technology program. Afterward, in recognition of the Foundation's support, Alfred State officially dedicated the Bethesda Foundation Imaging Suite in the Agriculture Science Building.



More than two dozen gifted high school students from across New York converged at Alfred State in July for the NYSSSA School of Media Arts, an intensive four-week program that offers courses in filmmaking, video and sound art, photography, animation, and more.

This marked the first time that Alfred State has hosted the program, which is one of many within the New York State Summer School for the Arts (NYSSSA). This institute is run by the New York State Education Department for students of the arts in various disciplines, from music and the performing arts to visual arts, and programs for each discipline are hosted at college campuses across New York State.

Manufacturing Fuel Cells & MORE JOBS

Alfred State has earned a \$75,000 manufacturing innovation grant for the further development of fuel cells, and to assist a western New York company in adding a projected 15 jobs in the next four years. The funds will help Alfred State partner with Rochester-based American Fuel Cell LLC to produce membrane electrode assemblies (MEAs), the core component of a fuel cell.

FuzeHub's Manufacturing Innovation Fund awarded the grant to Alfred State's Energy Storage and Conversion Laboratory. FuzeHub is a not-for-profit organization responsible for assisting small to medium-sized manufacturing enterprises (SMEs) in New York State by matching them with technical and business resources.

Another No. 1 ranking for Alfred State

For the 11th straight year, Alfred State is highly ranked on the latest US News & World Report Best Colleges list.

Alfred State is No. 1 among all SUNY schools in the Northern Regional Colleges category. For schools with out-of-state tuition and fees below \$12,000, once again Alfred State earned a No. 1 ranking in the north. Among all northern regional colleges, Alfred State was ranked No. 14 overall.

When looking at all public colleges in the 11-state northern region, the report ranked Alfred State an impressive No. 6 overall, No. 3 on the Best Value list for public colleges, and No. 3 on the Best Colleges for Veterans list of northern public schools.



While awards and honors aren't why the officers of the University Police Department at Alfred State do their job, they do provide a testament to the quality of safety and security that these men and women in uniform provide every day on campus. The most recent acknowledgement of this came from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), who granted the department's reaccreditation in September.

In July, the DCJS accreditation assessors returned to Alfred State to review the University Police Department's operations to determine if the department should be recommended for reaccreditation. After three days of evaluation, the team of assessors left stating that they would be recommending that UPD be re-accredited at the next Law Enforcement Accreditation Council meeting in September, according to Chief Matthew Heller.

On Sept. 7, Heller, Lt. Jeff Wilcox, and Lt. Kris Bianchi attended the accreditation council's meeting in Albany, where they were delighted to learn that the department had been officially reaccredited. In addition, Wilcox received the "John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement" for his efforts as lead accreditation manager for the department.



Money Magazine's report on the Best Colleges for Your Money 2017 awarded Alfred State stellar ratings, with a dozen of the college's degree programs listed as among the top 10 in the nation.

After evaluating more than 2,400 colleges and universities around the country, Money Magazine ranked Alfred State number 200 overall. That places the college in the top 10 percent of all schools and a top performer in many categories.

When calculating the value of individual majors from different schools, these Alfred State programs were highly ranked, including one first-place award:

US Rank	Description of Major
No. 1.....	Web/Multimedia Management and Webmaster
No. 2.....	Computer and Information System Security
No. 2.....	Computer Programming, Specific Applications
No. 2.....	System, Networking and LAN/WAN Management
No. 3.....	Architectural Technology
No. 3.....	Computer Engineering Technology
No. 3.....	Surveying Technology
No. 5.....	Animation, Interactive Technology
No. 7.....	Mechanical Engineering Technology
No. 8.....	Financial Planning
No. 8.....	Forensic Science and Technology
No. 9.....	Electrical, Electronic Engineering Technology

AffordableColleges.com applauds Alfred State in two national rankings

AffordableColleges.com has recognized Alfred State for quality and affordability in two of its most recent rankings. The organization named the college to its list of top out-of-state public schools in the US, and has also ranked Alfred State among 50 institutions with the most affordable online bachelor's degrees.

The college came in at No. 11 in the US and third in New York State in the out-of-state rankings, and No. 16 in the US and third in the state in the affordable online bachelor's degrees list. The rankings were determined after the group weighed a number of factors, including loan default rates, graduation rates, and financial aid data.



HOCHUL LAUDS STEM CAREERS IN SPEECH AT ALFRED STATE

Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul called upon educators to "create that spark" that will ignite interest in STEM careers in her keynote address for the 2017 New York State STEM Summer Institute, hosted at Alfred State.

Hochul was among the numerous distinguished speakers and educators of kindergarten through higher education who gathered at the college this past summer to discuss and share best practices for increasing interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers among young men and women. The three-day conference featured presentations and workshops that focused on sparking interest in STEM through classroom projects, afterschool activities, and more.

In her remarks, Hochul noted the importance of getting young women interested in STEM careers. She also told the educators present that it was "up to all of you in your various capacities to create that spark" of excitement about STEM careers.



[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!

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Get in on the action, visit www.AlfredState.edu/make-a-gift > Giving Opportunities > Athletics



Bricks available!

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.

www.AlfredState.edu/make-a-gift > Giving Opportunities > Brick & Beautification Initiative

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

A Bequest is One of the Easiest Gifts to Make

A charitable bequest is one of the easiest and most flexible ways that you can leave a gift to Alfred State that will make a lasting impact.

With the help of an attorney, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift to be made to family, friends, or Alfred State as part of your estate plan, or you can make a bequest using a beneficiary designation form.

Benefits of a bequest include:

- Receiving an estate tax charitable deduction
- Reducing the burden of taxes on your family
- Leaving a lasting legacy to charity

Some of the ways to leave a bequest to Alfred State:

- Include a bequest to Alfred State in your will or revocable trust
- Designate Alfred State as a full, partial, or contingent beneficiary of your retirement account (IRA, 401(k), 403(b), or pension)
- Name Alfred State as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy

A bequest may be made in several ways:

- Percentage bequest - make a gift of a percentage of your estate
- Specific bequest - make a gift of a specific dollar amount or a specific asset
- Residual bequest - make a gift from the balance or residue of your estate

If you have any questions about leaving a bequest, please contact us at 607-587-3930 or at ia@alfredstate.edu. We would be happy to assist you. If you have been so generous as to include a bequest to Alfred State as part of your estate plan, please take the time to let us know. We would like to recognize you and your family for your generosity.

You *have made a difference!*

Undoubtedly, you've heard us say before that every donation to Alfred State, no matter the size, can make a difference.

That statement continues to be as true as ever, as every single contribution made by donors such as you has an impact on our college and our students. Clubs, programs, scholarships, activities, technology, trips to competitions, and much more would not be possible without your help. We are so grateful for your generosity, and are proud to count you among our members of the Alfred State Family!

Altogether within the past academic year, the Alfred State Development Fund was able to raise nearly \$1.2 million in total support.

This past year, a total of **775 students received scholarship funds**, money that is essential for many of them to attend college.

Some other specific ways in which your donation literally paid off include:

• Four **new academic programs**.

• Four mechanical engineering technology students traveled to Ohio to compete in a **national BUV competition**, tying for first place.

• 15 **nursing students traveled to Haiti** providing care and nourishment to underprivileged children.

• The opening of our new state-of-the-art **nanotechnology laboratory** in the Engineering Technology Building.

• Our new state-of-the-art **motorcycle and power sports technology facility** welcomed its first class of students.

Danielle White, executive director of Institutional Advancement, said, "I am always amazed at the generosity of our donors. Their support of Alfred State and our students is unwavering, and it is because of them that our students are able to afford college and have incredible real-world learning experiences that prepare them well for that next step after graduation. I thank each of you who has made and continues to make a difference in the lives of our students."

Currently, our 2017-2018 Annual Fund Campaign is underway and we recognize that there always exists a need for support of our college and our students. Therefore, if you haven't already done so, we ask that you please consider making a contribution to the Alfred State Annual Fund.

Thank you again for your support and for showing our students your Pioneer Pride. You have made a difference, and we are so grateful that you are a part of our Alfred State Family.

>**\$300,000** in equipment donated to support academic programs.

>**\$175,000** donated to the college's endowment for scholarships.

>**\$220,000** donated to support specific needs at the college, including classroom and programmatic support.

Nearly \$1.2 million in total support!

>**\$170,000** donated to support the greatest needs of the college.

>**\$300,000** in pledges and bequest gifts.

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Whose story will you help write?

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Look at these smiles! Because of donors like you, those smiles are possible.

Whose story will you help write?

We need your help again. Our second Day of Giving is **Tuesday, Nov. 28**, and this year we want to go bigger and reach further. By showing our Pioneer Pride and working together, I know that you will help us reach our new goal of raising **\$120,000 from more than 500 donors**.

Whether you restrict your gift to a certain club or organization, put it into the New Century Endowed Scholarship, or leave your donation unrestricted, your gift is important. **Every gift matters and we do need your help.**

Every day, donors like you help write a new story for one of our students. Maybe the scholarship a student received this year was the support they needed to actually attend Alfred State. Maybe your donation helped send one of our nursing students to Haiti to give care and hope to underprivileged children. Perhaps your dollars went to buy new laboratory equipment to ensure our students work with the latest technology. It does not matter where the dollars go, it simply matters that we continue to change lives with your support.

So what deserving student will you bring a smile to this year?
Whose story will you help write?

We want to make it as easy as possible once again this year for you to participate. So starting now, you can mail in your gift (in the enclosed envelope) and we will count it toward our Day of Giving. If you are someone who would rather give on Nov. 28 and be part of the live action that day, make sure you visit us at www.AlfredState.edu/give, like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and when we go live with this year's toolkit, share, share, share!

Thank you for your continued support.
We cannot do this without you.



**One Day.
One Goal.
One Alfred.**

It's all about coming together as an Alfred State family to make a difference in the lives of our students.

www.AlfredState.edu/GIVE



Dear ALUMNI

There is nothing more satisfying than to be able to assist others, particularly when in need. The Alfred State community – composed of faculty, staff, and students alike – prides itself on civic engagement. We seek opportunities to provide a variety of meaningful ways to make a positive difference in others' lives, both locally and in a community beyond our campus.

In light of the recent natural tragedies that have occurred between Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, we at Alfred State want you to know we are in this together. We will never forget the devastation we witnessed from the aftermath of these two back-to-back storms.

Whenever there is need, the Pioneer spirit is to band together in support. It is our profound hope that the college's efforts to reach out to victims – including several fundraisers and collection drives – will have helped lives get back on track. As Pioneers, we pledge to continue to assist hurricane victims, including students and alumni. Please know we care, we will help make a difference for those in need, and we will help to make communities stronger.

On a much separate note, I also wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the fact that the alumni chapters in the Finger Lakes, Buffalo, and Rochester regions are up and running successfully. It is wonderful to see this opportunity for alumni to renew their relationships with the college, plan events and activities, and be our external ambassadors. We look forward to the continued growth of alumni involvement. Your participation is welcome, your input is appreciated, and your support is invaluable.

With the continuous work from the Development Fund Board members, alumni chapters, alumni, students, friends of the college, and dedicated faculty and staff, we will accomplish greater and greater things. Working together we have the power to meet and rise to challenges. We will succeed!

Warm regards,

Colleen Argentieri, '85
Director of Alumni Relations



Show Off Your Talent!

Alumni are invited to contribute original works of art, poetry and prose to Ergo, Alfred State's literary and artistic publication. www.tinyurl.com/ASCergo

[ALUMNI NEWS]

Be our *quest*

Watch for an alumni event in your area!

We're excited about the fun alumni events planned for 2017-18. Watch for an invitation to an event in your area! If you don't receive an invitation via email or mail, please let us know at 607-587-3931 or alumni@alfredstate.edu, as we may need to update our records. Invitations through the mail will only be sent to alumni in the given area the event will be held. However, please remember all alumni are welcome to attend any and all alumni events.

Watch for an alumni event in your area! For updates and more information, visit www.AlfredState.edu/alumni-events.

Rochester Chapter Alumni Event
Genesee Brewing Company – More details to follow.

Rochester Speaker Series
More details to follow.

Alfred State Alumni Choir Concert
Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22.
Time and location to be confirmed.

Golf Tournament
June 2018, time, date, and location to be confirmed.



Alumni volunteers helped clean up Rochester's Mount Hope Cemetery in August.





ΚΣΕ, ΚΣΚ, ΔΧΩ Memorabilia Donations Appreciated

In order to preserve the rich heritage and history of their organizations at Alfred State, the historians of the KSE and DCO Alumni Associations are looking to locate any Kappa Sigma Epsilon (ΚΣΕ), Kappa Sigma Kappa (ΚΣΚ), and Delta Chi Omega (ΔΧΩ) memorabilia to be displayed in the newly established historical display case on the college campus.

Memorabilia would include such items as vintage pins, rings, event party favors, trophies, plaques, mugs, paddles, or shirts from years past, beginning in the early-to-mid-1950s. All historical items will be proudly displayed in a secured case on the campus, located in the Student Leadership Center.

Also of great interest would be any early documentation and information of the founding of these organizations at Alfred State in the 1950s. Kappa Sigma Epsilon fraternity was established in the fall of 1954, being initially known as Kappa Sigma Kappa in March 1953. Their house was first located on North Main Street. Delta Chi Omega sorority was established at Alfred in the fall of 1954 by 24 ladies living at Dobson House.

KSE and KSK alumni should contact historian Scott Iak, '82, at ksealumnihistorian@gmail.com.

DCO alumni should contact historian Christine Logsdon, '83, at dcoalum83@gmail.com.

Memorabilia should be mailed in care of Scott Iak or Christine Logsdon to 8600 Wilkins Road, Arkport, NY 14807. Local pick-up may be possible, depending on distance. For documentation purposes, please provide any known history of items sent for the display.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Distinguished Alumni & Outstanding Young Alumni Awards

The Alfred State Alumni Council has established awards to honor alumni who bring distinction to our alma mater and to themselves through their outstanding personal and professional achievements.

We are honored to present these awards to a group of distinguished alumni who have been nominated by you, the alumni community.

We are now accepting nominations for our 2018 Alumni Awards. Please take a moment to visit our website for additional information on the two awards and nominate someone you feel deserves to be recognized for their achievements.

www.AlfredState.edu/alumni/get-involved-with-alfred-state#Distinguished-Alumni-Award

ALUMNI CHAPTERS **We need volunteers!**

Now is your opportunity to join one of the three alumni chapters in the Buffalo, Finger Lakes, or Rochester regions. Join in on the fun of helping to plan alumni events and activities while promoting the interest and welfare of your alma mater.

If you are interested in participating in one of these chapters, which are sure to be both an exciting and rewarding experience, please complete the online form by visiting www.AlfredState.edu/alumni-and-friends > **Get Involved > Alumni Chapters** or contact our office at 607-587-3931.

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.

WAYS 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! The following are just a few of the ways you can assist the college:

- Host an accepted-student reception in your home for area students.
- Attend a college/career night program with a representative from the Admissions Office.
- Share your story.
- Have a current student shadow you at work.
- Provide an internship opportunity.
- Join an alumni chapter.
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New Locker Room Facility at Pioneer Stadium

Opened in 2008, Pioneer Stadium has been the home of Alfred State football, soccer, lacrosse, and track and field for nearly a decade. More recently, the college celebrated the opening of the newest addition to stadium – a brand-new locker room facility – with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The process to build a locker room facility started in 2014 when the college received state funding from State Sen. Catharine Young, R-Olean. Design of the project began in July of 2015 and construction started just under a year ago. Gretchen Persbacker served as the state university construction fund project coordinator, and LeChase Construction was the general contractor.

The facility features three locker room spaces. The largest space has more than 100 lockers, showers, restrooms, and a laundry room, while on the other side of the building there are a pair of identical locker rooms with 30 lockers, showers, and restrooms. The space also has an athletic training room facility situated in between the locker rooms.

The Pioneer Stadium field-turf facility features lights, seating for 2,000 fans, and a fully functioning press box. In the summer of 2009, the facility was named Pioneer Stadium and permanent restrooms, concessions, and storage areas were built.

Stayer-Ruffner Named Western Equestrian Coach

Alfred State Director of Athletics Jason Doviak has named Rose Stayer-Ruffner the head coach of the Pioneer's western equestrian team. Stayer-Ruffner has been coaching equestrian since 2003, and becomes the first coach of the Alfred State program since its move to becoming an intercollegiate sport during the fall 2017 semester.



Stayer-Ruffner led the Alfred State western equestrian club team last year. Ten of her original 16 riders qualified for Regionals, four qualified for the semi-finals and one rider competed at the IHSA Nationals earning a sixth-place finish in open reining. The team earned one high-point team honor and six reserve high-point rankings.

As a 10-year competitor, Stayer-Ruffner won numerous AQHA youth high-point awards, was the Empire State and WNY Quarter Horse Association high-point and reserve youth champion, and earned multiple qualifications for Empire State Youth Team and All-American Quarter Horse Congress competitions.

Stayer-Ruffner, a high school counselor at Allegany Limestone Central School, has a bachelor's degree in psychology from SUNY Geneseo and a master's degree in counselor education from St. Bonaventure University.

Paternostro Named Interim Cross Country and Track & Field Coach

Steven Paternostro has been named the interim head coach for the cross country and track & field teams during the 2017-2018 school year.



Paternostro is no stranger to the Alfred State Athletic Department. He joined the coaching staff last winter and assisted in all aspects of the track & field program.

Previously, Paternostro has spent time coaching collegiately at Daemen College and Edinboro University. At Daemen, he was the sprints and jumps coach, as well as the assistant cross country coach. At Edinboro, he was a volunteer assistant with the track & field program.

Paternostro was a two-time NJCAA National Champion in the decathlon and 4x400 meter relay at Erie Community College (ECC) before transferring to Edinboro, where he was All-NCAA Regional and All-PSAC in the decathlon.

He holds an associate degree in liberal arts from ECC and a bachelor's degree in individualized studies with a focus on human performance from Edinboro.

Paternostro has also spent time coaching at Lake Shore High School and the Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart.



Timothy Piotrowski, associate professor in the Civil Engineering Technology

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



Jonathan Hilsher, director of the Center for Civic Engagement, was honored with the Chancellor's Award

for Excellence in Professional Service.



Vanessa Stachowski, nurse, was presented with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in

Classified Service.



Melanie Ryan, coordinator of Student Disabilities Services, was honored with the

college's Leadership through Civic Engagement Award.



Jeremy Speed Schwartz, assistant professor of Digital Media and Animation, took home first

place in the Experimental Film category at the ASIFA East Awards ceremony in New York City for his film, titled "Iterations."



Valerie Nixon, executive vice president, received the Robert J. Wagner Business Officer of the Year

Award at the annual conference of the State University of New York Business Officers Association (SUBOA). This award is the most prestigious one given by SUBOA. Nixon was recognized for her outstanding performance, high professional standards, and her significant contribution to SUNY and SUBOA.



Dr. Steven Jakobi, a retired Alfred State associate professor of biology, has published a new

book on Amazon's CreateSpace platform. Titled "Birds, Bats, Bugs, Beavers, Bacteria: Lessons from Nature," this collection of 37 essays spans the spectrum of life from viruses and bacteria to plants and animals.



Dr. Craig Clark, vice president for Economic Development, was presented with the 2017 Margaret

Ashida Outstanding STEM Leadership Award in recognition of the avid and engaged support of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education that he has shown for many years.



Ruthanne Ashworth, assistant professor in the Nursing Department, was welcomed

as a new board member of the Educational Foundation of Alfred, Inc.



Dr. Richard Kellogg, professor emeritus of psychology, is the author of a new book titled, "Barry

Baskerville's Marvelous Memory." This book is the fifth entry in a popular series of mysteries for children.



Melissa Blake, associate professor in the Business Department, was featured in an ad

for Realtime Coach, a subscription website required for upper-level court reporting students that contains practice dictations and speed-building tests. The ad appeared in the October 2017 Journal of Court Reporting.



Mario Dragone (right) and **Joseph Histed** (left) are the newest officers with the University Police Department.



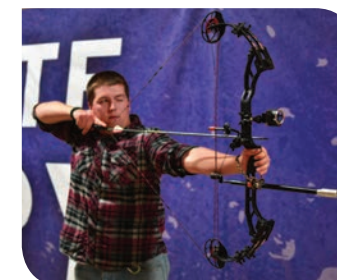
Alfred State earned a bronze NASPA Excellence Award in the category of student health, wellness, and counseling for its efforts to help college students cope with stress, have a better focus in class, and be more productive.



Andrea Koston, a 2017 culinary arts: baking, production and management graduate from Rochester, earned a silver medal in the commercial baking category in the 53rd annual SkillsUSA Championship in Louisville, KY.



Abigail Campbell, a construction management major from Geneseo and captain of the Polo Club, earned US Polo Association All-Star status.



The Archers of Alfred club earned a national grant from USA Archery to assist with long-term program development. Alfred State's club is one of only 26 in the country to receive a collegiate archery program grant.

ACHIEVER

1942
Roger W. Knapton, Technical Institute, Clyde, was honored with a Doctor of Diversity Degree from Davis College in Johnson City. Roger was president of his class of 1950 for three years. He now pastors the Clyde Baptist Church.

1982
Mark J. Looney, Mechanical Design and Drafting, Lakewood, OH, has published a book about bicycle touring and is presently employed at United Technologies as the quality director of the Landing Systems Division.

1986
Joseph E. Hoff, Electrical Engineering Technology, Lakeview, received the Erie 1 BOCES Distinguished Alumni honoree award. He is currently the owner of Abbott Answering, an answering service for after-hours calls to medical practices, law firms, and other businesses.



2002
Graham J. Marcus, Landscape Development, Arkport, is the owner of Maddie's Motor Sports in Dansville, a Powersports Business Power 50 dealer, which has more than tripled its showroom space after adding an expansion on to the store.

2017
David Briggs, Sport Management, Waverly, graduated from The Iris Network Rehabilitation Center on April 28, 2017. David successfully completed an intense, transformational 16-week program at The Iris Network Rehabilitation Center, which provides the tools, technology, and training to prepare people who are blind or visually impaired to excel in a competitive job market.

BIRTH

2008
Daniel P. Foley, Business Administration, Rochester, would like to announce the birth of his son, Owen Daniel Foley, born Feb. 8, 2017.

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CAREER

1958
Emily (Emmy) A. Stanley, Medical Laboratory Technology, New York, is now enjoying her golden years after retiring. She is currently living in Greenwich Village and loves to spend time in "Naw'leans." She is wishing the best for all the Delta Chi Omega sisters.

1975
Richard Ross, Engineering Science,



Liverpool, of WesTech Engineering, Inc. was named the 2017 Associate Member of the Year by The New York Rural Water Association.

1971
Patricia G. Ward, Medical Laboratory Technology, Danville, KY, taught at Fairmont State College in West Virginia, and recently retired as tenured Clinical Laboratory Science faculty from Eastern Kentucky University.

1972
John A. Kozak, Mechanical Design and Drafting, retired July 31, 2017 from Carrier Corporation in Syracuse after 44 years of service. He continues to run road races, and has completed 100 road races since 2006. John also has four grandsons.

1981
Jenyfer Johnson, Mechanical Design and Drafting, Sumter, SC, retired March 2017 after 32 years of Federal Civil Service, working 10 years for the US Navy as an electrical designer/environmental manager, followed by 22 years for Shaw Air Force Base as a hazardous material and waste manager.

1983
Edward Podlasinski, Landscape Development, South Wales, is the owner of Edwards Design Plus Landscaping in South Wales and A Change in Latitudes Landscaping in Kissimmee, FL.

2008
Roxana L. Sammons, Liberal Arts and Sciences: Math and Science, Arkport, has joined SUNY Geneseo in the office of Enrollment Management.

2012
Jacqueline L. Dresser, Surveying Engineering Technology, Astoria, was hired on March 16, 2017 as a research technician at The Lake Erie Regional Grape Program (LERGP) at Cornell's Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory (CLEREL).

2017
John Sallome, Air Conditioning and Heating Technology, Batavia, has joined his family's business, Sallome Heating Company.

Brandon Serkleski, Sport Management, Tioga, has joined the staff of Tioga Publishing as a general news reporter for the Potter Leader-Enterprise.

MARRIAGE

1977
Michael A. Smith, Industrial Technology/Broadcasting, Penn Yan, married Karen Bradley on May 20, 2017.

1985
David R. Post, Agricultural Science,



Rochester, married Anthony Jagla on July 22, 2017.

REMEMBRANCE

2008
Jennifer R. Burd (Foote), Liberal Arts and Sciences:



Humanities, Hornell, married **Brad Burd, '98**, Liberal Arts and Sciences: Social Science on Aug. 5, 2017 in Canisteo.

2011
Jessica L. Sutton, Technology Management, Rochester, married Jeffrey Sutton on March 22, 2017.

ANNIVERSARY

1966
Elaine S. Boyles, Medical Laboratory Technology, Montoursville, PA, and David John Boyles, of Montoursville, observed their 50th wedding anniversary June 17, 2017. They were married at the Church of the Annunciation.



1943
Donald M. Bergreen, Electrical Engineering Technology, Olean, passed away April 10, 2017.

1947
W. Jack Mazzarella, Rural Engineering, Brockport, passed away July 29, 2017. He was recently honored by Ledgesdale Airport for his role in the one-day construction of the airport in 1967. Construction began at 6 a.m. and Mr. Bill Piper of Piper Aircraft landed there in a twin aircraft at 6:17 p.m. that night. This record has not been matched in the USA since.

1948
John A. Schnautz, Frozen Foods, Asheville, NC, passed away May 7, 2017.

1958
Richard D. Kemp, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Latrobe, PA, passed away April 16, 2017.

1974 reunion of MacKenzie East & South graduates was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hudak on April 29, 2017, in Henrietta. Attending were, from left to right: **Barbara Wilson (Bartoo)**, Business-Executive Secretarial Science, Buffalo; **Chuck Lacey**, Automotive, Cortland; **Helga Ciminesi (Freitag)**, Medical Laboratory Technology, Collins; **Wendy Lacey (Brodock)**, Medical Records, Cortland; **Lynne Hudak (Simpson)**, Medical Records, Rochester; **Doris Hammersmith**, Marketing, Orchard Park; **Patsy Krech**, Medical Laboratory Technology; and **Denise Schubmehl**, Medical Laboratory Technology. In attendance but not pictured was **John Schubmehl**, Landscape Design.

1961
Harry Wicht, Radio, Culpeper, VA, passed away March 20, 2017.

1962
Delores D. Ackerman, Business Administration, Wellsville, passed away June 12, 2017.

1964
Gay E. Coon, Business-Executive Secretarial Science, Penn Yan, passed away May 2, 2017.

1967
Thomas M. Cornell, Computer Information Systems, Weedsport, passed away May 26, 2017.

1971
Richard Van Essen, Automotive Service Technician, Youngstown, PA, passed away May 13, 2016.

1975
Crawford McFetridge, Building Trades-Building Construction, Bellona, passed away Dec. 21, 2016.

1993
Debbie J. Cummings, Nursing, Campbell, passed away Aug. 12, 2017.

Joseph W. Paddock, Surveying Engineering Technology, Henrietta, passed away June 30, 2017.

1995
Robert W. Alexander, Heavy Equipment, Truck and Diesel Technician, Copake Falls, passed away Aug. 14, 2017.

2003
Adam B. Gayhart, Computer Art and Design, Alfred, passed away May 20, 2017.

2011
Samuel B. Price, Air Conditioning and Heating Technology, Southampton, passed away May 17, 2017.

Faculty/Staff
Elizabeth B. Burdick, Colorado Springs, CO, former secretary, passed away March 21, 2017.

REUNION

1969



Brian Harris, Air Conditioning and Heating Technology, Pensacola, FL, and **Dave Frey**, Business Administration, The Villages, FL, recently reconnected after 48 years.



A group of Pioneer alumni got together for a reunion in Florida, where they had a fun time golfing. Those present included: **Barbara Provost, '72**, Business-Executive Secretarial Science, Hilton; **Cheryl A. Ebert Josh, '71**, Business Administration, Tarpon Springs, FL; **Jan R. Peckham, '76**, Business-Executive Secretarial Science, Webster; **Karen J. Ciminelli, '80**, Accounting, East Aurora; **Linda S. Tome, '75**, Business-Executive Secretarial Science, Palmyra.

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