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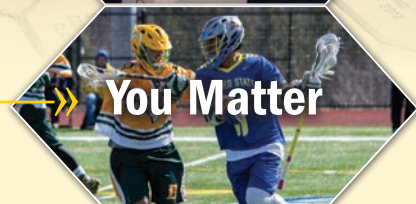
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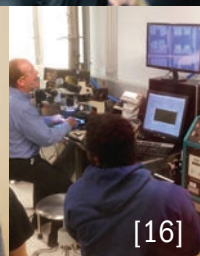
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GREETINGS

alumni, faculty, staff, & friends,

I'd like to start off by saying thank you. To each and every single one of you who has become part of the Alfred State family over the years, whether as a student, an employee, a community member, board member, or friend of the college, thank you.

You are the reason for our success, and we could not be prouder of you and your achievements. Our national rankings, accreditations, success stories, 99 percent employment and continuing education rate, real-world experiences for students, and so much more are all the result of your much-appreciated efforts.

It is also thanks to your support that we are able to offer our students the latest technology, state-of-the-art facilities, in-demand programs, athletic teams, and much more. To summarize, we could not be who we are without you.

The theme of this issue of Transitions is "Thank you for my success." In the pages that follow, you will read stories about some of our graduates who had others at Alfred State to thank for their achievements, including Don Arnold, who became a distinguished college business professor; Phil Trowbridge, who owns his own angus farm in eastern New York State; and John Santora, who is both an alum and a longtime former faculty member at the college. You will also read about current student Hannah Weaver, and why she was so thankful to receive the Excellence in Education Scholarship.

Each one of them has somebody to thank, somebody who made an impact on their lives while they were a student at Alfred State, somebody who helped set them on the path to success. I am sure many of you have someone whom you would like to thank as well, be it a faculty member, an adviser, an admissions counselor, or perhaps even a fellow student. It is important that we recognize those individuals in our lives who have made a difference to us in some way.

Again, we are who we are as a college because of every single one of you, and we are so grateful that you are part of the Alfred State family. From all of us here at the college, I extend a deep and sincere thank you.

Respectfully,

Dr. Skip Sullivan, President

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AS HANNAH WEAVER sat gazing at her computer screen in the early-morning hours of Dec. 22, 2015, the minutes seemed to feel like hours, the hours seemed to feel like days.

Every few moments, she would "refresh" the Web page, hoping to finally find out what she had been waiting up all night to see: the scores of her latest SAT exam. Weaver, a Spencerport resident, had taken the test three times, the latest of which took place just 17 days earlier on her father's birthday.

For her, getting a good score meant the difference between receiving and not receiving the Excellence in Education Scholarship at Alfred State, which required at the time, among other things, a 1250 combined critical reading/writing and math SAT score. The scholarship itself meant that Weaver would not have to rely on her parents to help pay for college.

Finally, at around 5 a.m. the results were posted, and Weaver, only a couple of hours away from having to go to class, looked at her score through bleary, heavy-lidded eyes: a 1270. She had done it.

"I didn't know that neither of my parents had slept that night either, so I went downstairs to see if anyone was awake," she said. "I found my father asleep on the couch; he had stayed up all night, knowing how nervous I was. I shook him awake, and when I saw his eyes open, I said, 'I did it, dad!' He was not even fully awake, but tears formed in his eyes as he responded, 'Really?' We both started crying tears of absolute joy."

"My parents had never been so proud of me. It was the greatest day of my life."

Seconds later, Weaver heard her mom come down the stairs.

"She had heard me run downstairs from my room and had an inkling of what was going on," she said. "As soon as I told her, she embraced me in the greatest hug I have received to this day. My parents had never been so proud of me. It was the greatest day of my life."

arship worth the wait & the hard work

Weaver and her parents had fallen in love with Alfred State just one month prior during an Open House visit to the college in mid-November. After that, she knew Alfred State was the right place for her.

Not wanting to place a financial burden on her parents, however, Weaver had set her sights on the Excellence in Education Scholarship, which allows for free tuition, room, and board.

Having met the scholarship's other criteria, all that was left was to receive a 1250 SAT score. With only three weeks to prepare for the Dec. 5 exam, Weaver took an online SAT preparatory course, putting in 60 hours of work during that time.

In the three weeks between taking the test and receiving her score, Weaver's parents were encouraging, ensuring her that they would find a way to help her pay for college if she didn't receive the scholarship.

"I would have had to rely on my parents to go to college, and I didn't want that," she said, noting that her mom is still paying off her own graduate school loans. "My parents are the most selfless, hard-working individuals I have ever encountered in my life."

To say, then, that receiving the scholarship was a joyous moment and a relief for Weaver would be an understatement.

"It was an incredible weight off my shoulders," said Weaver, who is now majoring in business administration and minoring in leadership. "To be able to

do exactly what I want to do and not have to worry about money is great. Most people my age, it's all they worry about."

Since becoming an Alfred State student in the fall of 2016, Weaver has described her experience so far as "wonderful," noting she has made many new friends, taken a number of interesting classes, and has had "so many incredible professors that genuinely care about each and every student."

Feeling appreciative, Weaver recently penned what started as a thank-you note and became a four-page letter to Alfred State President Dr. Skip Sullivan, thanking him and the college for helping her achieve her goals.

In the closing of her letter, she expressed just how thankful she is for the Excellence in Education Scholarship and Alfred State: "I am so beyond grateful for this amazing opportunity you have presented me with. Thank you so much for giving me so much to be thankful for, and for helping me achieve my wildest dreams."

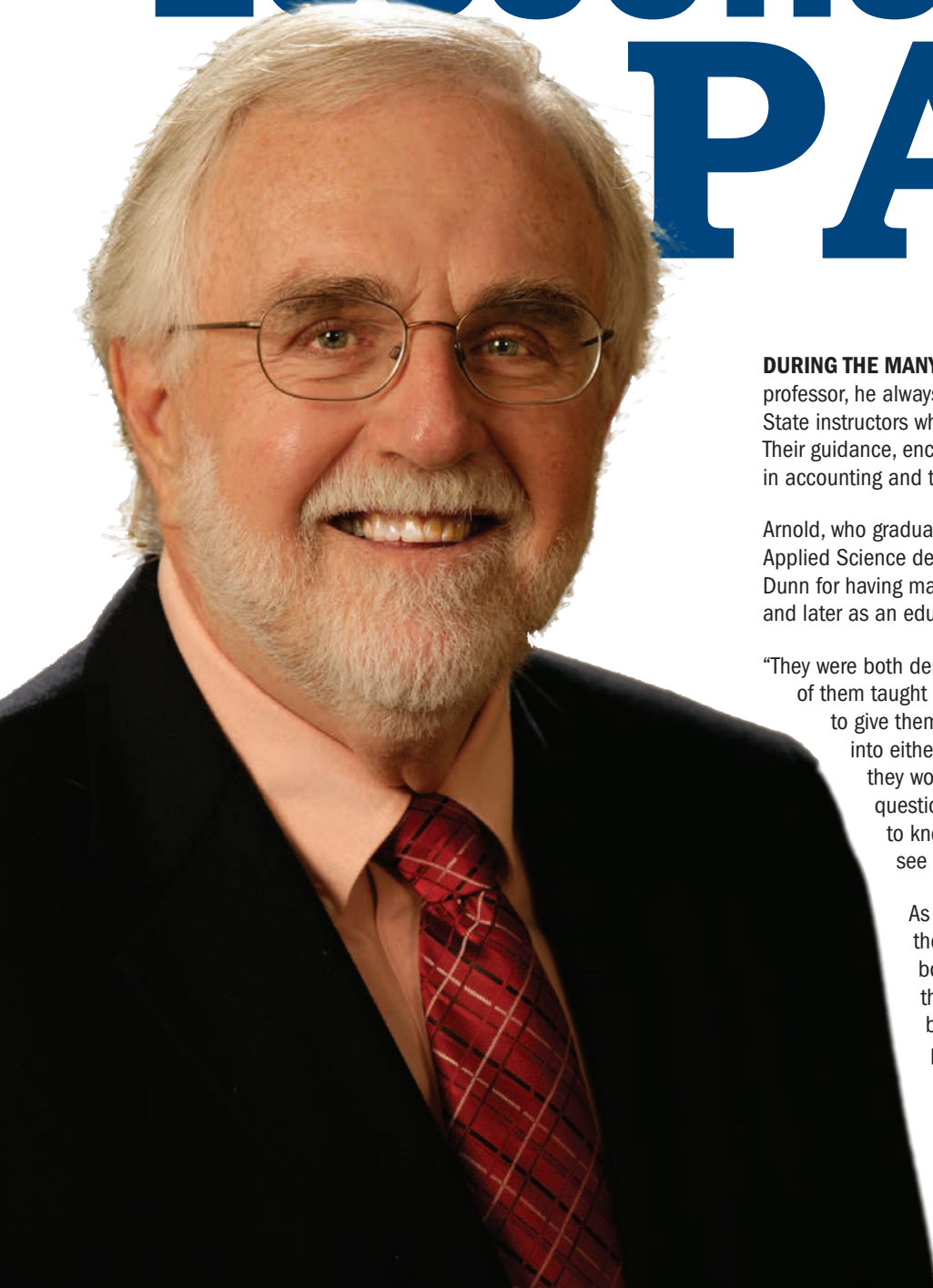


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Lessons_{that} PAID_{Off}



E.J. Brown



DURING THE MANY YEARS THAT DON ARNOLD was a college business professor, he always kept in mind the lessons he learned from two Alfred State instructors who greatly influenced him: E.J. Brown and Tom Dunn. Their guidance, encouragement, and insight multiplied Arnold's interest in accounting and teaching.

Arnold, who graduated from Alfred State in 1964 with an Associate in Applied Science degree in business management, credits Brown and Dunn for having made a big impact on him, both while he was a student and later as an educator.

"They were both demanding professors, which I liked very much. Both of them taught me to hold students to high expectations, but also to give them the help they need," Arnold said. "I used to go into either Professor Brown's or Professor's Dunn's office and they would stop whatever they were doing to answer my questions. They made sure you understood what you wanted to know, and students knew they could always come to see them if they had any questions or needed help."

As a student at Alfred State, Arnold definitely received the help he needed from Dunn and Brown, who were both longtime employees at the college. Dunn joined the Accounting Department faculty in 1958, later becoming head of the department and receiving a promotion to associate professor. He also received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching for the academic year 1973-1974.

Brown was a member of the business faculty for 28 years, having most notably served as the dean of the School of Business Technologies. He passed away in 1981, but two years later in 1983, the college dedicated E.J. Brown Hall on the Alfred

campus in his memory because, as stated on the plaque honoring Brown, “his vision, initiative, and inspiration established the School of Business Technologies as a model of excellence in higher education.”

Dunn and Brown also, Arnold said, taught him that “accounting is not just record-keeping,” but is “really measurement science.” He then developed a newfound appreciation for the field that led, upon graduation from Alfred State, to his enrolling in the accounting program at SUNY Albany, where he graduated in 1966. Don later attended the University of Buffalo, graduating with his master’s degree in 1968 and his PhD in 1972, both in accounting.

Since 1967, he has been married to Betty Arnold, and together they have three children, Don Jr., Kelli, and Erin; two sons-in-law, Graig LeBel and Gene Basle; and one grandchild, Aiden LeBel.

In 1970, Arnold joined SUNY Albany as an assistant professor in the School of Business, a position he held until 1977 when he was promoted to associate professor at the college. He remained in this role until 1982, when he became a professor of accounting at Union College, which later formed Union Graduate College. He remained teaching there until his retirement in 2009.

At Union College, Arnold became the director of the Graduate Management Institute and the director of the PhD program, serving as chair or member of 10 student PhD dissertation committees. He was also appointed as a faculty resident of Arthur Andersen & Co. in its Boston office, and taught professional development courses for international accounting firm KPMG and General Electric Company’s Corporate Audit staff.

Throughout his career, Arnold achieved great success, serving as a Fulbright-Hays Scholar at the National University of Ireland at Galway, and on the editorial board of the Irish Accounting Review. He also co-authored

more than 40 articles in various national and international academic and professional journals.

His awards and honors include the Managerial Auditing Journal’s Outstanding Manuscript of the Year award, induction into the American Accounting Association – Northeast Region’s Hall of Fame, and the President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching at SUNY Albany. He also received the Alfred State Distinguished Alumni Award, which 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.

One of Arnold’s most recent returns to Alfred State came in the fall of 2014, when he spoke at Dr. Skip Sullivan’s inauguration as the college’s 12th president, which he said he felt very honored to do. About a decade prior to that during his last visit to Alfred, Arnold said he couldn’t believe how much the college had changed since he was a student there.

“I was coming through Route 17 about 10 years before and so I just stopped off and drove through and I said, ‘Is this the same place I went to?’ It’s a totally modern, nice campus,” he said. He also remarked on how the town has changed during the same time.

“When I went to college in Alfred, there was no signal light,” he said. “There was no alcohol that you could buy in town. It was a dry town, and the post office was closed on Saturday and open on Sunday. This was a unique little town here.”

As the old saying goes, however, some things never change, including Alfred State’s commitment to providing

students with a high-quality education that prepares them well for that next step after they graduate. And just as the college’s professors of yesterday – such as Dunn and Brown – were inspiring and carefully guiding the leaders of tomorrow, so too are the Alfred State professors of today.

When asked what he would most like to say to Professors Dunn and Brown if given the chance, Arnold said, “Well, first, I’d like to say thank you. So often, in all of my years in college teaching, there was this attitude that if you want to receive good student evaluations, you had to be easy, you had to be giving out a lot of high grades. But

“...to be an appreciated teacher, you need to set the expectations high for your students and then be there to help them achieve those expectations.”

Professors Dunn and Brown instilled in me the reality that to be an appreciated teacher, you need to set the expectations high for your students and then be there to help them achieve those expectations. They both did that for me, so thank you.”

Tom Dunn





on Angus farm owner PHIL TROWBRIDGE

Any cattle farmer can tell you that pushing a cow is nearly useless. Instead, you need to lead. Phil Trowbridge finds that true in all facets of life, whether it is tending cattle, raising a family, mentoring interns on his farm, or looking back at the major influences in his own life.

In the more than 40 years since he graduated from Alfred State, Trowbridge has gone on to establish his own successful Angus farm in eastern New York, continuing a family tradition that has spanned decades and generations.

But throughout that time, Trowbridge has never forgotten Alfred State, nor the faculty whose guidance and wisdom continues to have an impact on him to this day.

"I was very lucky to have some great professors," said Trowbridge, who holds a degree in animal science. "Lochrane Gary and James Curtis were the most influential for me."

Hired as an assistant professor in the Department of Agriculture in 1967, Gary later became coach of the Livestock Judging Team in

1972, and an associate professor in 1973. He earned a Chancellor's Award for Excellence in teaching in 1974, resigning a few years later in 1977 to teach in Florida.

"Lockie Gary was a great person," Trowbridge said. "He instilled a confidence in us that lasted for a lifetime. As our judging team coach, he taught us not to second-guess ourselves. Mr. Gary was a tough, no-nonsense guy. Everyone knew that and showed him the respect he deserved."

Curtis was hired as an instructor in the Department of Agriculture in 1972, became an assistant professor in 1976.

"Jim Curtis was an awesome communicator who helped me realize there are several ways to say things. For example, 'have a seat' and 'sit down' mean the same thing, but presentation is important," Trowbridge said. "Mr. Curtis was also a great dairy judge, and I enjoyed listening to him talk about cattle structure. He could really notice things that most folks don't see."

Trowbridge graduated from Alfred State in 1976, and the day after the commencement ceremony took place, he immediately began working as a herdsman at Gallagher's Angus Farm in Ghent – a fledgling business owned by New York City restaurateur Jerome Brody.

Once Brody dispersed his Angus herd in 1984, he allowed Trowbridge and his family to operate the cattle they owned on his farm, as they ran a very successful thoroughbred operation for him at the time. In 2005, the family renamed their operation Trowbridge Farms, Inc.



1975 Livestock Judging Team, l-r: Coach Lochrane Gary, Karen Elzenga, Daniel Langhans, Wayne Leanen, Kenneth Koprowski, Phil Trowbridge

Family, Trowbridge said, is No. 1 for both he and his wife, Ann, a 1975 graduate of Alfred State's medical assistant program, whom he married in 1977. The couple has two children, P.J. and Amy, both of whom are now grown, married, and have children of their own.

P.J., has become an integral part of the farm's operation, as he is involved in everything from crops to cattle to machinery, and his daughter, Daisy, recently made her first presentation at a New York Beef Producer's Association meeting.

The Trowbridge family's agricultural roots were planted long ago when their descendants first moved to the US from England and began their own farm. In 1957, the family started a farm with a registered Angus herd in Corfu, located in western New York, called "PJ's Angus."

Trowbridge's instilled passion for livestock – in addition to wrestling – was a key reason why he decided to enroll at Alfred State, where he learned a great deal from professors Gary and Curtis.

"Both professors taught me to think outside the box, embrace new things, and also how to communicate with people," he said. "We had professors who had a true passion for the students, which led us to start an intern program at our farm. Our 125th intern finished this past December."

Just as he was influenced by his Alfred State professors, Trowbridge is also helping the next generation of farmers, both with his farm's intern program, and through a project involving students at SUNY Cobleskill. For a number of years, he has helped prepare students in the agricultural business management and animal science prep programs to meet potential employers by performing mock interviews with them.

Throughout the year, Trowbridge Farms holds several annual sales, the first of which takes place in Denver. The second is held at Finger Lakes Livestock in Canandaigua in May, when the farm sells 60 mainly black Angus bulls, as well as a few Herefords and red Angus cows. Each September, Trowbridge Farms holds its annual "female sale" at its farm in Ghent, followed by its customer feeder calf sale at Finger Lakes Livestock in December.

"We specialize in producing bulls that work for folks in the beef world," Trowbridge said. "We also have great customer service."

Trowbridge himself has also taken on a number of leadership roles in the industry, having served as president of the American Angus Association, and president of the New York Beef Industry Council. He is currently vice president of the New York Beef Producer's Association.



Phil Trowbridge, '76

As for what he enjoys most about farming, Trowbridge listed bringing new life into the farm, using new technology, and being able to work with his family among his favorites. As stated on Trowbridge Farms' website, www.trowbridgefarms.com, throughout his career, Trowbridge "has dedicated himself to elevating the Angus breed to new heights of greatness."

The website also states that Trowbridge Farms has "completely revitalized the grand old tradition of Angus families from a new and innovative perspective," and that the farm's animals are "considered to be an elite herd of super cattle, legendary in the industry."

Furthermore, Trowbridge Farms supports a New York Beef Council initiative called "Farm to Food Bank," to encourage beef and dairy producers to donate to their regional food banks. The purpose is to support regional food banks in their work to eliminate hunger through nutritious food distribution, education, and advocacy. In recognition of its promotion and representation of the brand, Trowbridge Farms in 2015 received the inaugural Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Ambassador Award.

And while Trowbridge has professors Gary and Curtis to thank, many students, interns, and industry professionals also undoubtedly have him to thank for the impact he has had on their lives, careers, and the Angus brand.

[THANK YOU]



Following the recipe for Success

For more than 37 years at Alfred State, John Santora helped guide and instruct the next generation of culinary arts professionals.

Santora, however, hadn't initially intended to be an educator. In fact, Santora had anticipated a career in the food industry, which he began after graduation.

However, when a short-term opportunity arose for the 1975 Alfred State alum to teach at his alma mater, he recalled the impact his faculty had had on him, and realized he, too, could be of value to students, communicating with them and teaching them what they needed to do to be a success in the business.

"I learned my lessons about teaching and that it takes more than one way to get the message across and I was willing to do that," he said.



L-r: Mr. Bollman, Mr. Slocum,
Mrs. Engelder, Mr. Van Kleeck

Specifically, Santora credits four faculty members for playing a major role in his success as a student: Katherine Engelder, Peter Van Kleeck, Dana Slocum, and Dick Bollman.

"They all had different personalities, strengths, and perspectives, and I enjoyed learning from all of them," Santora said. "They influenced me greatly."

Santora, a Niagara Falls native, served in the US Navy for four years prior to enrolling in Alfred State's food service program in 1973. Following graduation, he worked as a sous chef at the Parkway-Ramada Inn Hotel, and later the Hilton Hotel, both in Niagara Falls, and taught cooking courses through a CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) program at Niagara County Community College.

Santora joined the Alfred State faculty in 1979 as an assistant professor in the Food Service Department. That same year, his wife, Cynthia, also joined the college's faculty in the English Department. Together, the couple has one daughter, Shirley, a 2002 Alfred State alumna.

Cynthia later joined the Alfred State public relations office as a writer in 1995, retiring as director of public relations in 2012.

In his career, Santora taught numerous courses, covering food theory, furnishing and equipment, cost control, and layout and design. He also oversaw the a la carte faculty dining room and supervised the students in the kitchen laboratory that provides the food for it.

As an instructor, he consistently involved his students in a variety of community projects that brought their classes to life, whether it was cooking and serving food at the Cuba Garlic Festival, fundraising for hospitals, or giving demonstrations at the Red Cross's "Taste of Allegany County."

"Students need to know about community," Santora said. "We always did for others when we could, to give a helping hand and then try to tie the objectives of the programs into the event."

Professional service is definitely a priority for Santora. He served on Faculty Senate, on various search committees, chaired the promotion committee for the School of Applied Technology, was the adviser to the culinary honor society called the Top Hat Club, and was a member of the advisory board for BOCES in Hornell and continues to serve on the Spencerport BOCES advisory board.

Long-term ACF (Buffalo Chapter) member, Santora was a founder and past president of the former Alfred-Olean chapter of the American Culinary Federation, and is a member and past president of the Scio Lions Club.

Santora's efforts have been recognized with awards in community service and in multiple articles in trade publications and in the regional press. Most notably, he earned the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities in 2005, and the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service in 2016. Santora was also awarded the Alumni Outstanding Teacher of the Year honor in 1984, and was featured in the "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" 2000 edition.

In 2006, he became chair of the Culinary Arts Department, a position he held up until the semester before he retired in December 2016.

Throughout his career, Santora always kept in mind the lessons he learned from those four faculty members at Alfred State.

"They taught me about commitment, focus, and taking a look at the broad picture of the industry, not just focusing on one particular area of the business," he said. "That's part of the reason they called it 'food services' at the time. It wasn't necessarily making somebody a chef or a baker or a certain niche that they were teaching; it was an all-encompassing exposure to what was available."

Having been so influenced by his professors, Santora strove to have a similar impact as an instructor. However, he says, none of it would have been possible without the many colleagues — faculty, staff, and administration — who worked alongside him and supported the program throughout his tenure. Additionally, he said, he is grateful for the support of the patrons in the community who supported the students' activities over the years.

"Being with the students day in and day out and seeing them grow is why I came to work every day," he said. "When they come in the door, you benchmark them after a couple of weeks because you know a little bit about their personality, their drive, where they are right then, and then you watch them progress."

He added, "Then at the end of their first year, they've got this confidence building, they've got some skill level developed. Then, when they get close to the end of their second year, it's evident what they've accomplished and what they're going to be able to do in the next venture. There's a vibrancy in them that they didn't have when they entered the program because they were scared and unsure of their skill level."

One example of an alum who was influenced by Santora is Jeffrey Ritter, a 2004 graduate of the culinary arts program. Today, Ritter is the executive sous chef at Seneca Allegany Resort and Casino in Salamanca.

"I know that Mr. Santora's guidance and his presence in the kitchen are the reasons why I have excelled so quickly in this corporation," Ritter said. "One of the fondest memories I have is when we were making pie dough for quiche or homemade pasta, and every time to this day whenever I make quiche dough or make homemade pasta, I can hear his words in my head: 'Now, Jeff, pasta dough or quiche dough is very delicate and can go wrong in a second.' I can honestly say that it will be bittersweet not seeing him every time I go back to campus, but I know in my heart that I can always count on him for anything and he truly was a great teacher, mentor, and beloved friend."

While he may not have initially intended to become an educator, Santora certainly ended up being an excellent one. Given that the Alfred State community has felt like a family to both him and Cynthia, and that he has been able to have an impact on so many students' lives, Santora knows making the decision to teach was definitely the right one.

"If I had to do it all over again, I would," he said. "If I could do another 37-and-a-half years, I would definitely do it. This was my career, my life. This was the right choice."



"Being with the students and seeing them grow is why I came to work every day."

[COMMENCEMENT]

CLASS OF 2017

The culmination of years of hard work and dedication was celebrated by hundreds of family, friends, and fellow students as approximately 700 May 2017 graduates were recognized during this year's commencement ceremonies, with Dr. Skip Sullivan, president, presiding.

Albert R. Styracula, a 1959 general business management graduate, receive the Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degree. Styracula's career started out at Foodcraft, a small processing and distribution company that dealt in dairy products. Initially, his jobs varied from accounting work to driving trucks to delivering milk to washing bottles.

However, by 1972, Styracula had worked his way up to the top of Foodcraft, becoming CEO and chairman of the board, positions he held until 1988, when Uni-Marts Inc. acquired the company. During that time, the company's sales increased from \$2 million to \$50 million under his leadership. In the mid- to late-'80s, he even fended off corporate raiders, having to use much of his own money to assure he maintained control of his company.

Receiving the Paul B. Orvis Award for Excellence were Jacob Fassett, Cooperstown (School of Applied Technology associate-degree recipient); Michael J. Shoemaker, Buffalo (School of Architecture, Management and Engineering Technology baccalaureate-degree recipient); Elisabeth Wolff, Camden (School of Architecture, Management and Engineering Technology associate-degree recipient); Heather Fumia, Holley (School of Arts and Sciences baccalaureate-degree recipient); and Gordon Trahan, Canajoharie (School of Arts and Sciences associate-degree recipient).

Near the end of the ceremony, Sam Frauenhofer, an architectural technology graduate from Endicott, won a 2013 Chevy Cruze vehicle after his ticket was drawn in a raffle.







Mike Ronan: *A driving force*

Mike Ronan's interest in automobiles began at an early age. In fact, by the time he was 3 years old, he could already identify every type of car he saw on the road.

"It's a passion that has never not been there," he said. "My passion for cars has always been there."

Ronan's passion persisted as he got older, as he frequently worked on hot rods in his spare time. It would ultimately lead him to become a Rolls-Royce mechanic in California, a transmission repair facility owner, and finally a faculty member at Alfred State, where he has taught for more than 30 years.

Though Ronan has carved out an impressive and much-respected career in the automotive and academic worlds, he initially began on a much different career path. Looking to become a lawyer, the Arcade native graduated from the State University of New York at Fredonia in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in economics and political science.

Ronan then enrolled in the Georgetown University School of Law, which he attended from 1976 to 1977, and worked as a legal research assistant at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, DC, from 1978 to 1979.

Ultimately realizing his love for automobiles was greater than his love for the law, Ronan decided to pursue his dream of becoming a Rolls-Royce mechanic, which he achieved in the late '70s, when he and his wife, Lynn, moved to California.

While in the Golden State, Ronan attended Skyline Community College for automotive trades from 1978 to 1979. From 1979 to 1982, he worked at Four Car Garage and Olde English Garage in Burlingame, CA, initially laboring at \$3 an hour sweeping floors. Through plenty of long hours and late nights of working on vehicles and studying Rolls-Royce manuals, however, Ronan became a respected, top-notch mechanic within 12 months.

"A year later, I'm making \$22 an hour fixing the most complicated cars in the world," he said.

By 1982, Ronan and his wife decided to move back to New York State to settle down and raise a family. They would ultimately have four children, Paul, Kate, Mary, and Jay.

That same year, Ronan became the owner of Tri-County Transmissions, a transmission repair facility in Yorkshire. Three years later in 1985, he joined the Alfred State Automotive Trades Department as an assistant professor.

Since the beginning, as an instructor, he has always believed in the old adage, "You catch more flies with honey than vinegar."

"These students know that I have fun teaching," he said. "I have fun in the classroom and in the lab. If you watch me during the day, you'll see me high-fiving down in the shop, and if someone does a good job, I let them know."

Ronan, who is now a professor, said his main goal is to "take the fear out of transmissions" for students, noting that many technicians are reluctant to work on them.

"Technicians are afraid of transmissions," he said. "My job is to remove that fear. My attitude is, 'We can do this. This is going to be fun,' because if it isn't fun, you're going to be afraid of it. So, having fun in the classroom is an absolute key part of my teaching philosophy."

One particular alum who has Ronan to thank for helping her achieve success is Kate Jonasse, a 2001 automotive service technician graduate. Inspired by Ronan's stories about working on vehicles in California, she decided to move to San Francisco, where she worked as a technician for a number of years before founding her own two successful automotive repair shops in Sebastopol, CA.

"I set a goal to become a top-notch automotive diagnostician because Mike pointed the way," she said. "He showed me - and I'm sure many others - that I could be just a 'grease monkey' or I could choose to be the best. He became a friend and mentor to me, and I maintain a deep respect for him as a teacher and as a person."

Outside of the classroom - and the repair shop - Ronan has served on a number of boards, committees, and governing bodies at Alfred State, including Faculty Senate, University Senate, College Council, the Middle States Steering Committee, the Honors Convocation Committee, and the Chancellor's Award Committee, among others. He also serves as the SkillsUSA Regional Conference college coordinator and as the Sigma Tau Epsilon honor society faculty adviser.

In the community, Ronan is a member of the planning board for the town of Rushford, where he resides. He has also served on the Cuba-Rushford Board of Education and the United Way of Allegany County Board, and has been involved in various school, community, and church activities.

As for his professional affiliations, Ronan is a western New York State testing proctor for the Automatic Transmission Rebuilders Association, and is part of the certification exam test-writing team for the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. He is also a revision author on "Manual Transmissions and Transaxles," a textbook used in automotive colleges across the country.

Ronan has received numerous awards during his career, including the President's Award, two Chancellor's Awards, an Alumni Teacher of the Year Award, a Freshman Advocate Award, and two Pioneer Awards. He has also appeared in the Who's Who Among American Teachers publication.

In addition to the numerous boards and committees he has served on, Ronan also gives freely of his own time for special student projects, including accompanying 13 students to the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah in 2013 to try to break a land-speed world record with a vehicle they built. One of his more recent endeavors is serving as the faculty adviser for Alfred State student teams competing in the Great Race, an annual cross-country controlled speed endurance rally covering more than 2,000 miles.

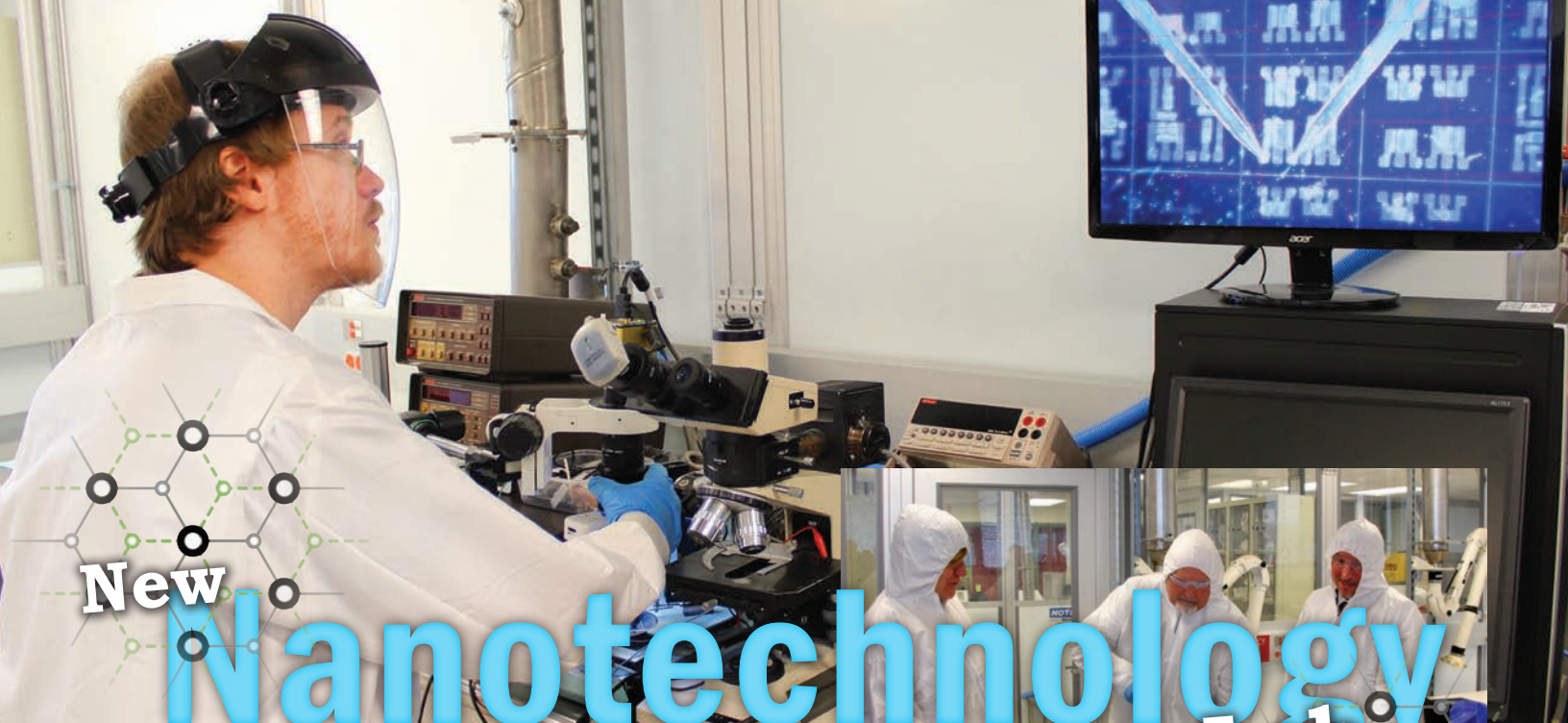
Looking back on who to thank for his success, Ronan credits several faculty members and administrators, as well as College Council Chair Patricia K. Fogarty. Ronan said one of the most enjoyable aspects of his 32-year career at Alfred State is being able to work with people across the college spectrum and different groups.

"If there's something that defines my career here, it's that I get so much enjoyment working with different groups, including alumni," he said. "And obviously, students in the classroom are what drives you every day."

Ronan, who has been a driving force for students and the college for so many years, is very passionate about Alfred State, and admits he "bleeds blue and gold."

"The most important thing to me about this job is that students, faculty, and staff all become one big family here," he said. "It's just the greatest place to work that you could imagine. I absolutely believe that. We have the opportunity to change lives and that opportunity is there every day, all day, 24/7."





While nanotechnology involves the study and application of very small things, Alfred State's new Micro-Nano Fabrication Laboratory is one very big addition to the college's Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Technology Department.

Located on the fourth floor of the Engineering Technology Building, the facility houses a clean room for advanced device, microstructure, and circuit development. Within the lab are state-of-the-art instruments for designing, fabricating, characterizing, and testing complex micro-scale structures and devices in microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) and microelectronics.

The clean room is equipped to support education and research activities in various science and engineering fields, allowing advances in areas as diverse as biomedical engineering, energy harvesting, electronics, cell biology, and high-performance materials. The facility allows students to design, build, and test their own simple devices, while gaining experience in microelectronic and MEMS fabrication techniques.

The main purpose of the clean room is to provide a valuable hands-on experience for students who are looking to work in microelectronics, MEMS, and microfabrication industries after graduation. Very few schools offer such a hands-on learning opportunity to undergraduate students.

While the facility was upgraded at one time in 2003, it was recently expanded through a \$1 million grant from the State University of New York (SUNY). The expansion included building renovation and equipment purchases, allowing a host of microelectronic and



MEMS devices with features the size of one micron or larger to be fabricated in the same clean room.

Alfred State celebrated this new facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, attended by faculty, staff, students, friends of the college, Allegany County Legislator Dwight Fanton, and representatives from the offices of US Rep. Tom Reed, R-Corning, and State Sen. Catharine Young, R-Olean. Providing welcoming remarks was Dr. John Williams, dean of Alfred State's School of Architecture, Management and Engineering Technology.

"This is an exciting day," he said. "This is many years in the making. We were kind of, up until this point, the best-kept secret. People would hear about what (Associate Professor) Dave Hunt was doing and the systems and the processes that were in place here, and they were impressed. So, this facility actually takes it to the next level, and I think will make us a school of choice."

Dr. Skip Sullivan, president of Alfred State, said ensuring that the college offers state-of-the-art facilities that prepare students for the workforce is a top priority.

"We need this kind of equipment to train our students so when they cross the stage and get their diploma, and even before, they're ready to go to work," he said. "This facility is certainly evident of the industry standard that has been set, and we're delighted to make it available to our students."

CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION (BTech)

PROGRAM AVAILABLE

Looking to prepare the construction workforce leaders of tomorrow, Alfred State is pleased to announce that it is now offering an upper-division program in construction supervision. Classes for this major will begin in the fall 2017 semester.

This Bachelor of Technology (BTech) major will add valuable construction business skills to a technical background. Students with carpentry, heavy equipment, electrical, mechanical, and architecture skills, to name a few, will be able to see how their skills are utilized to build the environment in which they live.

Graduates of this major will have earned a working knowledge of construction estimating, scheduling, and contract law. These skills, along with their technical competency, will make graduates a prized asset to companies that are involved in the construction industry.

The program, which includes a full-semester internship, is set up as a completion degree, meaning students entering must have an associate degree or 60 credits in a related curriculum.

STUDENTS DEVISING MARKETING PLAN

FOR HORNELL BUSINESSES

► **Five Hornell-area businesses are teaming up with Alfred State students** to develop a plan that will improve their marketing and growth efforts.

An Event to Remember, Decals and Doodles, Garcia's Barbershop, Ashley Nicole Designs, and Heather Stanford Photography – all Hornell Partners for Growth (HPG) members – are participating in a program in which Alfred State students will provide them with a complete market analysis, SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis, and strategic marketing planning to develop growth opportunities.

Susan Gorman, an adjunct instructor in Alfred State's Business Department, noted that this initiative is part of an applied learning project her strategic marketing

class is undertaking. To help with their plans for the businesses, these 35 students, she said, will be analyzing current marketing data provided by the businesses, along with statistical data from the New York State Department of Labor, Division of Research and Statistics.

"The goal of this project is to engage students with on-site marketing application, as they will be working directly with small businesses, analyzing business and statistical data, and providing strategic marketing solutions for HPG clients," she said. "The benefit to these businesses is that they are partnered with a diversified marketing team, which will bring tremendous insight toward business growth. This is our first experience working with a local chamber agency, and we look forward to the results."

Architecture

The Andover and Allegany County historical societies now have a new home, thanks to the support of many, including some Alfred State architecture students.

Terry Palmiter, assistant professor in the Architecture and Design Department at Alfred State, noted that students in his historic preservation studio were involved in creating a design proposal for the former Andover Hardware building, which now houses the historical societies at 11 E. Greenwood St. in Andover.

Palmiter and the students documented the existing structure and, based on the needs of the historical societies, created their proposal. Then, through posters, models, and discussion, they presented their concepts and solutions of the interior space and exterior façade to the members of the family of Teresa and Dick Joyce, who spearheaded the project, as well as interested community members.

The successful adaptive re-use of the old structure came about through the efforts of many, Palmiter said, most notably the Joyces, who expressed their appreciation to everyone involved at the soft opening earlier this year. The grand opening of the building will be held in the fall.

STUDENTS
**AID in
design of
NEW HISTORICAL
SOCIETIES
BUILDING**



[SCHOOL OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY]

House

latest residence
built
for Wellsville community

Just over two years after work first began on House 54, the newest home constructed by Alfred State students for the Wellsville community is now completed.

Sitting on more than five acres of land at 3829 Foundation Drive, the 2,199-square-foot, French country-style three-bedroom house includes a covered rear porch with a wood-burning fireplace, a full basement, a formal dining room, a laundry room, a two-car garage, a home office area, and more.

Students in the heavy equipment operations, air conditioning and heating technology, building trades: building construction, masonry, and electrical construction and maintenance electrician programs all had a hand in the construction of the abode. Work on the house began in April 2015 and wrapped up this past May.

The houses Alfred State students regularly build for the community, valued at more than \$200,000, take two years to complete, and are then subsequently sold on the open market and occupied.

Students build and detail the houses in a subdivision owned by the Educational Foundation of Alfred, Inc., a private foundation dedicated to improving the Alfred State community through the support of educational programs. The Educational Foundation funds the construction of the houses.

Speaking about House 54, Jack Jones, chair of the Building Trades Department, said he is proud of the work the students were able to accomplish.

"Like the others that came before it, this home was the result of a lot of hours of hard work by many students from a number of disciplines, all under the guidance of our knowledgeable instructors," he said. "These projects provide excellent real-world, hands-on experiences for our students, and also benefit the local community."

Timothy Corkey, a building trades: building construction major from Almond, said working on House 54 was a great experience.

"Being able to put into practice what we learn about in the classroom, and also gain real-world experience that is going to prove valuable on the job someday is incredible," he said. "It's also very rewarding to see the finished product and know that you had a hand in its creation."

As of the writing of this article, the sale on House 54 was already pending, and plans were underway for House 55. Jones said work on the next house began in April.

"We're very proud of our tradition of constructing high-quality houses for the Wellsville community and being able to provide an unmatched opportunity for our students to put their learning into practice," he said. "It is through lots of hard work by our students and faculty, as well as the generous support of the Educational Foundation, that we are able to build these homes. We look forward to continuing this tradition for many years to come."

Criminal Justice & Healthcare Management baccalaureate

PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE

Continuing to find ways to allow students the opportunity to advance their education and achieve their career goals, Alfred State has added two new baccalaureate programs within the School of Arts and Sciences: criminal justice (Bachelor of Science) and healthcare management (Bachelor of Technology).

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Students pursuing careers in law enforcement and public safety now have both two- and four-year degree options for criminal justice at Alfred State. Classes for the new major begin in the fall 2017 semester.

The BS program provides graduates a solid foundation in the field of criminal justice, both its essential components and emerging areas, with a focus on leadership and applied learning. With strong preparation in conceptual knowledge, students gain practical experience in criminal justice, including the opportunity to complete either an internship or a lab-based criminal investigation course in their final semester.

The BS in criminal justice also provides basic knowledge in such contemporary areas of concern as terrorism, cyber security and private security administration, and community policing. Furthermore, the program has the flexibility to allow students to include a minor in such areas as information security, leadership, and psychology.

Graduates will be well-prepared to enter the criminal justice job market or pursue advanced education. Employment opportunities exist in law enforcement at the local, county, state and federal levels,

and within correctional institutions, parole and probation departments, private security companies, homeland security, military policing and corrections, and police science organizations, among others.

HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

Because earning a bachelor's degree as a working adult can sometimes be a challenge, especially for those employed in a health-related field, Alfred State's new healthcare management program is online. This offers the flexibility needed to complete a bachelor's degree on one's own time.

The Bachelor of Technology in healthcare management is a flexible, online, upper-division program designed to allow a student or working professional who has earned an associate degree (AAS, AA, or AS) in a health-related area (or at least 60 credits toward such a degree) to complete a bachelor's degree.

Interested individuals are those who may currently be working in a laboratory, radiology, records, occupational therapy, surgical technology, paramedic, or ultrasound setting and are seeking advancement into management or administrative positions. The program emphasizes the development of managerial skills through a set of core courses and a wide array of electives delivered in 7.5-week sessions.

Electives include options in nursing, business administration, accounting, technology management, biology, marketing, health sciences, human services,

and psychology. This degree will also provide an opportunity for students to continue their education toward an MBA to become a chief nursing officer (CNO), chief executive officer (CEO), or chief operating officer (COO).

Occupational opportunities for graduates of the program include health-related managerial positions in medical and health services departments, public relations and fundraising, administrative services, and training and development.

The new Bachelor of Technology in healthcare management was developed with working healthcare professionals specifically in mind. The program is designed for maximum flexibility, with year-round short-term courses and multiple entry points.



Applied learning prepares Alfred State students to 'Hit the ground running®...'

Alfred State has long been a recognized leader in applied learning, and is now the first State University of New York (SUNY) college to require this form of "learning by doing" among its official Institutional Student Learning Outcomes (ISLO) for every student on campus. The college has also identified the enhancement and expansion of applied learning as a primary goal in its new Strategic Plan.

For many years, programs at Alfred State have already required applied learning and practical training before graduation. By formally including these job-ready activities in the ISLO, the school can now better track and measure how much students are gaining from the hands-on learning.

Institutional Student Learning Outcomes are defined as clearly stated, specific, and measurable goals for the accumulated knowledge, skills, and attitudes that students develop during a course of study.

PROFESSOR, STUDENTS SHOWCASE PROJECT AT SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL



THREE ALFRED STATE STUDENTS WERE CAST IN A BIG SUPPORTING ROLE when they assisted their professor and his art collective on a project for the 2017 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

Alfred State digital media and animation students Taylor Stevenson (West Seneca), Nia Seward (Newark Valley), and Jillian Gregory (Andover) each lent their talents to Assistant Professor of Digital Media and Animation Jeremy Speed Schwartz and his art collective, "The League of Imaginary Scientists," on a participatory animation project for the festival called "The Social Cinema Machine." The project was in collaboration with the Sundance Institute and the festival's audience.

To view the finished product, visit www.SocialCinemaMachine.com.



FORMER PRESIDENT ANDERSON HONORED WITH PORTRAIT IN SLC

Dr. John Anderson doesn't typically get surprised, but on his most-recent return to campus, the former Alfred State president couldn't help but be pleasantly caught off-guard as he walked into the Student Leadership Center.

There, dozens of his former colleagues stood and applauded as he and his wife, Vivien, entered the room for what Anderson believed was an event to honor State Sen. Catharine Young, R-Olean. In reality, the assemblage of faculty, staff, students, community members, and friends of the college had all gathered to honor Anderson by unveiling a portrait of him that will permanently hang in the SLC.

Anderson was instrumental in the creation of the \$33.5 million facility, and as current Alfred State President Dr. Skip Sullivan noted, "We felt there was no better way to honor John Anderson than to have John Anderson forever in this building."



Scenic PIONEER TRAIL hiking system opens

Offering 4.5 miles of trails and gorgeous views of nearby scenery, Alfred State's Pioneer Trail system is now officially open.

Located within a 200-acre wooded area, the Pioneer Trail includes three hikes to challenge all levels of physical fitness, while exploring the forest, discovering wildlife, and taking in the scenery. All trails begin and end at the parking area located behind and above the Orvis Activities Center (parking lot 24).

ONLINE LEARNING – CONTINUE WORKING & ADVANCE INTO MANAGEMENT

Need a bachelor's degree to get that promotion? You can achieve your educational goals on your schedule. Anytime. Anywhere.

Completing a degree as a working adult can sometimes be a challenge, and that's why Alfred State Online is here to help. The following bachelor's degrees can be completed 100% online, building on your associate degree:

- Healthcare Management (BTech)
- Human Services (BS)
- Nursing (BS) RN to BSN
- Technology Management (BBA)

Degrees awarded through online learning are identical to the diplomas earned by students on campus and you will learn from the same exceptional faculty. Alfred State Online allows you to gain expertise and valuable career skills from a college you know and trust.

You can access classes, reading materials, and discussion boards any time of the day or night. For your convenience, many courses begin several times throughout the year in 5 to 7.5 week modules. Now is a great time to join the fall session that begins August 28.

We are eager to assist you with course selection, registration information, and tuition details. Contact us at 800-4-ALFRED (800-425-3733) or admissions@alfredstate.edu. You can also review all of our online options by visiting: www.AlfredState.edu/online.

ALFRED STATE DEEMED MILITARY FRIENDLY® FOR 7 STRAIGHT YEARS

Alfred State is proud to announce that it has earned the 2017 Military Friendly® School designation by Victory Media, publisher of G.I. Jobs®, STEM Jobs SM, and Military Spouse for the seventh consecutive year.



First published in 2009, Military Friendly® Schools is the most comprehensive, powerful resource for veterans today. Each year, the list of Military Friendly® Schools is provided to service members and their families, helping them select the best college, university, or trade school to receive the education and training needed to pursue a civilian career.

ASSISTING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ON CAREER PATH

Beginning this fall, some 40 students entering high school in Orchard Park will also be making a big step on their path toward a career. A partnership between Alfred State and Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES will allow these students to earn both a regents diploma from high school, along with an associate degree in either electrical construction and maintenance electrician or welding technology from college, to better prepare them to enter the workforce.

P-Tech (Pathways in Technology Early College High School) infuses the critical elements of high school, college, and industry together in a customized educational program. Students will complete high school, earn a college degree in only one additional year, and be ready to begin a career. The length of the program is tailored to the learning needs and educational goals of each student.



Competing as one of 70 teams in the “Making College Possible Coding Challenge,” the Campus HIVE project duo, which included Alfred State’s own Justin King, took home fourth place following the final judging at Facebook’s office in New York City.

King, of Uniondale, teamed up with high school friend and State University of New York (SUNY) at Fredonia student Kermit B. Mitchell III in the first-ever statewide coding competition for SUNY and City University of New York (CUNY) students. King graduated from Alfred State’s electrical construction and maintenance electrician program this past spring, and has re-enrolled in the college in its electrical engineering technology (AAS) major. As a result of their fourth-place finish, King and Mitchell were presented with a check for \$2,000.

The challenge invited students to create a digital prototype of a mobile app or website to share information about the Excelsior Scholarship and what “making college possible” means to them. The Excelsior Scholarship is Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s first-in-the-nation proposal to make public college tuition-free for New York’s working- and middle-class families.

In total, more than 370 students constituting 70 teams from SUNY and CUNY schools participated in the competition.

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

Your gift matters...

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

Use this tear-off and mail back to:

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Designate your gift to the area most important to you.

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To make a donation of any kind or to make an inquiry, contact
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[DEVELOPMENT NEWS]



Because of your support, we were able to raise \$122,000 from 791 donors for our inaugural Day of Giving, far surpassing our goals! Your generosity will benefit Alfred State and our students through technology, new programs, athletics, scholarships, student clubs and organizations, and more.

All of the challenges posed throughout the day were unlocked, and the excitement of the event was amplified by the student activities and the engagement from the student body. Overall, we could not have asked for a better day, and we thank each of you who donated to make our inaugural Day of Giving such a success!

ALFRED STATE COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT FUND, INC.

The mission of the Alfred State College Development Fund, Inc. is to assist Alfred State College in advancing the welfare and development of the college by accepting and encouraging gifts that enhance our students experience and educational programs producing graduates prepared to hit the ground running.

This year, because of the board's fiduciary responsibility and careful management of all donated funds to the Alfred State College Development Fund, nearly \$400,000 in annual, endowed and unrestricted funds were disbursed to support student scholarships at Alfred State.

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ALFRED STATE DEDICATES NEW 'Hank & Evelyn Turner Pastry Emporium'

FOR MANY YEARS, Evelyn Turner has been a strong supporter and friend of Alfred State, particularly when it comes to the college's Culinary Arts Department.

Now, thanks to one of her many contributions – a combination of funds and gift-in-kind items – Alfred State culinary students have an impressive, newly renovated space to sell baked goods from, "The Hank and Evelyn Turner Pastry Emporium," which the college recently dedicated in their honor.

Located in the Culinary Arts Building on the School of Applied Technology campus in Wellsville, the emporium includes a new two-sided bakery case that features refrigeration on one side to keep items cold. Adjacent to the bakery case is a new island cupboard with a granite top that was constructed by students in the building trades: building construction program.

Work on the emporium was completed in April, just weeks prior to the dedication. Culinary Arts Department Chair Deb Burch said her department has been waiting for many years to acquire such a beautiful bakery case and received one only two months after Turner became aware of the need.

"The new bakery case has improved the quality of the products the students are making because they want to make the baked goods as delectable and appealing as possible to go in the beautiful case," she said. "Evelyn made this possible."

Danielle White, executive director of Institutional Advancement, said, "We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful and caring friend of the college. Evelyn has impacted many students' lives with the generous scholarship funds she donates every year and the extra funding she has provided over the years to help make our culinary arts programs what they are today. She is so proud of the students, and we are so grateful to her."

Speaking to the culinary students during the dedication, Turner said, "I'm going to continue to help in every way that I can, and I'm always here for you. I'm proud to be associated with each and every one of you. I'm proud of your accomplishments and the ones you are striving to achieve. Keep up the good work."

Examples of Turner's ongoing generosity include the Evelyn Turner Culinary Arts Annual Scholarship, which is in memory of her husband, Henry "Hank" Turner. This is awarded to two culinary arts students and two culinary arts: baking, production and management students in good academic standing.

Turner also donates funds for the Evelyn Turner Excellence in Culinary Arts Annual Scholarship, which are disbursed evenly among four returning culinary students with financial need who have attained high academic standing.

In 2013, Alfred State honored Turner with the President's Medallion, which is given to those who have made outstanding contributions to the college. Turner's contributions have stemmed from three main motivations: her admiration for the culinary students who work in various rotations, her emphasis on the value of education, and her belief in the ability of food to bring people together.

Despite having been born in Louisa, KY, Turner is proud to call Wellsville her home. She and her late husband owned and operated Turner & McNerney Pipe Line Inc. in Wellsville, where she managed finances, human resources, records, and internal controls for the company as assistant vice president and business manager. The couple often discussed the calling they both felt, which was to support other hardworking people in their endeavors.

GIFTS & COMMITMENTS OF \$10,000+

July 2016 – March 2017

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GREETINGS Alfred State Alumni!

The Alfred State alumni family continues to grow a little more each year, as we celebrate our newest graduates. Please join me in congratulating the class of 2017!

The 2016-17 academic year has been another incredible time for the college! This past fall, a multi-phase project to renovate the MacKenzie Complex began, and the new 16,000-square-foot Sustainable Advanced Manufacturing Center (SAMC) at the School of Applied Technology in Wellsville opened. Both the Wellsville campus and the college's first nursing program celebrated their 50th anniversaries. The college expanded its degree offerings by adding motorcycle and power sports technology (AOS), criminal justice (BS), healthcare management (BTech), and construction supervision (BTech). Fourteen senior building trades: building construction students once again participated in the Semester in the South program, while 13 nursing students spent a week in Haiti providing medical care where needed. And, thanks to the generosity of our alumni, we more than doubled our Day of Giving goals!

As alumni, you are an essential part of making all of these achievements possible. Your engagement in your communities and your support of Alfred State helps to move us forward, and we want you to know we are extremely grateful.

As always, we hope to see many of you on campus or at our alumni events throughout the upcoming year.

Warm regards,

Colleen H. Argenterio, '85
Director of Alumni Relations

Be our *quest*

Watch for an alumni event in your area!

JUNE 24 - JULY 2

Great Race Event

Come cheer on our students as they make their way across the country for the annual Great Race! The journey will begin in Jacksonville, FL, and will end in Traverse City, MI.

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Rochester Red Wings Baseball Game

Reconnect over dinner and drinks as you watch the Rochester Red Wings take on the Toledo Mud Hens at Frontier Field.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Boston Red Sox Baseball Alumni Event

Reconnect over dinner and drinks as you watch the Boston Red Sox take on the Kansas City Royals at Fenway Park.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30

Buffalo Bisons Baseball Game

Reconnect over dinner and drinks as you watch the Buffalo Bisons take on the Pawtucket Red Sox at Coca-Cola Field.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

Seneca Lake Wine Tour

Join us for a beautiful wine tour of Seneca Lake Wine and reconnect with your fellow Alfred State graduates. Taste the exquisite wines of Seneca Lake and enjoy a picnic lunch.

OCT. 13-14

Homecoming/Family Weekend 2017 - Save the date!

For additional information, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 607-587-3930. For updates visit:

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ALUMNI CHAPTERS - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

The Buffalo, Finger Lakes, and Rochester Alfred State alumni chapters have already kicked off their inaugural meetings and begun planning for the future. It's never too late to join a chapter, however, as we are always looking for volunteers!

The purpose of these chapters is to enhance stronger relations among alumni, currently enrolled students, and Alfred State. We recognize our alumni as among our most valued and talented resources, and encourage alumni participation in continuing the legacy and long tradition of excellence at the college.

General chapter goals are to promote the interest and welfare of Alfred

State; provide opportunities to participate in and serve the Alfred State community; promote programs that enrich the professional, cultural, and personal lives of alumni; and to represent alumni interests and concerns.

If you are interested in participating in both an exciting and rewarding experience, please download our form by visiting www.AlfredState.edu/alumni-and-friends > Get Involved > Alumni Chapters or contact our office at 607-587-3931.

Your participation 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.

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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.

The Distinguished Alumni 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. The Outstanding Young Alumni 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 honored to present the following awards to a group of distinguished alumni who have been nominated by you, the alumni community.



Dale Stell graduated with an associate degree in landscape development from Alfred State in 1975. In 1980, he founded his own company called Lakeview Lawn & Landscape, wherein

he handled commercial landscaping, including businesses and colleges. For more than 30 years, Dale owned and operated his business until he sold it in 2012.

Dale then purchased a business with his two nephews, City Hill Construction, which is located in Penn Yan, and provides quality residential and commercial site work excavation, landscaping, and aggregate products. He is currently president of City Hill.

Dale consistently credits Alfred State with helping to jumpstart his career. He has been a member of the Alfred State College Development Fund Board of Directors since 2010, and has served as chair of the Board since 2014.

For numerous years, Dale has been an avid proponent and supporter of Alfred State for numerous years. In addition to his endowed fund to preserve the bell tower and his naming of a leadership suite in the Student Leadership Center, he most recently led the Development Fund Board to challenge the other board members of the college to match the gifts from the Development Fund to help raise funds for the first-ever Alfred State Day of Giving. With his assistance, the college was able to raise over \$100,000.



Thomas Ward, a 1966 graduate in accounting, carved out a successful career in the financial world that spanned more than four decades.

Following graduation, Tom joined the National Guard (amidst the Vietnam War) and secured a job as an auditor with the New York State Department of Taxation & Finance. He worked for the NYS Department of Taxation & Finance for 10 years until he took over as comptroller for the town of Henrietta.

In 1979, Tom obtained his securities and insurance licenses and joined Investor Diversified Services (IDS), a financial planning firm that was later bought by American Express and is currently Ameriprise Financial Services. From this, in 1986, Tom and four other colleagues became a franchise.

In 1992, the partnership was formed that led to the creation of Ward, Wyand, and Associates, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., which is located in Rochester. This company assists with a variety of things, including retirement planning, investing, insurance, tax planning, and more. Upon Tom's retirement in 2012, his son, Andrew, returned to Rochester and joined the firm.

Tom also has been a longstanding champion and supporter of Alfred State. He has provided funds for scholarships and has been a member of the President's Society for numerous years. Most recently, Tom provided a \$10,000 matching gift challenge for the Day of Giving, also helping to more than double the goal of \$50,000.

When requested, Tom also makes it a point to return to Alfred State to speak with current students enrolled in both the accounting or financial planning programs.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI



Steven Elwell, who received his degree in financial planning in 2007, has risen from intern with Schroeder, Braxton & Vogt Financial Advisors (now known as Level Financial Advisors) to partner at the firm, which manages \$270 million for 534 households in Buffalo. In the last nine years, he has advanced from intern, to financial planning associate, to financial planner, and now holds the vice president position within the firm. He also leads the firm's financial planning and investment management division while supervising two other CFP® professionals.

Steven has been able to cultivate a great relationship with the local and national media over the last few years. He has appeared on WIVB Channel 4 Buffalo news several times to discuss the stock market and financial news. He has been quoted in such publications as Huffington Post, Investment News, Buffalo News, Buffalo Business First, Investopedia, Dow Jones Newswire, and more. He also has had several of his articles featured by NerdWallet, Nasdaq, and the Christian Science Monitor.

In 2012, Steven was named one of Buffalo's "30 Under 30 Outstanding Young Professionals" by Buffalo Business First. He was recognized for his career achievements and his community involvement, which includes board member of the Ronald McDonald House of WNY Young Professional Group, B Team Buffalo volunteer, Red Cross volunteer, and Lupus Alliance of Upstate NY fundraiser.

He currently sits on the board of directors for the Financial Planning Counselors of WNY, the PR committee for the Financial Planning Association of WNY, and is a member of the Estate Analysts of WNY. Steven has clearly demonstrated a commitment to his community and to the growth of the financial planning profession.

Lastly, Steven has been able to give back to Alfred State since graduation. He has served on the five-year review board for the financial planning program twice since 2007. Steven has been back to serve on panels and speak to classes several times. He also has arranged a class visit to his firm and coordinated an Alfred State student to spend a day shadowing at the firm.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

We are now accepting nominations for our 2018 Alumni Awards.

Letters of nomination can be submitted via email to Alumni Relations at 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 that qualifies 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 no later than Dec. 31, 2017.

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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.
- Make a donation – a donation at a level is always greatly appreciated. You can even donate your old car! You may view ways to give at www.AlfredState.edu/Give.

The Mission of the Alfred State Alumni Council is to enhance the engagement of the college's alumni for their enjoyment through programs and services which build relationships and to support the institution's efforts in student recruitment, career placement, and friend/fundraising.

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James Locker, '66	Danielle White, Executive Director, Institutional Advancement
Roxana Sammons, '08	Dr. Skip Sullivan, President, Alfred State
Teresa Sexton, '87	



Doviak Named New Athletic Director

After a nationwide search, Vice President for Student Affairs Greg Sammons has announced that Alfred State has named Jason Doviak the new athletic director. Doviak, who began his new duties this past spring, oversees the day-to-day operations of intercollegiate athletics, physical education, and intramurals.

Doviak comes to Alfred State after spending the past 12 years at Salem State (MA) University. He started at Salem as the assistant athletic director and worked his way up to associate athletic director, and senior associate director of Athletics and Recreation roles.

Prior to joining the staff at Salem State, Doviak was the athletics business administrator at the College of St. Rose (Albany). Doviak also spent time as a marketing communications assistant at Pinnacle Systems Team Sports (Lowell, MA) and performed two internships - assistant director of athletics intern and sports information director intern - within the Athletic Department at Siena College (Loudonville).

A member of NACDA, Doviak has regularly attended the NCAA Convention, and has served on numerous NCAA, MASCAC, and college committees.

Doviak has a Bachelor of Science in sport management from SUNY Cortland, and a Master of Business Administration from The College of St. Rose. While at Cortland, Doviak was a member of the baseball team, a SUNYAC All-Academic team member, and a member of the national honor society Phi Kappa Phi.



COACH BOYD EARNS 400TH VICTORY; PIONEERS WIN ACAA TITLE

The women's basketball team certainly had a memorable season this year, as their head coach earned her 400th career victory in February and the team won the ACAA Championships 88-58 over Pine Manor later that month.

Starting fast and never looking back, the team defeated SUNY Canton 76-46 on Feb. 10. The victory was the 400th for Lady Pioneer Head Coach Gina Boyd, who wrapped up her 27th season as coach this year.

On Feb. 26, the Pioneers outscored the Gators in every quarter to win the ACAA Championships.

Catherine Bialecki was named tournament MVP after finishing the game with 27 points and 21 rebounds. Kimberley Levee joined Bialecki on the all-tournament team after scoring 22 points and grabbing nine boards. Kane was also honored after chipping in 10 points, five boards, and four assists.

This was the first American Collegiate Athletic Association Championship. The tournament was sponsored by the Association of Division III Independents.

LACROSSE TEAM WINS USCAA CLASSIC TITLE

Tied 7-7 heading into the final quarter, Alfred State outscored SUNY Delhi 7 to 4 in the final 15 minutes to claim the USCAA Classic Championship 14-11 at Pioneer Stadium on April 24.

Teddy Alvarado finished the day with four goals and two assists while AJ Soto had two goals and three assists. Ian Grana, Joe Johnson, and Landon Drumm all scored twice, while Tanner Morrow and Dominic Arresta also scored.

In net, Ryan Amidon made 14 saves to record the victory.

The Pioneers defeated SUNY Canton 10-6 in the opening round on Saturday to advance to the championship game. Last season, the Pioneers advanced to the USCAA Classic final but fell to Canton in the championship game.





Valerie Nixon, executive vice president, was honored by the State University of New York Financial Aid

Professionals with the 2017 Daniel Sistarenik Advocacy Award. This award for student advocacy is only bestowed when nominating committee members believe that there is a deserving individual who has given a significant long-term commitment to the profession. The Dining Services team, which is part of Auxiliary Campus Enterprises and Services Inc. (ACES), the not-for-profit corporation that provides dining services on campus, received the silver award in the small school category during the 2016 Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards presentation.



Wendy Dresser-Reckenwald, senior director of Human Resources, received the Excellence in Human Resources

Practices Award from the State University of New York Human Resources Association.



Mary Huntington, former first lady of Alfred State, was honored with the college's President's Medallion.



Glenn Brubaker, director of Facilities Operations, received the Certified Educational

Facilities Professional (CEFP) credential through APPA, the association dedicated to leadership in educational facilities.



Kaitlyn Brown was appointed as the college's associate director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations.



Robin Torpey, an associate professor in the Computer and Information Technology

Department, qualified for the 2017 New York City Marathon and the 2018 Boston Marathon.

Deb Burch, associate professor and department chair, Culinary Arts; **Nikkie Hockenberry**, chief diversity officer and Title IX coordinator; and **Danielle White**, executive director, Institutional Advancement, graduated from the WNY Consortium of Higher Education Women's Leadership Institute in April.



Kris Bianchi has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant within the University Police Department at Alfred State.



Adrienne Drumm, a Bachelor of Technology major from Tully, was appointed as a student architect

licensing advisor within the Department of Architecture and Design.



William Dean, professor in the Department of Architecture and Design, and Jonathan Hilsher, director of the

Center for Civic Engagement, presented their jointly authored paper titled "Generating Discipline-Based Community Impact through Academic and Student Affairs Collaboration" as part of the 105th Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Annual Meeting in Detroit.



Dr. Richard Mitchell, professor in the English and Humanities Department, published "Calling

Me Back Again," his third and newest book of poetry.

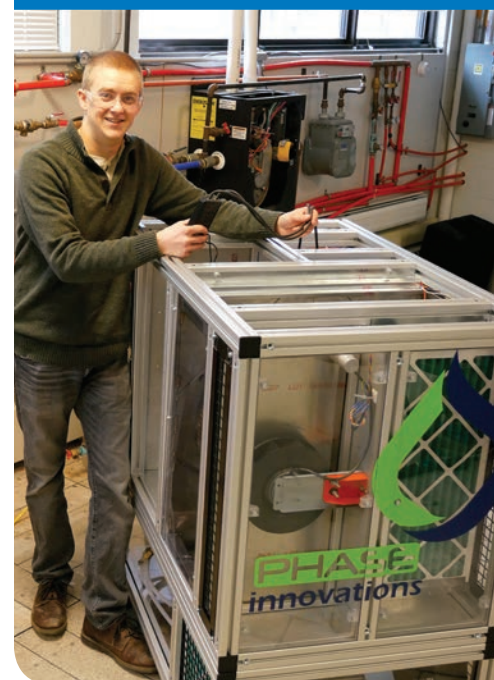


Katherine Holmok, a business administration major from Prattville,

was named by Campus Compact as one of the organization's 2017 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows.



The Marketing Communications Office received six Annual Higher Education Advertising Awards, including two gold medals and four bronze, for advertising materials designed to attract prospective students and their families.



Nathan DeMario, a mechanical engineering technology student from South Wales, was named the co-inventor on a patent application for a revolutionary new cooling system, which is being developed at Alfred State.

ACHIEVER

1972

Albert Daher, *Retail Business Management*,



North Syracuse, received the Izaak Walton League of America Honor Roll Award from 2015. This award is in recognition of outstanding work performed in the field of conservation, public information, and publicity in keeping with the league's goals. Les Monostory is the presenter.

1976

Gary S. Burmaster, *Agriculture-Plant and Soil Science*, Sheridan, along with his wife, Pam, owns Agronomy Liberty Vineyards & Winery, which was named 2016 New York State Winery of the Year by the New York Wine & Grape Foundation.

1984

Phyllis A. Gay (Adams), *Computer Information Systems*, Yorkville, IL, has announced the release of her new novel, "The Sangrita Club," which was published by 220 Communications.

2002

Graham J. Marcus, *Landscape Development*, Arkport, runs Maddie's Motor Sports in Dansville, which was named a Powersports Business Power 50 dealer for the first time in 2016.

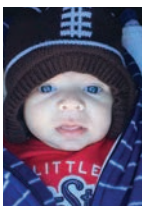
2011

Jenny Brongo, *Construction Management Engineering Technology*, Rochester, is the president and founder of Homesteads for Hope, which purchased an historic farm on the Erie Canal to offer community classes for people with autism and other disabilities.

BIRTH

2001

Christopher L. Ribbeck, *Drafting/CAD-Technical Illustration*, Buffalo, would



like to announce the birth of his son, Samuel Jack Ribbeck, born on Aug. 14, 2016. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

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CAREER

1973

Edmund Starowicz, *Landscape Development*, East Rochester, has joined Northeast Association Management, Inc. (NEAMI) as a public works risk management specialist.

1974

Jerry Falkowski, *Drafting/CAD*, Depew, retired from Praxair in December 2016.

REUNION

1974

Ruth Flood (Hendy), *Floriculture Production*, Allegany; **Susan Ryan**, *Nursing*, San Marcos, CA; and **Cindy (Austin) McCullough**, *Social Sciences*, Belmont - three friends and floormates from MacKenzie North - returned to Alfred State for a visit in May 2016. They recreated a photo of themselves standing in the parking lot of MacKenzie North that had been taken 42 years earlier.



1981

Janet L. Clark (Ward), *Medical Laboratory Technology*, Weedsport, started working in 2016 in the Syracuse City School District developing and teaching a new P-Tech Clinical Laboratory Program.

2014

Emma L. Drake, *Architectural Technology*, Horseheads, joined HUNT Engineers' Architectural Department in Horseheads in mid-2015.

Joseph Livecchi, *Electrical Construction and Maintenance Electrician*, Webster, joined HUNT Engineers' MEP Department in Horseheads in March 2016.

2015

Nicholas Durnin, *Architectural Technology*, Waterloo, joined SWBR Architects as an architectural designer.

Aaron J. McDonald, *Architectural Technology*, Rochester, was recently promoted as a mechanical engineer at Pathfinder Engineers and Architects.

MARRIAGE

2011

Joseph A. Malik-Atkinson, *Heavy Equipment: Truck and Diesel Technician*, Montauk, married **Olivia Stevens**, *Agricultural Business*, East Hampton (2011) on Sept. 17, 2016, at Camp Hero State Park in Montauk.

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2012

Jocelyn R. Wilcox, Culinary Arts: Baking, Production and Management (2010), Technology Management (2012), Cicero, married **John T. Shafer**, Welding Technology, Middleport (2010) on June 4, 2016, at The Skyline Lodge in Fabius.



2015

Lita M. Brown, Human Services Management, Hornell, married Andrew Brown on May 21, 2016. She is employed at Hornell Concern For Youth as a youth development educator.

REMEMBRANCE

1942

Charles R. Ostrum, Air Conditioning Engineering Technology, Durham, NC, Nunda, passed away Oct. 31, 2016.

1944

Eleanor J. Diez (Strahan), Ornamental Horticulture-Floriculture Merchandising, Youngstown, passed away Sept. 14, 2016.

1957

Rev. Dr. Ronald C. Perry, Accounting, Streetsboro, OH, passed away Feb. 15, 2017.

W. Donald "Bud"

Johnson, Electrical Engineering Technology, Canandaigua, passed away Dec. 4, 2016.

1958

Francis M. Giambrone, Refrigeration, Little Valley, passed away Sept. 22, 2016.

Jared A. Woolley

Agriculture: Animal Science, Forestville, passed away Jan. 28, 2017.

1963

James E. O'Mara, Undeclared Major, Bradford, PA, passed away Feb. 5, 2017.

William R. Laitenberger

Chemical Technology, Cornville, AZ, passed away Oct. 18, 2016.

1967

Dana L. McCrary, Farm Power and Machinery, La Mesa, CA, passed away on Nov. 9, 2016.

Elizabeth Pickles

(Barnum), Nursing, Fairport, passed away Oct. 14, 2016.

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1971

Timothy L. Shay, Transportation/Distribution Management, Williamsville, passed away Sept. 26, 2016.

1974

John H. Guenther, Parks and Grounds Management, Hornell, passed away Sept. 28, 2016.

Paul R. Mahler

Automotive Service Technician, Lockport, passed away on Dec. 12, 2016.

2016

Nicholas Corcoran, Electrical Construction and Maintenance Electrician, Auburn, passed away Nov. 11, 2016.

Faculty/Staff

E. John Gradoni, Alfred, former assistant professor of marketing and dean of the School of Business, passed away Jan. 22, 2017.

Robert V. Sands, Boynton Beach, FL, former business professor, passed away Nov. 27, 2016.



Dr. William D. Rezak, Chattanooga, TN, passed away Jan. 14, 2017. Rezak, who led Alfred State as president from 1993 until he retired in 2003, is remembered as an accomplished educator, engineer, author, benefactor, and good friend. He was instrumental in adding baccalaureate programs to the former two-year technical college. In 1996, he created the Alfred State College Development Fund for enlisting alumni support, and the college's endowment quadrupled during his tenure. During his administration, funding and enrollment declined across SUNY institutions, but enrollment increased at Alfred State, while standards for student selectivity were also raised. Additional innovations included creation of the college's first football team in 1995, and development of plans for a multi-million-dollar Workforce Development Training Center on the Wellsville campus. Alfred State students with financial need continue to benefit from the Radia Khouri Rezak Family Endowed Scholarship established in 1994. His generosity is also reflected in sponsorship of a leadership suite for clubs and benevolent organizations at the Student Leadership Center. In retirement Rezak authored a book titled "The Arab and the Brit: The Last of the Welcome Immigrants," a memoir that spans multiple generations and countries, and another book, "The Best Dang Job in the World: A Leadership Guide for College and University Administrators," based on observations from his own career.

[CLASS NOTES]

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