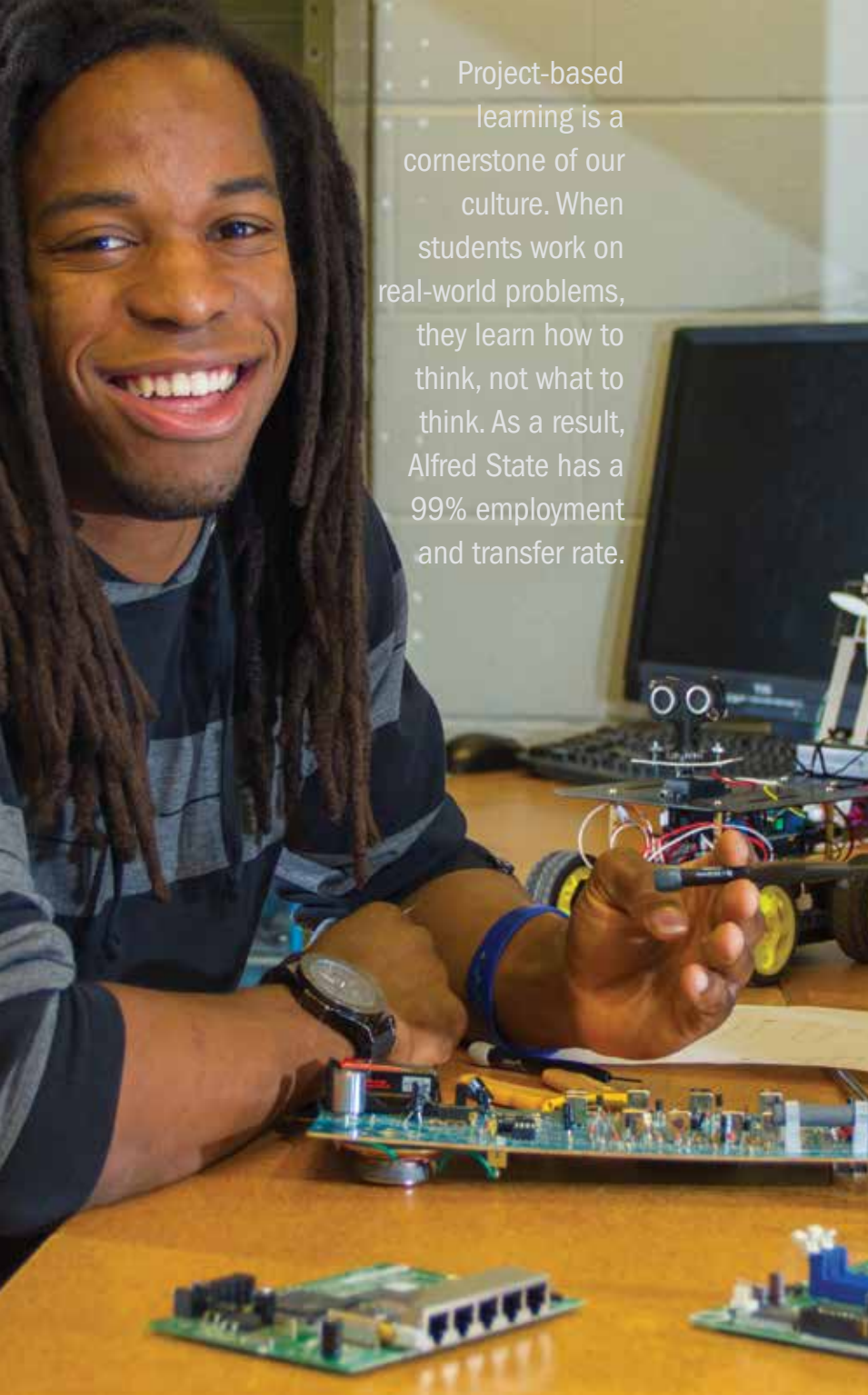


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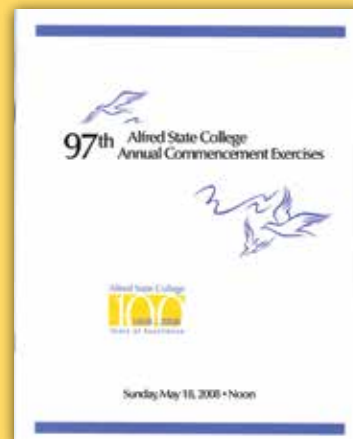
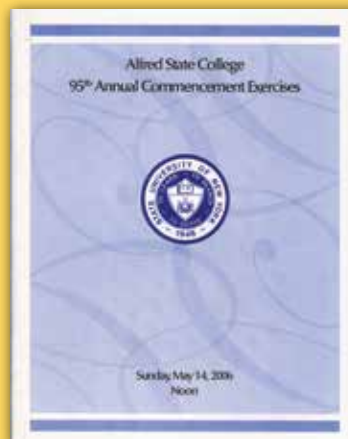
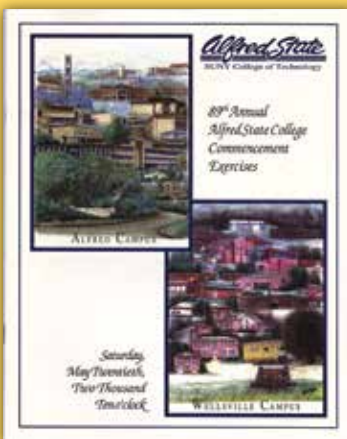
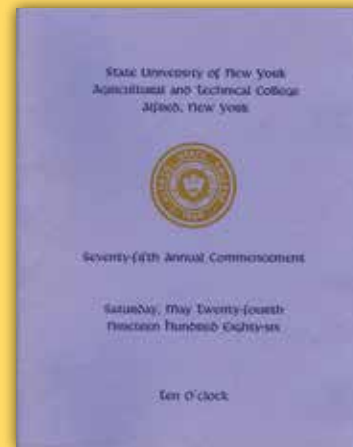
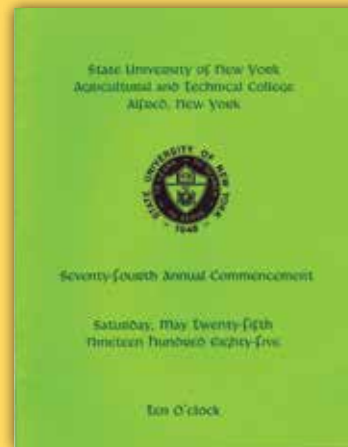
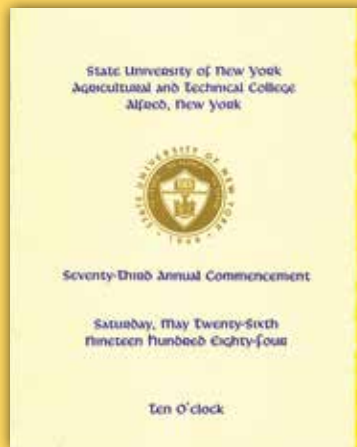
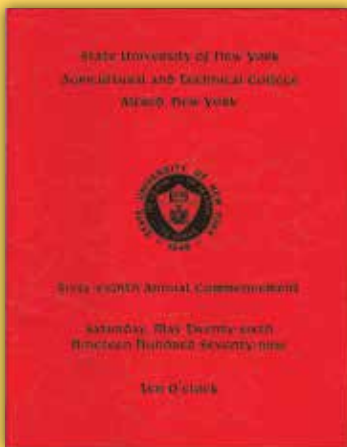
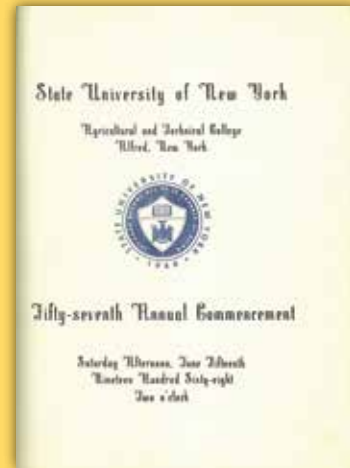
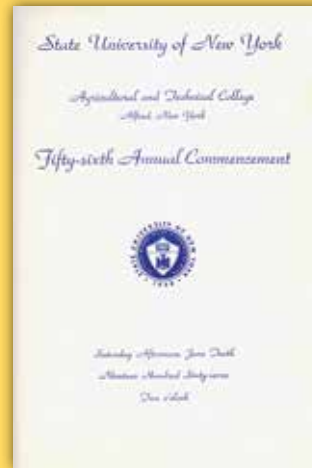
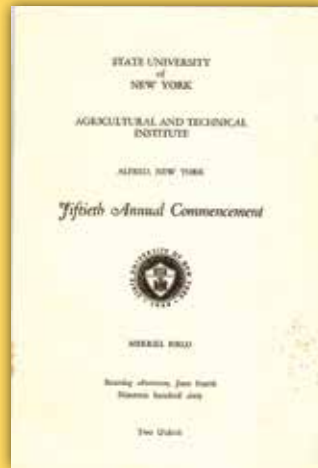
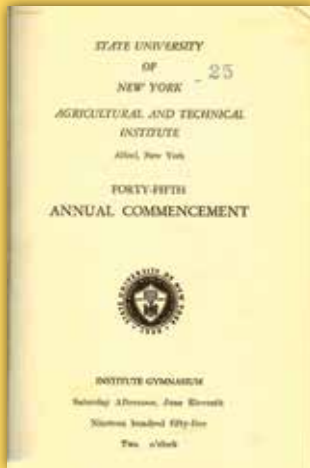
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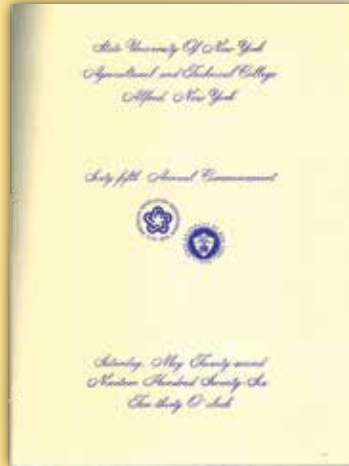
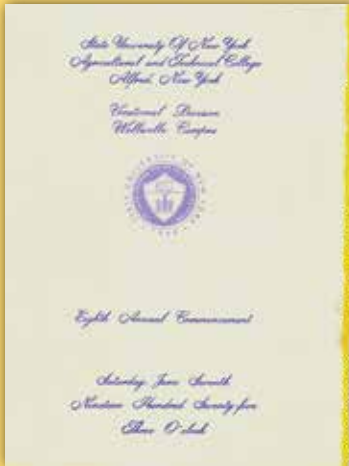
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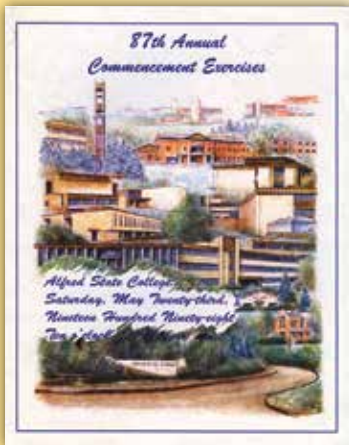
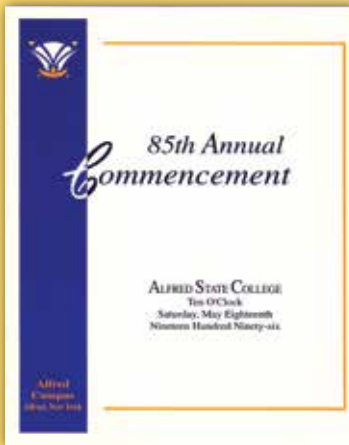




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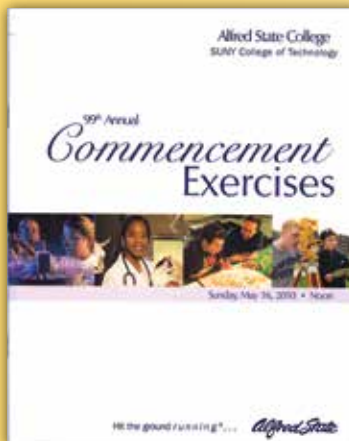
Spring is a time of transition. Winter is on its way out and summer is rounding the corner. Colleges, too, have their seasons, and no time is more exciting and full of promise than the end of the academic year, when we see hundreds of our students walk across that stage—effectively ending one chapter in their lives and embarking on the next.

This year, we are especially proud of the amazing work our graduates have done, continue to do, and inevitably will do in the future. We have had students traveling around the world, rebuilding lives after devastating natural disasters, testing their knowledge in national and international competitions, and using their experiences to fuel that drive to make a difference. These students represent the core of our values—using their hands-on training and passion for civic engagement to make the world a better place.



In celebration of their efforts, we invited David Campbell, All Hands Volunteers founder and chair, to be the speaker and centerpiece of our 103rd Commencement. With more than 50 years of successful business experience, Campbell has been an inspiration to our students, faculty, and staff. While at the helm, Campbell led the organization through 30 plus disaster relief projects over seven years, and the Alfred State community has frequently participated in these initiatives. Today, All Hands Volunteers remains a perfect complement to our mission of providing a global perspective to all students in all majors.

We've come a long way since 1908. Where once we were primarily an agricultural school, today, we have high tech majors in everything from information security and assurance to a five-year degree in architecture. And we're working to cater to the 21st-century student too, offering a fully accredited online bachelor's degree in nursing as well as a full selection of other online classes, certificates, and degrees.



No matter how much Alfred State evolves and how many seasons pass, one thing remains the same—our commitment to students. That's why we've maintained a focus on hands-on, project-based learning, and yet continue to find ways of incorporating the latest technology and theory in each curriculum—because employers want students who have both the knowledge and the confidence to excel from day one.

As the collection of past Commencement covers on these pages shows, an Alfred State experience—whether it is as student, faculty, staff, or friend—often inspires in others a commitment to lead by example. As you flip through our spring issue, I hope you, too, are inspired to become an even greater part of supporting the Alfred State mission.

Thank you,  
Dr. Skip Sullivan, President

[STEM]



forensics

# Taking the Bull by the Horns

This forensic science technology major has big dreams—  
and she's making them come true at Alfred State.

**Christy Dodd** is a force to be reckoned with. She's been entertainment chair for the Alfred Programming Board, communications chair for Civic Engagement Advocates, a student ambassador, a gold level in the Emerging Pioneer Leadership Program, a member of the honors program, and she's on the swim team. As if that isn't enough to fill four years, this Windsor native is also majoring in forensic science technology—one of the few science fields currently seeing an influx of women—and despite all she has on her plate, she plans to graduate with her bachelor's degree in 2016. We sat down with her to find out just what drew her to a STEM field like forensics and how she plans to use her experiences at Alfred State to get her where she wants to go.

**I'M NOT GOING INTO IT JUST FOR THE SCIENCE;**

**I LIKE THAT I'LL BE PERFORMING A SERVICE**

**THAT HELPS SOCIETY FLOURISH.**

**Q:** So, why major in a science?

**A:** Ever since I was in high school, I always was interested in science. I like how science offers you real answers, but at the same time you have to participate and use your mind to uncover them. And I like that there is never just one answer—there could be 15. It's up to you to use your intellectual skills to come to the best conclusion.

**Q:** Would you say you have a passion for science?

**A:** I have a really broad idea of my passions, but, for the most part, I want to have a life I'm proud of. I want to be successful in everything I do. So, I equate my passion with achieving my aspirations.

**Q:** What drew you to forensics?

**A:** In high school I was involved in this program that allowed me to participate in a rotation with a forensic pathologist. Seeing someone piece together all that information from the tiniest clues and from inspecting the cadaver—and seeing them have a role in bringing a criminal to justice and giving a family closure—it sold me. But I'm not going into it just for the science; I like that I'll be performing a service that helps society flourish.

**Q:** What are you doing at Alfred State to make your dream a reality?

**A:** Everything I've done here has been to better myself. I've really grown as a person. And I've learned how important it is to go away to college and get that experience. You can't learn who you are if you don't get away from home.

**Q:** You're involved in a lot on campus. What inspired you to become so active?

**A:** In high school I wasn't really outgoing or involved, but here I am. I had to take the bull by the horns and just do it. Now, people know me. They come to me and ask for help. They view me as a leader. It's astounding.

**Q:** What do you want to do after you graduate?

**A:** I want to go on to medical school for forensic pathology or forensic psychiatry. In the future I would love to work at the FBI as medical examiner or criminal profiler.

**Q:** What advice do you have for incoming students?

**A:** Be open. A lot of people come in with an idea of what college is going to be like, but more often than not it's the complete opposite. Just jump in. Classes are a big part of the academic experience, but when you're in a club or getting involved on campus, you find the people who are just as passionate about things as you are.

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IN 2013, THREE THOUSAND MILES AWAY, A GROUP OF COLLEGE STUDENTS and missionaries followed a young woman on a tour of Honduras's Escuela Hospital and walked back out utterly changed. Behind those aging walls, they had seen terrible things—infants dying from preventable infections, mothers leaving delivery rooms with empty arms, families shattered. Among them was Kyle “Christian” Perry, a promising architectural technology student at

“This is an opportunity to save someone’s life. Someone you may never meet,” he says. “I compare it to seeing the news and hearing someone being called a hero because they saved a person from drowning. Saving a life is a beautiful thing. But we have that same opportunity here. We have the chance to give families 3,000 miles away the happy memories that would otherwise be stripped from them.” Ultimately, Christian’s passion for the cause convinced Katie to bring him on

# BEING THE CHANGE

Alfred State. “When I returned from Honduras the first time—I can’t describe in words how devastated I felt as a person,” Christian says. “This hospital serves the poorest of the poor, people who can’t afford diapers, but that is most of the population. It’s the largest public hospital, and 40 percent of babies are dying preventable deaths inside the neonatal intensive care unit. But before you even reach this room, in the immediate care unit where every baby goes after birth, 56 percent of babies who need medical intervention are dying trapped—waiting for space for hospitalization. The odds are stacked against each baby’s fight for life and many parents are sent home with empty arms and anguish. Many babies die from lack of adequate sanitation—diapers, wipes, antibacterial gel—items Americans take for granted. Many more are dying while they wait for space to open up in the intensive care unit.

Christian is now a major force in the movement to end preventable infant death in Honduras, but when he first arrived in the country on a last-minute mission trip to work with underprivileged youth, he had no idea the 180-degree turn his life was about to take. This trip was supposed to give him a global perspective, maybe even inspire him to get civically engaged. It wasn’t supposed to totally and irreversibly change his life. Then, Katie Castro showed up, asking his team to follow her on a tour of the hospital. For Christian, that was all it took. “She was looking for support, targeting people who have had children because she was talking about the infant mortality rate and knew that statistic might move them. I have no idea what provoked me to go—a 21-year-old male with no idea what he was doing. But I thought, ‘Hey, you need helping hands? I guess I’ll go.’”

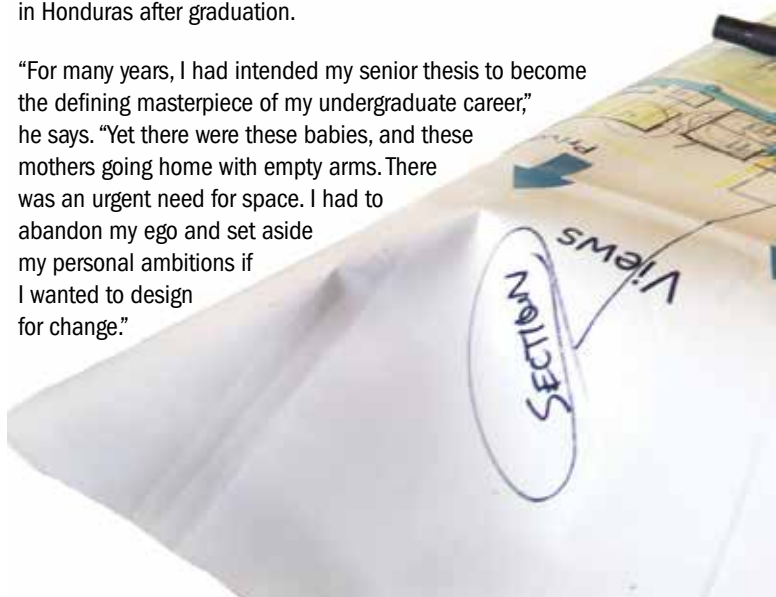
After touring the hospital and witnessing the devastation caused by such a lack of resources, Christian tracked Katie down and pledged his continued help with the cause. Understandably, Katie had a hard time believing the young man’s conviction—after all, what could a 21-year-old college student with a full life thousands of miles away really do? Katie was an American missionary who had recently lost her own child—Lily—due to complications at birth. The heartbreak she’d experienced inspired her to take on this mission and prevent other mothers from suffering as she had. But what was Christian’s motivation?

board, and his skills as an architect in training quickly became integral to the movement as the idea of designing a new infant care hospital (rather than expanding the old) took shape.

**“I couldn’t comprehend how in the 21st-century babies could die from lack of physical space. This more than 40-year-old building, designed for 7,000 births annually, has been outmoded for decades. In 2013, the hospital closed out the year with 23,000 births. Physically, the structure simply could not sustain a further addition.”**

Less than a year later, Christian is now co-founder of the U.S. not-for-profit Little Angels of Honduras—a group of doctors, concerned U.S. citizens, and missionaries who fight to reduce the infant mortality rate in the country. Although he did return to complete his studies at Alfred State, every few months Christian travels back to Central America—often bringing along other Alfred State students who’ve been inspired by the cause. These young people have even documented the experience, creating a short film currently making its mark around the world. And with the help of fellow aspiring architect Cortland Knopp, Christian has devoted his senior thesis to the task of designing a new infant care hospital—a project that he intends to continue working on in Honduras after graduation.

“For many years, I had intended my senior thesis to become the defining masterpiece of my undergraduate career,” he says. “Yet there were these babies, and these mothers going home with empty arms. There was an urgent need for space. I had to abandon my ego and set aside my personal ambitions if I wanted to design for change.”





With the help of his partner, Christian spent long hours crafting plans for a medically efficient, functional facility designed to create a healing environment for patients and employees—ideas that the Architecture and Design Department at Alfred State has been working hard to incorporate into the curricula. “That is what we want to leave the architecture program at Alfred State—a legacy of leading by example and the need for all of us to recognize the urgency of our social responsibility,” he says.

The organization’s long-term goal is to ultimately empower the people of Honduras to take ownership of issue, and so far the group has seen an outpouring of support and leadership at all levels—from the Honduran government to national media to the medical community. Alfred State faculty and students have also been strong supporters—both of Christian’s efforts and of the mission itself. This, Christian says, as a graduating senior, is one of the things he’s most proud of.

“Our generation is the one that has to be designing for a reason—designing for change, designing for people. Historically, what we see in architecture is that we have succumbed to profit-oriented, ambition-driven, self-centered designs,” he says. “Our world is so broken outside our immediate circles and we don’t even realize it. It’s our generation who has a responsibility to fix that.”





## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: *More than Just a Buzzword*

For the second year, Alfred State students, faculty, and staff have participated in volunteering with Habitat for Humanity during their national alternative spring break program, Collegiate Challenge. This year they were hosted by Habitat for Humanity of Horry County in Myrtle Beach, Va. There, students spent their vacation finishing a home for a family in need of affordable housing.

“This trip teaches teamwork and leadership and can create a sense of pride for each person who attends,” said Sean Ryan, residence hall director and staff leader of the group. “Its sole purpose is to inspire young professionals to care for the less fortunate and allows them an experience they can carry with them the rest of their lives.”

### HANDS-ON DISASTER RELIEF

It might seem like the Disaster Relief Team was biting off a bit more than they could chew when they took on two separate alternative spring break trips hundreds of miles apart—all in one week. But if there’s one thing these students have, it’s the drive to make a difference.

Confident in their hands-on skills, 12 team members traveled first to Gills Hills, a camp in Wellsville, N.Y., where they cut down trees, chipped brush, and moved two existing buildings to new spots in order to make way for Building Trades Department students to do their work—constructing a new cabin on the site. “This type of work is perfect for Alfred State students to learn how to become leaders,” said Ryan Ashman, a senior heavy equipment operations student and president of the Disaster Relief Team. “It’s basically trial-by-fire work, where the need for leaders is there, and students can just step up and take charge.”

Ten team members then traveled to Staten Island, where they partnered with All Hands Volunteers helping to rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy. This wasn’t the first time they’d gotten involved in the area after the storm. “We wanted to do this trip particularly for two reasons; the first being that our last official disaster relief trip had been to SUNY Old Westbury on Long Island the week after Sandy, and not one of us had wanted to leave then because there was such a big need for help,” Ryan said. “The second reason was because one of our members lives on Staten Island, and he told us about the need for skilled volunteers. There are over 600 homes still in need of repair.”



Karli Kukula (left), human services management, '15, and Shannon Davies (right) human services, '14, pose for a quick photo during Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge.



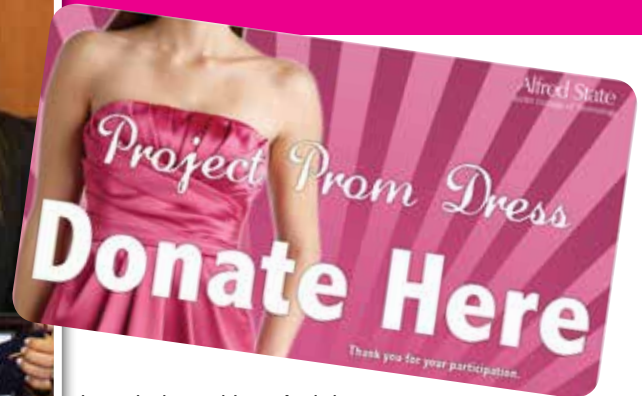
(l-r): President Sullivan, Ryan Ashman, freshman heavy equipment operations student Robert Buzzard, Assistant Professor Mark Payne pose after receiving the Quality of Life Award.

Just a few weeks earlier in March, in recognition of the team’s disaster relief efforts over the years, Mark Payne, assistant professor in the heavy equipment operations program, was also awarded two all-expense paid tickets for students to attend the CONEXPO-CON/AGG & IFPE 2014 in Las Vegas. Occurring every three years, this event is an international gathering place for the construction industries and regularly attracts more than 130,000 people. It features exhibits of the latest technologies and extensive industry-targeted education. Mark and two students who have been actively involved in disaster relief efforts were honored with the Quality of Life Award at the event’s reception.



# Walking the Walk

**Kayla Franchina** doesn't just talk about civic engagement, she lives it. That's why she's a 2014 recipient of the prestigious Newman Civic Fellows Award from Campus Compact (the first ever to receive it at Alfred State) for her efforts in founding the student-led Project Prom Dress group, which has become one of the most active on campus, and why dozens of underprivileged high school students will now get the chance to have that quintessential coming of age experience known as prom. "For me, it isn't just about getting dresses for these girls; it's about helping them have the night of their lives," Kayla says. "This project helps these women feel great about themselves, even if they can't afford to go into a store and pick out something new to wear."



High school proms aren't always the first thing people think of when they hear the word "civic engagement," but, as Kayla quickly learned after a disheartening experience shopping for a prom dress in high school, these events are often critical to a young person's sense of self-worth. "I was with my mom and we were in a prom dress store—the only one within hours of our town—and there wasn't a single dress under \$100. I knew it would be hard for me to get one, and I knew a lot of my friends wouldn't be able to get a dress at all."

But Kayla didn't just sit back and lament the unfairness of her situation. She acted. "I had to do something about it, so I started my first dress drive, and it just snowballed from there."

Although the project started even before Kayla became a student at Alfred State, it has since grown into a well-oiled machine, attracting a lot of attention—from local media to businesses to local government—and even earning significant support from Erie County Legislator Lynne Dixon. After transitioning the project to Alfred State and helping to form it into a highly regarded club, Kayla began acting as a mentor to new club members. She now helps form connections between club members and members of the community in order to facilitate donations and ensure the project moves forward and sustains itself.

Today, Project Prom Dress focuses on making sure girls from all walks of life are able to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Members spend weeks collecting dresses, accessories, and cash donations for underprivileged teenage women and distributing them

through dress drives. And they recently began sponsoring proms at low-income schools. The hope is, Kayla says, that

one day school districts, local government, and local businesses will have the necessary tools in place to work together and ensure that the young people of their communities get these important experiences. Kayla knows the students who take over after she graduates will be a big part of seeing that happen.

"I'm teaching the young men and women who will be taking the project over and getting them ready to take the wheel. This experience has really taught me a lot about networking and the importance of reaching out to people at all levels. That's the only way you can really make a difference."

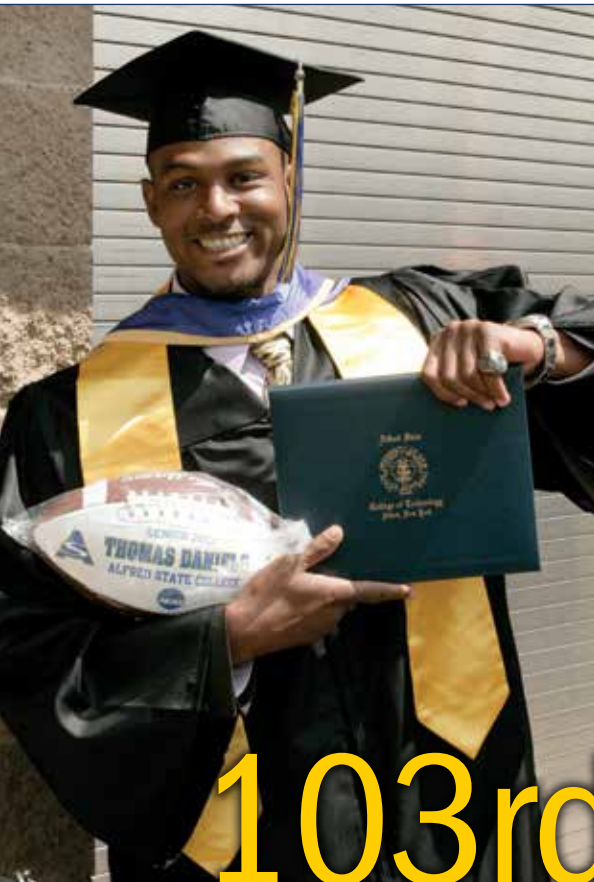
To date, Kayla and project prom dress have collected hundreds of dresses, accessories, and shoes from generous local businesses and passed them on to dozens of young women. And this year, thanks to their efforts and local fundraising, Whitesville Central School will be able to host its own prom.

**"I'VE LEARNED THAT PEOPLE LOVE HELPING OTHER PEOPLE IF YOU GIVE THEM THE CHANCE. IT'S ONE OF THE BEST LEARNING EXPERIENCES OF THIS PROJECT. YOU GET TO SEE HOW GENEROUS THESE SMALL COMMUNITIES ARE AND HOW EASILY THEY COME TOGETHER."**

Kayla, a junior in the human services management program, is one of less than 200 students in the country being honored this year. The Newman Civic Fellows Award is given to those student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in enacting positive and lasting change in their communities through service, research, and advocacy.



[COMMENCEMENT]



# 103rd annual

## COMMENCEMENT

We hail to thee, oh Alfred State Remembering in the years to come, This pledge will e'er be true. We'll cherish all these memories Your deeds we shall acclaim





## CLASS OF 2014

Friends, families, and fellow students celebrated as graduates participated in the 2014 commencement ceremonies. Dr. Skip Sullivan, president, presided. Class of '84 alum William Goodrich, president and CEO of Rochester's LeChase Construction, was also presented with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) degree at the ceremony.

Goodrich has been an integral member of LeChase since 1985. He was named President in 2002 and CEO in 2007. A tireless supporter of education, he has worked alongside Alfred State and other educational organizations for many years and has been a driving force behind continuing education and training for his employees. Currently, more than 40 Alfred State graduates have found careers at LeChase.

At Alfred State, he was an essential supporter of the Construction Workforce Development Center on the Wellsville campus and in the new Student Leadership Center. LeChase also supports several institutional, charitable, and community-based organizations.

Goodrich maintains membership in many community and professional organizations, including the Hillside Children's Center, Boy Scouts of America, Junior Achievements, and the United Way among others. His free time is spent with his family, relaxing, traveling, and participating in a variety of activities with his wife and both children who are currently in college.

He received a President's Medallion from Alfred State in 2010; was keynote speaker for Alfred State's 99th Commencement; and was featured in the spring 2013 *Transitions*. He has a bachelor's degree in business from Roberts Wesleyan College and an associate degree in Construction Engineering Technology from Alfred State.



ty The faith which will not die. Around the blue and the gold Our rally is for you.

im. We love you dear Alma Mater In our hearts you will remain.

-Richard Fote, '54



David Campbell of All Hands Volunteers



# HONORING A MEMORY

YOU MIGHT THINK THE TWENTY-ONE ELECTRICIANS IN TRAINING WHO SPENT TWO SATURDAYS ON A SERVICE PROJECT—WIRING THE LOCAL BOLIVAR TOWN HIGHWAY BARN—WERE IN IT FOR A GRADE OR SPECIAL RECOGNITION, BUT YOU'D BE WRONG.

Alongside three of their professors—Steve Kielar, Calvin O'Dell, and Dan Noyes—the electrical construction and maintenance electrician students worked 10-hour days to finish what Trevor Randall, a senior in the program who died in a car accident on December 29, could not.

"Mr. Kielar came to me and told me Trevor had been working on a project near his hometown and they needed someone to finish it," said student Daniel Napolionello, of Valley Stream. For Daniel and many of the other students in his class, Trevor was both a friend and an inspiration—a young man who worked hard and went out of his way to help others. "Pretty much everyone in the class wanted to be in on it from the beginning. It wasn't hard saying we'd give up two Saturdays for him because of the impact he had on all of us."

Trevor started the project after hearing about it from his instructors, who'd been approached by town officials with the opportunity for a service project. Although unable to fit the project into the curricula, faculty in the electrical construction and maintenance electrician program knew Trevor would be willing to put in the time and effort. "Trevor was already an incredibly hard-working, dedicated professional and he hadn't even graduated yet," said Steve Kielar. "We knew he'd get the work done and do a great job."

"It was pretty amazing how, throughout the whole job, we knew Trevor had taken it all on by himself. It might have taken him a full month going five days a week, but he would have done it," Daniel said.

Trevor was only able to work on the project for three days before a car accident claimed his life, but his fellow students were more than willing to step in and finish the project in memory of their friend. These 21 young people completed wiring the entire structure, from the lights to the electrical panel, all in just two days.

The students also created and sold bracelets, the proceeds from which will go toward a memorial bench outside Bolivar-Richburg Central School in Trevor's honor.

When asked, the students say they simply hope the project helps keep Trevor's memory alive. "I hope people realize how good of a guy he was and how much of an impact he had on the whole class and the program," Daniel said. "This wasn't a job we were hoping to be recognized for. It was just for Trevor."

*Back row l-r: Brad Schiralli, superintendent of highways town of Bolivar; Dylan Loney; Tyler Vanderbilt; Brandon Hayes; Joshua Lenahan; Evan Sutterby; Dalton MacMyne; Nathan Kulak; Nathan Andres; Michael Drago; Alex Ortiz; Shane Kehlenbeck; Robert Park. Front row l-r: Steve Kielar, instructor electrical construction and maintenance electrician program; Timothy Monahan; Daniel Napolionello.*

## Training for a Clean Energy Future

Alfred State is using part of its NYSEDA SUNYgreensNY \$2.9 million clean energy training grant to prepare future renewable energy professionals. The college has earned three Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) recognitions for courses and instructors, including training provider accreditation for a photovoltaic (PV) and professional wind installation course and accreditation in its electrical construction and maintenance electrician program. Alfred State now boasts two certified master trainers, Jeff Stevens, associate professor of Electrical Trades, IREC Certified Master Trainer™ for PV Installation Professional, and Roy Butler, independent contractor and instructor, IREC Certified Master Trainer™ for Small Wind Installer. The college is currently the only IREC Accredited Training Provider in small wind installation offering college credit in the Eastern Region.







## Cross-Cultural Exploration

### ALFRED STATE'S FIREFIGHTING ROBOTS BURN THE COMPETITION



In April, professors David Hunt and Robert Rees and 18 of their students studying in the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology Department traveled to Hartford, Conn., for the Trinity College Firefighting Home Robot Contest. Teams from as far away as Armenia, Canada, Indonesia, and Israel also competed. After an impressive showing, one of Alfred State's own robots finished eighth out of 45 in the senior division, breaking previous college records by extinguishing three candles during the trial.

SIXTEEN DIGITAL MEDIA & ANIMATION STUDENTS SPENT THEIR WINTER BREAK IN TOKYO EXPLORING ANIMATION AND DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION IN JAPANESE AND CROSS-CULTURAL CONTEXTS THIS YEAR.

"Japanese art and media has become wildly influential worldwide in animation and interactive media. By the time it reaches the United States, the work has been re-contextualized, and many popular culture works never make it to us at all," said Jeremy Speed Schwartz, an assistant professor of digital media & animation who accompanied the students on their international adventure. "As animators and visual artists, it's vital that we stay on the cutting edge of new ideas and constantly investigate what's going on in the fringes of our media, both in our culture and in other cultures. Having experiences in other cultures changes the way we might look at our own culture, and helps us formulate new points of view."

Students visited the famous Ghibli and Toei Animation galleries, toured NHK and Fuji TV studios, and participated in interactive research at The InterCommunication Center and the Miraikan (National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation). Some students even participated in video shoots with Tokyo-based filmmakers Benjamin Beardsley and Tuan Hong. The trip culminated in group production with animation students at Human Academy in Takadanobaba.

# This is a *Calling*

LISA REYNOLDS  
WILL BE THE  
FIRST TO TELL  
YOU, NURSING  
WASN'T HER  
FIRST CHOICE.  
IN FACT, SHE  
HAD A LOT OF  
CONFLICTING  
IDEAS ABOUT  
WHAT TO DO  
WITH HER  
LIFE BEFORE  
ENTERING  
COLLEGE.

**"To be honest, I sort of fell into nursing** as a major. I looked at a lot of schools, thought about pre-med, law enforcement, everything. In high school I considered psychology as well," Lisa says. Today she's a 2013 graduate of the nursing bachelor's degree program at Alfred State, and she's working in the dynamic field of psychiatric nursing at one of the largest hospitals in Binghamton, N.Y. She might not have known it when she cracked open her first college textbook, but the healthcare field would soon become her calling. "Nursing, especially working in psychiatric nursing, gave me a chance to pursue nearly all my interests. And Alfred State helped me find my passion."

Like many college students, Lisa took the opportunities provided by a scholarship and the many available clubs and organizations on the Alfred State campus to expand her horizons. While earning her associate degree in nursing, she was able to participate in a service trip to Haiti with members of the Nursing

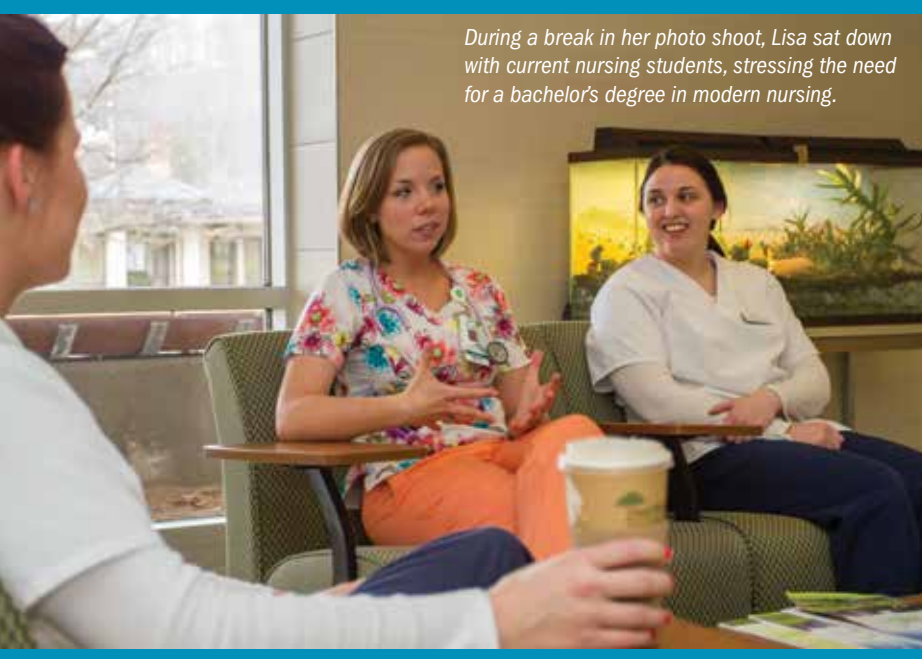
faculty, work with the orientation team, get involved in blood drives, assist psychology faculty with research and upcoming publications, and jump headfirst into leadership opportunities on campus. "Growing up in the area, the mindset of a lot of locals was that they wanted to graduate and get out, but what I found at Alfred State is that there's such a community. When I looked at other colleges, I felt lost among the numbers. When I came to Alfred, the choice felt right. And it really developed into feeling like home."

After graduating, Lisa continued her studies through Alfred State's innovative new fully online bachelor's degree program while working at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell in their inpatient behavioral health unit. There, she was able to expand her knowledge and apply it to her working life—simultaneously.

## Alfred State helped me

"In the upper-level classes, we really worked towards culminating projects. Nothing felt menial. We did large projects that spanned each semester. In doing that, I learned to use research and assessment techniques to solve problems. And that's something we do every day in practice to help plan optimal care for each of our patients," she says.

For Lisa, online classes were the best delivery method for someone balancing professional obligations. "Online classes are different. They offer a lot of flexibility. I can sit down at the end of the nightshift and work on them. Or during a lunch break, I can sit down for a half an hour and work on a discussion board. It takes a lot of self-discipline, but it's really great for someone who has a busy schedule. I think one of the biggest fears regarding an online degree program is that the faculty aren't necessarily right there to ask questions in person. But what I found about the



During a break in her photo shoot, Lisa sat down with current nursing students, stressing the need for a bachelor's degree in modern nursing.



faculty at Alfred State is that they're always very accessible. All I had to do was email them."

Lisa was also able to connect with the teachers on a professional level and found that their teaching methods relied heavily on experience rather than pure theory, which was perfect for a working nurse. "The faculty are all experts in their fields. There was never a feeling that they were just there teaching out of a textbook. They had the experience to back it up. And that's the kind of professor who inspires me to want to continue and maybe even teach eventually."

After earning her bachelor's degree in 2013, because of her combination of on-the-job experience and advanced education, Lisa was able to quickly launch an exciting new career



## WHY NURSING?

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at Binghamton General Hospital's New Horizons Inpatient Unit. "This is a different aspect of behavioral health. It is a program that incorporates counseling and addressing addictions with the ultimate goal of sobriety. I also oriented to Memorial 5, our most acute psychiatric unit."

For Lisa, psychiatric nursing offered her the opportunity to explore all those seemingly disparate interests from her childhood—medicine, psychology, and even law enforcement—all in one profession. But her greatest blessing, she says, has been in being able to help real people live better lives. "In this role, I am able to help the whole person. In other positions, my first priority or responsibility was to pass medicine and make medical assessments or interventions, but now there's more of an opportunity to treat the whole person, talk to them, and really help them holistically."

## Alfred State Named Community Partner of the Year for 2013

Allegany Arc's ACHIEVE Career Consultants honored local business partners during a luncheon on Wednesday, October 30, 2013, celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The event is an opportunity to thank local businesses for believing in the abilities of the ACHIEVE workforce, both in the community and through Work Center subcontracts.

Alfred State was named "Community Partner of the Year" at the 2013 luncheon. Since 2011, ACHIEVE has been in discussion with Alfred State to develop a "think college" model on their campus, and in June 2013, a collaborative agreement was reached between ACHIEVE Career Consultants and Alfred State to begin the RISE Project. The Alfred State Student Success Center, previously The Learning Center, has been a major force in this. Former Director, Janette Thomas, and Coordinator of Student Disabilities Services, Melanie Ryan, collaborated for several years with ARC in the development of the project. New Success Center Director, Tracy Tierney, is also an advocate for this program and its students.

"Through the RISE program, [so far] five young women have been given the opportunity to go to college, learn, meet new people, prepare for careers, and make money. These students are being given an inclusive experience on a college campus, which will only enrich their lives," said Kathy Newton, CRC/RISE project manager.

## Three Alfred State Students Receive 2014 SUNY Chancellor's Awards



In April, SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher presented 274 SUNY students with the 2014 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. Three Alfred State students were honored— *Pictured above l-r:* Joshua R. Altemoos, Rachel Howard, and Carley S. Youngman.

## U.S. Solar Decathlon, Here We Come

Alfred State is one of only two SUNY schools selected to compete in the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2015, to be held in Irvine, California. The Solar Decathlon is an award-winning program that challenges 20 collegiate teams to design, build, and operate solar-powered houses that are cost-effective, energy-efficient, and attractive. Alfred State and Alfred University will compete against teams from Stanford University, Vanderbilt University, and Yale University among others. The winner of the competition is the team that best blends affordability, consumer appeal, and design excellence with optimal energy production and maximum efficiency.

## Hands-on Learning in Action

The 2014 SkillsUSA New York State Leadership and Skills Conference Postsecondary Championship held on the Wellsville Campus pitted 60 students from three schools against each other in this showcase of career and technical aptitude. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels. Alfred State students nearly swept this statewide competition, taking home 25 wins overall in each of the 10 categories—eight gold medals, nine silver, and eight bronze. Winners travel to Kansas City to compete in the National Leadership and Skills Competition in June.

My silent Sanctuary...lost  
Twisted and wrapped in long lost dreams  
Visions come to rile my desire for loneliness

My once beautiful bubble...burst  
Forgotten in the concrete walls of institutions  
Memories of its shining glory in the dust of my bookshelves

My invisible protectors...silent  
When once they sang me lullabies in the dark  
They sit idly waiting for me to tell their stories

My religion...lost to the countless hours  
Thinking I could light a flame within an arid heart  
Wondering if I'll be able to have in the moon instead of meekly  
watching it rise

My life...given away  
Floating to the endless stream of fortune

*Rachael Field*

*Ergo, Alfred State's creative arts magazine, is now available online. Admire the work of current students and alumni at [issuu.com/alfredstatecollege/docs/ergos14](http://issuu.com/alfredstatecollege/docs/ergos14) Ergo submissions from alumni can be sent to [tommmda@alfredstate.edu](mailto:tommmda@alfredstate.edu).*



### **Renovated Physical & Health Sciences building Wins Prestigious Engineering Award and LEED Gold**

The nearly 50-year-old Physical and Health Sciences facility centrally located on campus has become a symbol of both the college's commitment to sustainability and its desire to offer students a state-of-the-art learning environment after it underwent a \$15 million upgrade from 2011 to 2012. It has since earned LEED Gold certification and has been recognized by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) New York, earning a platinum award for engineering excellence.

The facility now incorporates cutting edge green technologies, including a 30-well hybrid ground source heat pump system, ultra-low flow plumbing fixtures, and an 18 kilowatt photovoltaic array on its south-facing roof. The renovations are expected to provide a 55 percent annual energy reduction compared to industry standards.

### **Record-Breaking Career Fair Numbers**

A total of 74 employers were in attendance at the spring 2014 Career Fair held at Alfred State. More than 620 students had the opportunity to explore career options, network with potential employers, and gain insight into the job application and interview process.

### **Alfred State UP Honored by NASPA**

The SUNY Alfred State University Police Department has been honored with two Best Practices Awards from Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA) for implementing the Values-Oriented Ten-Minute Training endeavor and for improving the use of force continuum.

### **Cutting the Ribbon on Clean Technology**

In May 2014, a crowd of dignitaries gathered to christen the newest example of the college's commitment to sustainability—the 100 kW wind turbine now producing energy behind the main campus. This 121-foot model of green technology was constructed in part by Alfred State students and will help grads prepare for clean-technology industries. It is expected to generate 125,000 kWh annually, enough to fully power around 18 average N.Y. homes, and offset 62,000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> annually. Thanks to funds from the Appalachian Regional Council and New York State Energy Research & Development Authority, the college is well on its way to becoming a hub of sustainable technology education and practice.



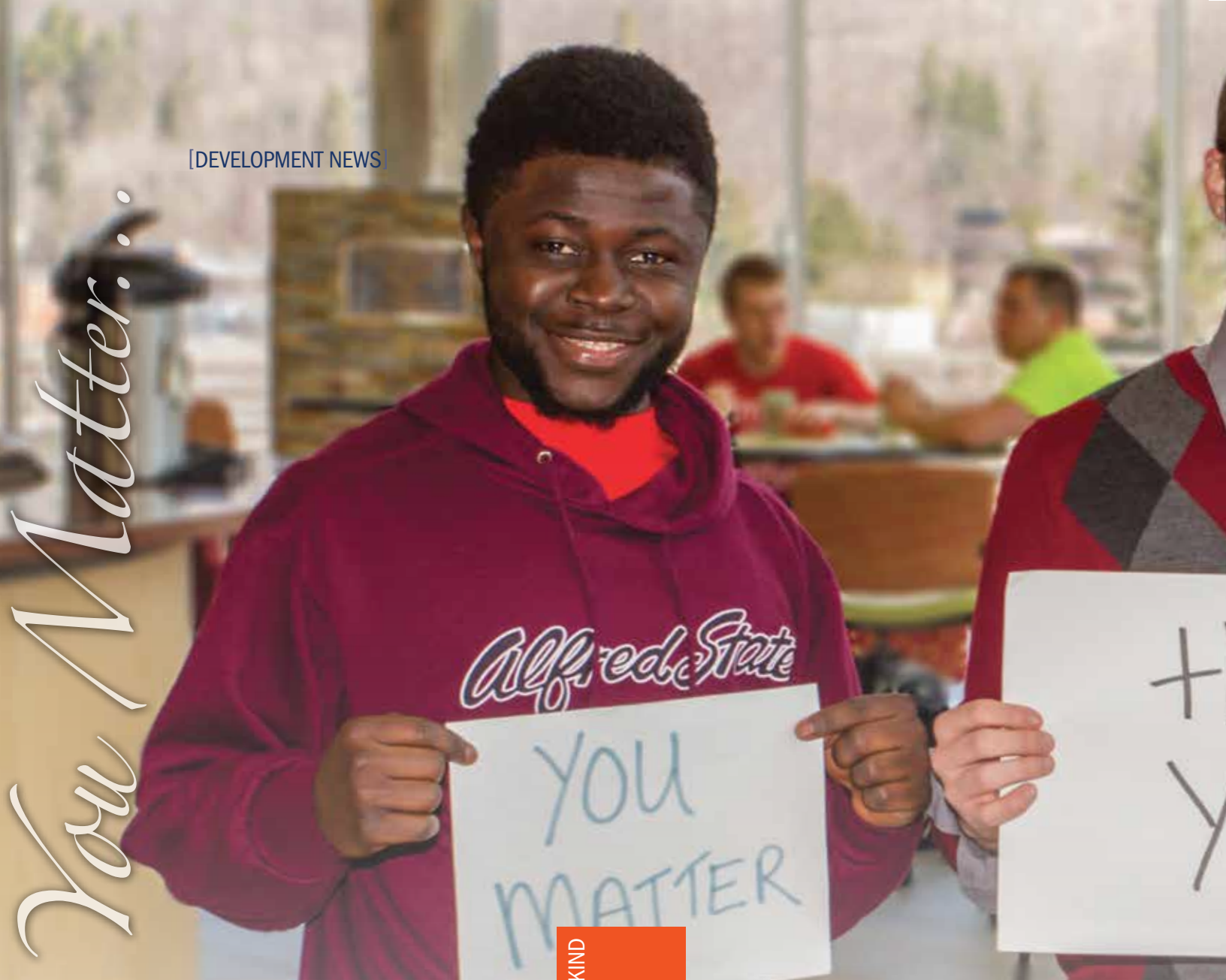
**Jeffrey Andolora**, *Information Technology: Applications Software Development*

### **Taking Cyber Defense to a Whole New Level**

Alfred State's Information Security Team competed in the Northeast Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (NECCDC) qualifying round and, after a highly successful showing, was selected as one of nine to compete in the NECCDC competition at the University of New Hampshire in March. "When it comes down to it, a lot of hard work and late nights go into making sure we are ready to put our best foot forward," said Matt Dennison, team captain. "The qualifier is just one day of competition, but it is really fast paced. We have set the bar. Our plan for this year is to keep the momentum going."

Fourteen teams competed at the qualifying competition in January, including teams from Rochester Institute of Technology, SUNY IT, and other technology-focused campuses. The Alfred State Cyber Defense Team was represented by six students in the information technology: network administration program—Captain Matthew Dennison; Co-Captain Adam Smith; Michael Fiore; Mathew Gandron; Craig Gratton; and Edward Swackhamer. The team also included Jeffrey Andolora, in the information technology: applications software development program, and Christopher Grabski, in the information security and assurance program.

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Thanks to gifts to the Development Fund our academic departments received funding that allowed them to purchase updated equipment that greatly enhance the quality of instruction as well as the student experience.





## The Development Fund: Your Gift in Action

**J. Joseph Wilder**, chair of the Development Fund Board, attorney and founding partner of Wilder and Linneball, LLP, and a '77 graduate of Alfred State, learned an important lesson during his time at the college—and it wasn't a formula or fact.

"Hard work and preparation really are the keys to success. That wasn't something I knew before I came to Alfred State. It was the professors and staff that really helped me make that transition," he said. "These experiences changed my life in a very positive way, as they still do for a lot of students."

Although he's been an attorney at three different firms, a managing partner at two, and been named to numerous advisory boards and "Who's Who" lists, he says his time on the Development Fund Board has been one of his biggest accomplishments. "There are so many stories about how Alfred State has changed people's lives—made them believe in themselves. That's why I would encourage alumni, especially those who haven't been on campus for some time, to visit with these incredible students and faculty, and see where the support goes. Believe it or not, it's our alumni and friends that make it all possible."

The stark reality of rapidly diminishing state support makes private donations more important than ever. Each year, gifts to the Development Fund provide:

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***The Alfred State community and Development Fund Board would like to thank all our alumni and supporters. You are the heart and soul of Alfred State.***

Students pictured above, l-r: Boateng Akuoko, '16; Gabriel Gargano, '14; Darien Bigelow, '16

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\$15,000 from the **Bethesda Foundation, Inc.** for the Bethesda Foundation Scholarship.

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\$13,900 gift in kind from **Mark '75 and Cynthia Crouse** for the Automotive Department.

\$13,500 gift in kind from **Cam Strader** of race car parts, equipment and tools for the Automotive Department.

\$12,000 from **Lee '62 and Martha Brasted** to support the general needs of the College.

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# Be our *quest*

Wednesday, June 11

## **Rochester Alumni Event**

Reconnect with fellow Alfred State alumni and meet our 12th president, Dr. Skip Sullivan, during social hour and dinner at Casa Larga.

Bella Vista at Casa Larga Vineyards

2287 Turk Hill Road, Fairport, NY 14450

\$20/person; social hour: 5:30 p.m., dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 7

## **Rochester Red Wings Baseball Game** vs. Buffalo Bisons

7:05 p.m. at the Hardball Café

\$10/person, ticket includes game entrance, food, & soft drinks. Cash bar available.

Thursday, July 10

## **Buffalo Bisons Baseball Game** vs. Durham Bulls

7:05 p.m. on the Party Deck

\$12/person, ticket includes game entrance, food, & soft drinks. Cash bar available.

Saturday, Aug. 2

## **Grillin' & Chillin' at the Lake – Summer Picnic**

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Spend an afternoon at the Lake Lodge following a tour of the Alfred Campus. Enjoy tastings from a local winery, feast on outstanding food—including clams, play yard games or just relax and reconnect with friends.

\$15/person

Saturday, Aug. 16

## **Atlanta, GA Alumni Event**

Mark your calendar and visit our website for updates and additional details.

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To Cindy Croston 607-587-3931 or [alumni@alfredstate.edu](mailto:alumni@alfredstate.edu).  
or register at [www.alfredstate.edu/alumni-events](http://www.alfredstate.edu/alumni-events)

## **Save the date!**

Thursday, Sept. 25 – Sunday, Sept. 28

## **Homecoming/Family Weekend**

## **Greetings, alumni!**

Each of you is an important part of the 106-year history of Alfred State (Alfred Ag. & Tech.), (Alfred Tech.). As we welcome our new president, Dr. Skip Sullivan, we also embark on another exciting chapter for the college. The Alumni Council, together with Dr. Sullivan and the college community, continue our goal to encourage and foster lifelong alumni participation, involvement, and commitment of our alumni.

Over the next several months and years, it will be our goal to strengthen the bond between the college and our alumni; to create programs which match the interests and needs of the alumni; 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 alumni; and to continue to serve as the primary communications link between Alfred State and its alumni.

Keep up-to-date on alumni and campus events, find old friends, and discover just how easy it is to make a big impact on your alma mater by joining the Alfred State Alumni Facebook group or by visiting our alumni website at [www.alfredstate.edu/alumni](http://www.alfredstate.edu/alumni).

And don't forget to keep us in the loop about what's happening in your life! It is a constant challenge to keep our alumni records updated, and accurate data is a vital part of keeping our network robust and successful. Contact us by telephone, mail, fax, or email and fill us in—new address, email, or telephone number; job change; promotion; marriage; births; or deaths—we want to hear from you!

We are proud you are a part of the Alfred State Alumni family, and we hope you can take the time to visit us, stay connected, and get involved with this ever-growing institution. Don't forget, our staff is here to help you in any way!

If you have questions or need more information about alumni happenings, have suggestions or new ideas, or are interested in forming a new alumni chapter, please feel free to contact us.



Warm regards,

*Colleen H. Argentieri*

Colleen Argentieri, '85  
Director of Alumni Relations

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# The Legacy

## FOR SOME FAMILIES, ALFRED STATE IS IN THE BLOOD.

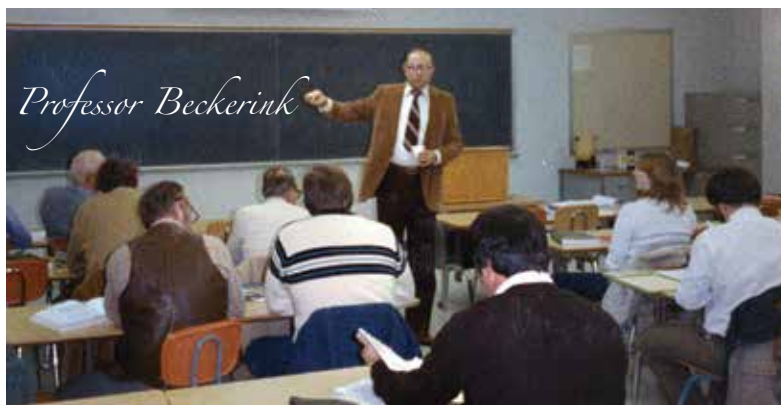
Take the Beckerinks—three generations have been Alfred State students and two have been long-time employees. Kathy Markel, associate director of Admissions at Alfred State and class of '81 grad (maiden name Beckerink) says, at least for her family, it started with her father, Ken Beckerink, who was not only a graduate of Alfred State but a beloved professor of business administration for 25 years and chair of the department for more than nine. But it was only by a twist of fate—a risk taken in youth—that brought Ken to Alfred at all.

"My father grew up on a farm near Clymer, N.Y., a small village of Dutch heritage in Chautauqua County," Kathy says. "The family plan was for him to continue working in Clymer on the family farm; however, after being convinced by a friend to attend college at Alfred, he packed his bags, jumped in his car—he hadn't even been accepted at that time—and arrived in Alfred expecting to begin classes in January." It was only thanks to Milo VanHall, an Admissions counselor at the time, that he was allowed to get in so quickly. Kathy says she's appalled by that—but says it with a laugh. "If he had not been accepted in 1959, his entire career path would have been different."

After receiving his associate degree in business administration from Alfred State, he moved on to SUNY Albany and earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in education. Following his passion for education, Ken took positions at local schools teaching business education. But it wasn't until he found his way back to Alfred State in 1967—as a professor of business administration—that he found his true home.

What Ken found at Alfred State was an outlet for both his creative teaching methods and his passion for helping students reach their potentials. And Kathy has found a similar set of rewards in her position at the college. "Alfred State gives a quality education to its students—as reflected in the high job placement rate. Students of varying academic levels can come here and really flourish," she says. "My father and I agree a big part of that is the rapport between students, faculty, and staff—the openness and camaraderie here."

became president of the Maple City Lions Club and chair of the Sight and Hearing Program, served as director of the New York State Business Teachers Association, and taught numerous continuing education courses in financial planning, business administration, and real estate in his free time. But perhaps his greatest and longest lasting contribution is the effect he had on his students and his family—who took his inspiration and ran with it. "Students are our customers," Ken says. "Give them their money's worth by giving them your best."



*l-r: Joseph, '14, Kathy, '81, and Brian, '17 Markel*

Over the years, Ken became both a leader and a mentor—not only in his department, but in surrounding communities and educational organizations. He was elected trustee and mayor of the Village of North Hornell and trustee of the Village of Arkport, was named to the board of managers of the Watson Foundation in Coopers Plains,

Today, three generations have found a home at Alfred State. Kathy's youngest son, Brian, is currently completing a bachelor's degree in Construction Management Engineering Technology and her oldest son, Joseph, graduated in spring 2014 with his bachelor's in financial planning.



## New Alumni Council Members



**Valerie A. Daciw**, of Angelica, is the assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs at Alfred University. She received her associate degree in 1992 from Alfred State and a certificate from Sarasota Travel School in Sarasota, Fla., in 1995. She is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in technology management from Alfred State. She was a member of the Angelica Athletic Association and is active in the Staff Development Committee at Alfred University. She has two children, Emily Anne and Ryan Andrew.



**Amanda L. Herrick, CFP**, of Corning, is a financial planner with John G. Ullman and Associates, Inc. She received both her associate and bachelor's degrees in banking and finance and financial services from Alfred State. She is a member of Alpha Sigma and serves as treasurer of the Alumnae Board, has been campaign coordinator at the United Way since 2006, and is a member of the Financial Planning Association.



**Daniel G. Waldorf**, of Farmington, is a field engineer with Xerox. He received his AOS degree from Alfred State in 1991. He has been an active member of the Gamma Theta Gamma fraternity for many years and serves as treasurer/president of the Norm M. Phillips Charity for ALS. He has two children, Julia Lynn and Daniel James.

## Become an Alumni Council Member

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

Your participation as an alum encourages Alfred State students and other alumni to strengthen ties with the college, to create new friendships and networking opportunities, and to serve the students of today and future generations.

If you are interested in being a member of the Alumni Council, or if you wish to forward another alumna's/alumnae's name for nomination, please send information to [alumni@alfredstate.edu](mailto:alumni@alfredstate.edu). Be a part of it all, give back, and serve on the Alfred State Alumni Council.

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 the following awards to a group of distinguished alumni who have been nominated by you, the alumni community.

### Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Award

This award is presented to an Alfred State graduate for significant accomplishments in his or her personal and professional life or for distinguished service in his or her community.

### Outstanding Young Alumna/Alumnus Award

This award recognizes an Alfred State graduate who, within ten years of his or her graduation, has demonstrated outstanding service to his or her profession, community, and Alfred State.

## WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

for our 2014 Alumni Awards. Please take a moment to review the two awards, and nominate someone you feel deserves to be recognized for their achievements. Winners will be announced in the summer of 2014 and the awards will be presented during Homecoming/Family Weekend 2014, September 25 - 28.

Letters of nomination can be submitted via email to Alumni Relations at [alumni@alfredstate.edu](mailto:alumni@alfredstate.edu). Nominations should be no more than 750 words, and should include a description of the leadership qualities, honors, accomplishments, and other supporting information which qualify the nominee for the award. Please include the nominee's full name, class year, address, telephone number, and email address.

Nominations need to be submitted by July 1, 2014.

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### ALUMNI WINE TOUR OF CAYUGA LAKE

Alumni reconnected in May during the Cayuga Lake Wine Tour and Herb Festival. Guests enjoyed a free wine glass and collected potted plants and recipe cards from each of the seven wineries on the tour. They savored cuisine made with fresh herbs, sipped fine wines, and enjoyed the beauty of the Cayuga Lake region with friends. Stops along the tour included: Montezuma, Goose Watch, Swedish Hill, Buttonwood Grove, Varick, Toro Run, Knapp, and Nonna's Trattoria for dinner. Join the fun! Check out our upcoming events at [www.alfredstate.edu/alumni-events](http://www.alfredstate.edu/alumni-events).



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## Excellence On and Off the Field of Play

The 2013-14 school year marked the first year that Alfred State participated in collegiate athletics at the NCAA DIII level. During this transitional year, the Pioneers have achieved success on the field, in the classroom, and in the community.

**ATHLETIC SUCCESS:** Pioneer athletes made an impact in the United State Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) and in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) this year. Seven Pioneers have earned USCAA All-American honors, nine football players were named All-USCAA, and one wrestler took home the USCAA Invitational Championship. The women's soccer team qualified for the USCAA National Championships and advanced to the national semifinals. Three Pioneers earned Player of the Week honors from the ECAC and both the indoor and outdoor track & field teams sent solid contingents to the ECAC Championships.

*A Closer Look:* Football players Devin Simmons and Mike DeGroat played in the USA Football Bowl and became the first Pioneers to ever be drafted into the American Indoor Football League.

**ACADEMIC SUCCESS:** Pioneer athletes were successful in the classroom as well. Eight Pioneers were honored by the USCAA with Academic All-American honors for having GPA's above 3.5. Thirty-nine student athletes, over 10 percent of the athletes on campus, were honored at the department's end of year award ceremony for participating on an athletic team for at least two years and maintaining a GPA over 3.0. The overall GPA of Pioneer athletes was 2.72 during the fall semester.

*A Closer Look:* At the annual college honors convocation, six Pioneer athletes were named outstanding student in their major. Volleyball player Carley Youngman was the recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:** The athletic department and Pioneer athletes were active in several civic engagement activities throughout the year. Teams organized and sponsored bone marrow drives, blood drives, breast cancer awareness events, and donated time participating in clinics or service projects in the local community. The whole athletic department combined to host nearly 150 Special Olympic athletes from seven local school districts this spring in the second annual Track & Field Spectacular.

*A Closer Look:* Soccer player Alexis Flint and swimmer Sabrina Dunning made their second trip to Long Island with All Hands Volunteers to assist with Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. Flint and Dunning helped drywall and paint homes during their weekend trip.



**Tricia Herritt**, coordinator of International Student Services, was appointed to a two year team to the NAFSA Region X Middle States Team as the New York State representative.

**Dr. Jennifer Bremser**, assistant professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences, was co-author (along with Dr. Lisa McCool, assistant professor, Business) of the article, "Individual differences in disgust sensitivity do not influence moral reasoning, but a discipline specific ethics course does," published in the journal *One Voice International: Annual Collection of Scholarly Works*.

**Dr. McCool**, assistant professor, Business, was presented with the Leadership Through Civic Engagement award at the 2014 Faculty/Staff Luncheon.

**Steve Reynolds**, associate professor, Business, presented "Is Social Media a Moving Target?" at the Chinese American Scholars Association E-Leader conference in Bangkok. His paper was also published in the *International Journal*.

**Professor Bill Dean**, Architecture, coordinated an exhibit in the Rochester Regional Community Design Center Gallery entitled "Connections: Spaces, Places and the Urban Fabric," a collection of student work from the senior Urban Design Studio. He and Jeff Johnston, assistant professor, Architecture, also accompanied five architectural technology seniors to Washington, DC, where they presented a synopsis of their master plan for Campbell, NY, as part of the annual Appalachian Teaching Project conference.

**John Santora**, associate professor and chair, and Brent Kelley, assistant professor, both of Culinary Arts, as well as student Josh Blakeslee (Top Hat president) went to Fisher Price in East Aurora and picked up \$1,200 worth of items for Toys for Tots this winter. These toys are distributed to families in need throughout Allegany County.

**Joe Richardson**, interim dean of the School of Applied Technology, and **Craig Clark**, interim vice president for Academic Affairs, continue to work with Buffalo Billion group. Alfred State has been asked to host their welding and possibly machine tool classes in the new advanced manufacturing center in Buffalo.

**Electrical & Building Trades** faculty took approximately 150 students to the Rochester Careers in Construction Day held last October at the Monroe County Fleet Center.

**Jon Owejan**, assistant professor, mechanical and electrical engineering technology, was awarded five U.S. patents in the field of alternative energy.

**Dr. John Williams**, dean of the School of Architecture, Management, and Engineering Technology, attended the Quarterly MST Connect Coalition Core Team meeting at Corning, Inc.

**Charles "Chuck" Neal**, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, was an invited guest speaker at Scio Central Schools. His presentation focused on the issues students can expect to encounter as they transition from high school to college.

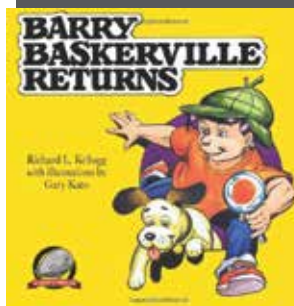
**Barbara Greil**, librarian, is taking a 10-hour online tutorial on version 8 of Camtasia Studio, a program she uses to create information literacy videos. Greil also co-presented a best practices workshop, "Designing Effective Research Assignments," during the January professional development week.

**ACES Management team** recently attended and participated in the 2014 Annual SASA (SUNY Auxiliary Services Association) Conference. David Sengstock, ACES executive director, was this year's SASA Conference chair. The conference featured SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher as the opening keynote speaker and she described her vision of the "Power of SUNY." She also mentioned Alfred State when describing shared services with regards to the printing initiative along with ACES' contribution to scholarships here at Alfred State when describing auxiliary services corporation's contributions to each SUNY campus.

**Dorothea Fitzsimmons**, assistant professor and coordinator of animal science, and **Dr. Philip Schroeder**, associate professor and chair of Agriculture and Veterinary Technology, attended the New York Agriculture Society's 183 Annual Forum in Syracuse.

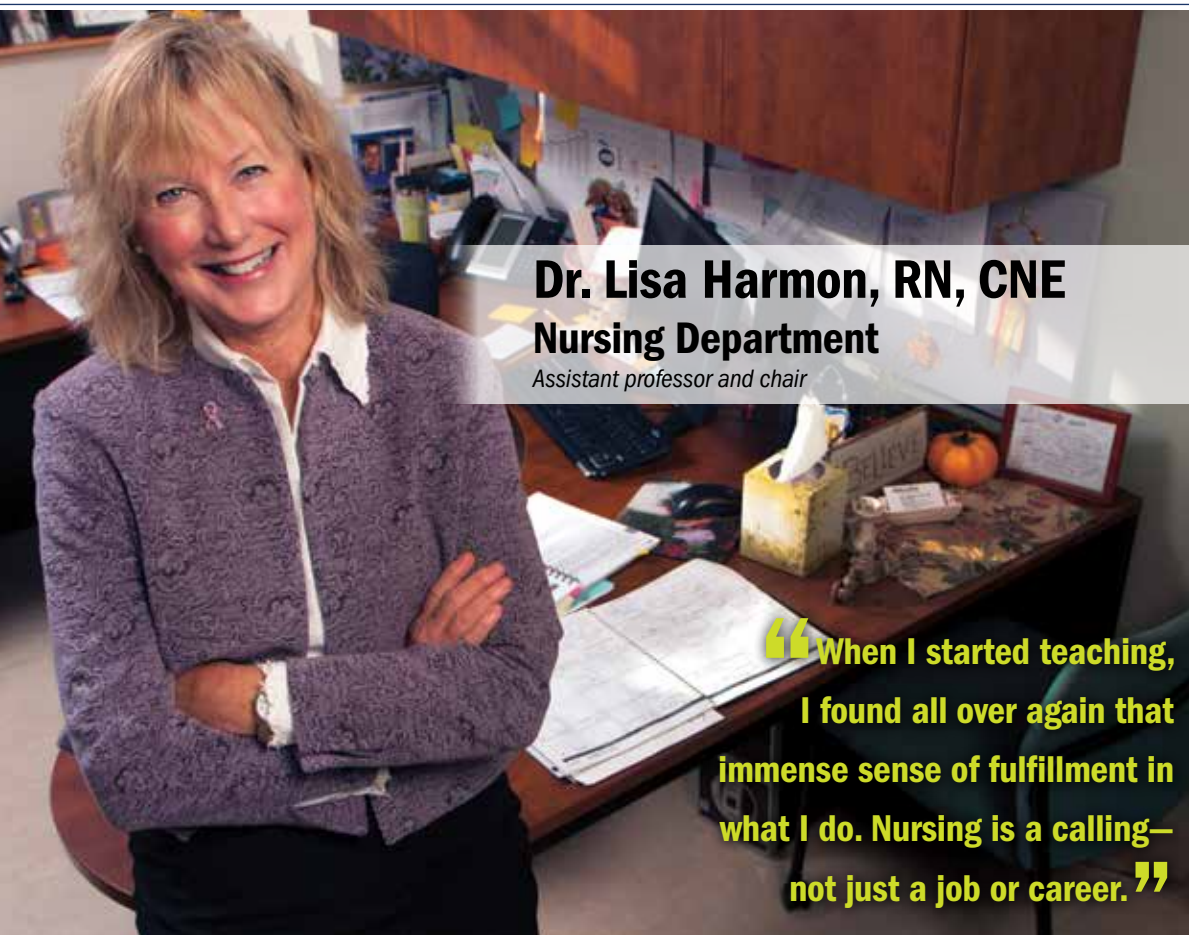
**Dr. Nicholas Waddy**, associate professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences, had an article published in a recent edition of *South African Historical Journal*, titled, "The Strange Death of 'Zimbabwe-Rhodesia': The Question of British Recognition of the Muzorewa Regime in Rhodesian Public Opinion, 1979."

**Dr. Jayne Swanson**, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, was elected president of the SUNY Association for Institutional Research and Planning Officers. She was also elected vice chair of Western New York College Connection Faculty Development.



**Dr. Richard Kellogg**, professor emeritus of psychology at Alfred State, is the author of a new children's book titled *Barry Baskerville Returns*.





## Dr. Lisa Harmon, RN, CNE Nursing Department

*Assistant professor and chair*

**“When I started teaching, I found all over again that immense sense of fulfillment in what I do. Nursing is a calling—not just a job or career.”**

**Dr. Lisa Harmon, RN, CNE**, assistant professor of Nursing, has been named chair of the Nursing Department. Hailing from Wellsville, Dr. Harmon received her bachelor's degree from Penn State University, her master's from St. Joseph College of Maine, and her Ph.D. from Walden University. Like many Alfred State professors, she has decades of field experience that puts her at the forefront of her profession. Before coming to Alfred State, she served as a flight nurse in Montana, riding in helicopters and fixed-wing emergency aircraft. After earning a master's degree in nursing administration, Dr. Harmon served as a director of several emergency departments before earning her Ph.D. “I wanted to guide students to nursing excellence,” she says. “To give back to a profession in which I have been so richly rewarded, challenged, and humbled. When I started teaching, I found all over again that immense sense of fulfillment in what I do. Nursing is a calling—not just a job or career.” She teaches courses in the associate in nursing program on campus as well as in the online bachelor's degree.

**Jeff Stevens**, associate professor, Electrical Trades, presented at the 28th Annual LAHR Symposium “Native Plants: Yes You Can!” at the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, DC on March 29. Stevens was presented with the Leadership Through Civic Engagement award at the 2014 annual Faculty/Staff Luncheon.

**Spencer C. Peavey**, senior director Student Engagement, is a 2014 recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

**Roxana Sammons**, secretary II for Institutional Advancement, is a 2014 recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service.

**PIONEER AWARDEES** for 2014 include **Annette Burdett**, secretary I for Physical & Life Sciences/Nursing; **Jonathan Hilsher**, director of the Center for Civic Engagement; **Brian Decker**, instructor in Culinary Arts; and **Dean Tzivanis**, residence hall director.

## Green Machines

Automotive faculty, staff, and students returned to Watkins Glen International Raceway in April for the 2014 Toyota Green Grand Prix, bringing home their fourth consecutive win in fuel economy for the modified hybrid 3-cylinder Insight. Engines instructor **Will Weaver** and senior automotive service technician student **Jeff Johnson** won the Doris Bovee Memorial Prize, a best overall for the Saturday road rally around Seneca Lake, and senior automotive service technician student **Lukas Dickerson** was given the opportunity to copilot a stock 4-cylinder hybrid, which won first in its class.



## 1945

**Jeannette S. Arnold (Shepardson)**, *Medical Laboratory Technology*, Bemus Point, passed away March 3, 2014.

## 1950

**Mark A. Griffith**, *Business Administration*, Frederick, Md., passed away June 11, 2013.

## 1953

**Ernest O. Bower**, *General Agriculture*, Angola, passed away Dec. 24, 2013.

## 1954


**Nellie Volz (Socala)**, *Medical Laboratory Technology*, Penn Yan, passed away on Nov. 5, 2013.

## 1954 ΔΧΩ & ΚΣΕ

### Founders Day Reunion Sept. 12 - 14, 2014

- Open houses at ΔΧΩ and ΚΣΕ
- Alfred State campus brunch and tours
- Mixers and semi-formal dinner
- Presentations & awards

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*Looking for memorabilia to display during the weekend.*

## 1955

**Walter H. Brooks**, *Agricultural Engineering Technology: Power & Machine*, Silver Springs, passed away Dec. 25, 2012.

**James Shoulter**, *Office Technologies*, Rainbow City, Ala., passed away June 8, 2013.

## 1958

**Ralph V. Lund**, *Building Trades: Plumbing, Heating, & Air Conditioning*, Bluffton, S.C., passed away Feb. 10, 2014.

## 1965

**Martin L. Ademovic**, *Mechanical Technology: Design & Drafting*, Shortsville, has been employed at Finger Lakes Secondary School as a technology teacher. He has worked there for five years and believes it is a perfect fit with the education he received from Alfred State.

### Opportunities for Involvement with the Alumni Council

Take a look at the following website and see how you can help Alfred State: [www.alfredstate.edu/alumni-services/opportunities-for-involvement](http://www.alfredstate.edu/alumni-services/opportunities-for-involvement).

## 1967

**Frederick M. Jenness**, *Building Trades: Plumbing & Heating*, Golden Valley, Minn., was presented with the Purple Heart medal 44 years after his heroic actions in Vietnam on Dec. 19, 1969, when his Seabee unit was attacked.

Despite a wound in his leg, Jenness made his way to a bunker and returned fire with machine guns and rockets, ending the attack as the enemy retreated. He was eventually awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, the Vietnam Service Medal, and, most recently, the Purple Heart. The office of U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar worked with the Navy to research Jenness' story to ensure his recognition. "This is someone who served our



country bravely, and, because he was in a classified unit, he didn't

get the recognition he deserved," Klobuchar said. "You compound that with how we treated so many of our Vietnam vets when they got home—that has to change, and that's why we worked so hard to make sure he got that recognition today." With family gathered around him, Jenness reflected on the journey. "The honor for me is the grandkids," he said. "They can have someone to look up to, someone they know who sacrificed."

## 1968

**Karl Smith**, *Air Conditioning Engineering Technology*, Pavilion, passed away Jan. 29, 2013.

## 1970

**Jeffrey Barhite**, *Business Administration*, Rochester, passed away on Feb. 13, 2014.

**Dominic J. Spicola**, *Automotive Service Technician*, N. Collins, passed away June 23, 2013.

## 1972

**Roxanne M. Slusarczyk (Baum)**, *Business: Executive Secretarial Science*, Bergen, retired Jan. 14, 2014, after working 40 years as a secretary with Eastman Kodak Company, Itt Industries, and Exelis.

## 1975

**Philip L. Ingram**, *IndustTech/Broadcast*, West Henrietta, passed away Feb. 18, 2014.

## 1981

**Laurie T. Roderiques (McQueeney)**, *Nursing*, Merrimack, N.H., was promoted to administrator at Northeast Surgical Care in September of 2011.

## 1982

**Jay B. Pritchard**, *Ornamental Horticulture: Floriculture Merch*, New York City, passed away April 22, 2013.

## 1985

**Michael Schirmer**, *Mech Eng Tech: Production & Machine Design*, Philadelphia, Pa., completed his Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) at Wilimington University, New Castle, Del.

## 1992

**Patrick Nolan**, *Masonry*, Bemus Point, passed away March 4, 2014.

## 1995

**Robert A. Yackel**, *Accounting*, Pittsboro, N.C., married Christa Gray on Nov. 2, 2013. He has been employed as a program manager with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina since May 2013.

## 1996

**Eric C. Nicholson**, *Computer & Electronic System Technician*, Fishkill, was promoted to electrical foreman for substations at MTA Metro North in December 2013.



**1997**

**Heather M. McKeever (Mansfield)**, *Human Services*, Gowanda, has been the Mayor of the Village of Gowanda since 2012.

**1999**

**Kevin L. Morabito**, *Building Trades: Building Construction*, Dunkirk, married Stacey Diana Wintersteen on Oct. 19, 2013.

**Matthew J. Porcari**, *Masonry*, Owego, passed away Jan. 21, 2013.

**2000**

**Tiffany M. Faltermeier (Treat)**, *Computing Graphics Technology*, Amsterdam. "My education with SUNY Alfred was what got me an interview; my ability to learn and work as a team has helped me continue my employment in the architecture industry."

**2003**

**Kenneth M. Klinger**, *Mechanical Engineering Tech*, West Chester, Pa., and wife, Tammy, are the proud parents of Kollin Aurthur, born on March 7, 2013.

**2004**

**Joshua H. Spinler**, *Automotive Service Technician*, Dunkirk, married Alayna Carey on Sept. 21, 2013.

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**2007**

**Jillian D. Andolina**, *Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Science*, Arkport, passed away May 11, 2013.

**2009**

**Neil W. Laumeyer**, *Network Administration*, Dundee, is employed with Sitel and has recently been promoted to a Quality Assurance Specialist.

**Alex D. Spicola**, *Network Administration*, Elmira, has been employed since July 2013 as a Citrix administrator with Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Services, supporting the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. "Without my experiences at Alfred State, I would not be continuing to further my career as rapidly as I have," Alex said.

**2011**

**Jessica L. Murns (Woolley)**, *Technology Management*, Belfast, married Alex Murns on June 8, 2013.

**2012**

**Casey J. Parnell**, *Electrical Construction & Maintenance Electrician*, Mumford, passed away July 1, 2012.

**Robert Nugent**, *Heavy Equipment Operations*, Candor, is employed with the Town of Owego as a motor vehicle operator working to repair water and sewer lines.



**Devin Simmons**, *Individual Studies*, Horseheads, was selected by the Baltimore Mariners in the second round (11th overall) of the American Indoor Football's inaugural draft. Simmons led Alfred State with 29 receptions for 341 yards and five touchdowns en route to being named second-team All-United States Collegiate Athletic Association after his senior season. He ran the 40-yard dash at Alfred State, his best time was 4.53 seconds, faster than many NFL prospects his size. "It's nice to get recognition for all the hard work I've put in over the years," Simmons said. "It's always been an aspiration of mine to continue playing football at the professional level." The Mariners became aware of Simmons after he was selected to play in the USA Football Bowl in Hoover, Ala. He caught one pass for three yards in the postseason contest meant to showcase seniors from smaller colleges. Simmons said the team is allowing him to complete his college courses, graduate in early May, and join the team during the season.

**Friends/Retirees**

**Gertrude "Trudy" Butera**, Almond, passed away Oct. 29, 2013. In 1974 she was hired as an assistant professor of business technology/business administration at Alfred State, retiring in 1990 as an associate professor emeritus. She was an honorary trustee and served as chairman of the United University Professions Development Committee while affiliated with SUNY Alfred. She received the UUP Eugene P. Link Award for Outstanding Devotion and Service to the Cause of Unionism in Higher Education. In 1996 she received the Nina Mitchell Award for Distinguished Service in recognition of her efforts on behalf of the UUP.

**Charles P. Orlando**, Belmont, passed away Jan. 23, 2014. Mr. Orlando was a member of the College Council for 16 years, and was one of the founding Development Fund Board members. He was also appointed to the Educational Foundation of Alfred State Wellsville Campus. Charles and his family have an endowed scholarship at Alfred State.



**Anthony C. "Cappy" Cappadonia**, Almond, passed away Feb. 7, 2014. After proudly serving three years during World War II with the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater, he attended Ithaca College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in music education and a Master of Science degree in music. In Sept. of 1951, "Cappy" joined the Alfred State family as an Associate Professor inaugurating the college's vocal music program. Anthony received the Alfred State Outstanding Service Award in 2000, and in the spring of 2012, the auditorium at Alfred was renovated and rededicated to "Mr. C." In 1985, he retired from full-time duties as choral director at Alfred State but remained in a part-time capacity until 2007. The Alfred State Choir Alumni Association has been a testimony to his many years of service, with approximately 350 active members.

**Lawrence Shinebarger**, associate professor emeritus of English, Hornell, passed away Jan. 8, 2014.



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