

THE INAUGURATION
OF OUR THIRTEENTH PRESIDENT
DR. STEVEN MAURO

OCTOBER 20, 2022



DR. STEVEN MAURO



Dr. Steven A. Mauro served as vice president for Strategy and Campus Operations at Gannon University. Prior to that, he served as dean of Health Professions and Sciences, interim provost, and vice president for Academic Administration. His innovative and entrepreneurial leadership approach in these roles contributed to establishing additional campuses, launching independent online programming, improving retention, participating in fundraising, generating alternate revenue (including establishing a COVID-19 surveillance lab), engaging community and corporate partners, and overseeing a multi-million-dollar construction portfolio.

Born and raised in Niagara Falls, upon graduating valedictorian of his high school class, he received his education at the State University of New York at Buffalo, graduating magna cum laude and earning a BS and PhD in biology. Dr. Mauro was also awarded a National Institutes of Health Ruth Kirchstein Postdoctoral Fellowship to further his education at Cornell University.

From 2005 to 2013, Dr. Mauro joined the faculty at Mercyhurst University in Erie, Pennsylvania. His work on the abundance and distribution of viral, bacterial, and chemical agents in recreational water has received national attention through peer-reviewed publications and press releases, including articles featured by the National Science Foundation, Homeland Security, and National Geographic News.

Dr. Mauro is an outdoor enthusiast and participates in endurance athletic events. His worldly travels have given him an appreciation for the value that affordable, accessible, high-quality education can bring, which has become his vocational calling.

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“Higher education is at the forefront of ensuring success and opportunities essential to professional and personal development. It is therefore imperative that every person who wishes to seek out higher education can do so in a way that is equitable and encouraged. This dedication to students and their education is precisely what I observed at Alfred State College. As a SUNY alumnus myself, who believes in the promise of higher education, I look forward to continuing and advancing that momentum and working with Alfred State’s faculty, staff, and students. My thanks to the SUNY Board of Trustees, Chancellor Stanley, the College Council of Alfred State, and all those involved in the search process across SUNY for this opportunity.”



INAUGURAL THEME

PIONEER**PRIDE › PURPOSE › PROMISE**

Dr. Mauro began his tenure by meeting as many members of the campus community as possible to talk about what makes ASC great and how we can become even greater. This listening tour resulted in an inspirational theme for recognizing the great past, productive mission, and exciting future ahead for Alfred State College.

PIONEER PRIDE is about the college's colorful legacy, perseverance, and great success over the years.

PIONEER PURPOSE highlights our laser focus on student success along with ASC's productive mission and vision.

PIONEER PROMISE recognizes the ever-increasing impact Alfred State College has locally, regionally, and nationally.

See Pride, Purpose, and Promise in action!
All of today's displays are listed online.
AlfredState.edu/pioneer-walk ►

**PIONEER WALK**

After the inaugural ceremony, guests will visit the newly renovated and restored Hinkle Bell Tower and see student and faculty success on display along the Pioneer Walk from Orvis Activities Center to the Student Leadership Center.

“This Pioneer Walk will show how students pour their time, effort, and skills into academics, athletics, clubs, and other activities that help them build leadership skills and enrich their lives. Guests will see success at every turn as our college's hands-on approach is evident in academics and activities.”

Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Greg Sammons

TASTE OF WESTERN NEW YORK

The public reception inside the Student Leadership Center will showcase how ASC is proud of its community with displays by local artisans and a menu featuring Western New York favorite foods with a modern twist inspired by Culinary Arts students.

“One of the joys in our community is the wealth of high-quality food produced in the area. Combine that with the talents of our Culinary Arts faculty and students and it just makes my mouth water. I cannot wait to show how students are taking some traditional WNY favorites and adding a creative twist.”

Jonna Anne, Auxiliary Campus Enterprises and Services (ACES)

Inaugural guests are also invited to stay for the annual Homecoming and Family Weekend Oct. 21-23.

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Prelude

An Original Suite
Jacob, G. (1928)

Pioneer Parade

A Festival Prelude
Reed, A. (1956)

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance
Elgar, E. (1901)

Welcome

Presentation of Colors

National Anthem

Invocation

Greetings From...

Stage Party Introduced

Musical Interlude

All that Jazz
Fosse, B. (1979)
Route 66
Troupe, B. (1946)

Inaugural Theme

Alfred State Concert Band Recordings
1974 and 1975 Performances

Alfred State Students and Athletes

Dr. Aniko Constantine, Grand Marshal and
SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor,
Faculty, Staff, and Stage Party

James J. Grillo, US Marine Veteran and
SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, Emeritus

Seneca Battalion
Army ROTC Color Guard

Alfred State Faculty Quartet
Nicole Davis, John Garippa, David Kendall, and Dr. Philip Schierer

Cyan Corwine, Civic Wellbeing and
Student Success Center

James J. Grillo
Dignitaries Congratulate Dr. Mauro in Video

James J. Grillo

Alfred State Alumni Jazz Choir
Jim Andrysick, David Bay, Bebe Cappadonia, Joseph Cappadonia
Paula Graham, Jennifer Griffith, Jerry Howe, Carole Klotzbach,
Donald Lynskey, Ann Peiffer-Frontuto, Nancy Schrader,
Todd Thatcher, and John Thompson

James J. Grillo

Pioneer Pride

Musical Interlude

Bridge Over Trouble Waters
Simon, P. (1969)

Pioneer Purpose

Presidential Selection

Investiture & Medallion

Pioneer Promise

Closing Remarks

Alma Mater

Benediction

Recessional

Pioneer Walk

Charles Neal, Accounting Professor, ASC Alumnus,
and Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

James J. Grillo

ASC Voices – Directed by Sarabeth Matteson
Franklin Aidoo, Sofia Baldwin, Noah Bastedo, Jacob Berry,
Amanda Brady, Genevieve Harris, Ruth Hessinger, Abigail Hill,
Cynthia Jarbeck, Ralf Jean-Francois, Jenna Johnson, Sarah Keehan,
Stephen Matthews, Madison Miller, Sarah Miller, Ryan Mitchell, Noah Neal,
Helen Poche, Alexander Putnam, Jamie Roberts, Samantha Salzler,
Margaret Shepard, Seth Tinder, Jacob Whalen, and pianist Chris Conklin.

James J. Grillo
Soumya Konar, Student Senate Chair and
Senior in Computer Science

James J. Grillo
Patricia K. Fogarty, JD, College Council Chair

James J. Grillo
Deborah F. Stanley, JD, Interim SUNY Chancellor
Eunice A. Lewin, SUNY Board of Trustees

Dr. Steven A. Mauro, Alfred State President
Inaugural Address

James J. Grillo

Alfred State Faculty Quartet

Cyan Corwine

James J. Grillo
Grand Marshal, Stage Party, and Faculty Exit

GreyWolf the Piper will lead us to Hinkle Bell Tower. Guests will tour
campus ending with the Taste of Western New York public reception.

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1835 SUNY Brockport <i>Dr. Heidi MacPherson</i> <i>President</i>	1871 SUNY Geneseo <i>Joseph Cope, PhD</i> <i>Interim Provost</i> <i>and Vice President</i>	1926 Mercyhurst University <i>Amy Parente</i> <i>Associate Professor of</i> <i>Chemistry & Biochemistry</i>
1846 University at Buffalo <i>William Dean</i> <i>ASC Department Chair</i>	1890 Keuka College <i>Kaitlyn Carhart</i> <i>Director of Annual Giving</i>	1950 SUNY Jamestown Community College <i>Dr. Marilyn Zagora</i> <i>Vice President of</i> <i>Academic Affairs</i>
1866 Roberts Wesleyan University <i>Dr. Kathy Ann Sager</i> <i>ASC Associate Professor</i>	1908 Alfred State College <i>Dr. John Anderson</i> <i>ASC Former President</i>	1958 Trocaire College <i>Bassam M. Deeb, PhD</i> <i>President</i>
	1925 Gannon University <i>Dr. Walter Iwanenko, Jr.</i> <i>Provost and Vice President</i> <i>Student Experiences</i>	

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PIONEERS

STAGE PARTY

Dr. Aniko Constantine Austin Caporin Cyan Corwine Patricia K. Fogarty, JD James J. Grillo Brooke Harris Joan Kesner Soumya Konar	Eunice A. Lewin Dr. Steven A. Mauro Ron Nasca Charles Neal Dr. Joseph Petrick Becky Prophet Carrie Redman Deborah Stanley, JD
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PIONEER PRIDE, PURPOSE, PROMISE

COLLEGE HISTORY

Alfred State has amazing stories of success.

In the true Pioneer spirit, our college has forged ahead, faced obstacles, and achieved hard-won victories. After generations of delivering a high-quality education, ASC knows how to assist first-generation college students, find a way for low-income families to achieve their college dreams, and prepare students to launch careers with good pay at great companies, or become an entrepreneur.

Founded in 1908, it wasn't a sure bet that the New York State School of Agriculture would continue after facing financial and enrollment challenges in its first 30 years. In 1926, the region's farmers, who recognized the value of this institution, lobbied the state to continue operations and a plan emerged to offer more career options for Western New York students.



After making it through some difficult times and low enrollment during the Great Depression, Alfred Ag Tech, as it became known, found firm footing by adding educational opportunities for a wider variety of technical skills so that graduates would be ready for careers beyond the farm. The national trend of growing college enrollments after World War II was also evident with rapid construction and expansion at Alfred State and the addition of the Wellsville campus.

Some recent trends in higher education are to provide these benefits to students:

Build career skills, knowledge, and confidence through hands-on learning.

Show a return-on-investment with good-paying jobs for graduates.

Provide a nurturing, close-knit, and caring community for students.

Students and parents today are looking for these benefits when choosing a college. ASC has a strong answer for each of these topics and we can prove our success. Delivering career-ready graduates for good jobs while enjoying our friendly and caring community, that's who we are and what we do at Alfred State throughout our long, colorful, and successful history.

AlfredState.edu/college-history

AlfredState.edu/timeline



CEREMONIAL SYMBOLS

PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

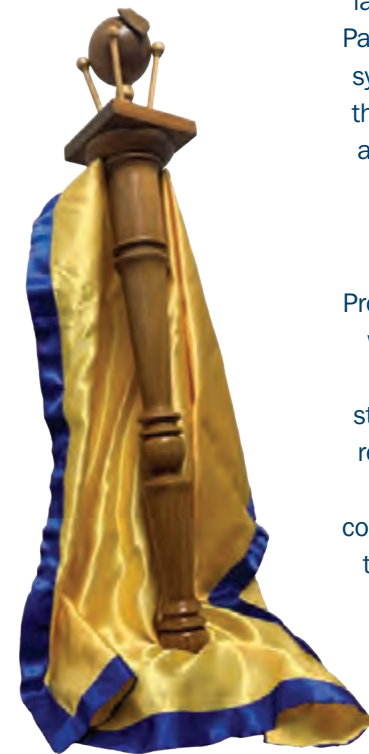
This round, three-inch bronze emblem is worn around the neck and hangs from a ribbon with Alfred State’s colors of blue and gold. The front of the medallion features the college seal, and the back is inscribed to commemorate the inauguration of Dr. Steven Mauro.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The procession traditionally begins with the most senior member of faculty honored as the Grand Marshal. The last positions are also a place of honor such as the Stage Party and other dignitaries. Ceremonial caps and gowns are symbols of academic achievement with different styles for the level of education attained. Trimmings such as tassels and hoods use colors to signify the academic disciplines.

ALFRED STATE MACE

Professor Emeritus Frank H. Nye, Jr. created our mace from walnut to represent wisdom and strength and is carried as a symbol of intellectual achievement. The wooden staff is sugar maple for purity and durability. The four rods represent varied educational interests with a wider rod at the center for liberal arts as the core of education. The college seal is made of padouk, a rare wood from Malaysia, to represent cultural diversity. A walnut circle adorns the top for a complete circle of involvement.



The background of the image is a photograph of the Alfred State campus. A tall, modern bell tower with multiple bells is visible on the right side. The sky is blue with some clouds. In the foreground, there are green trees and a grassy area. The image is framed by diagonal yellow and white stripes on the left and right sides, with a large, vibrant autumn leaf pattern on the far right.

ALMA MATER

We hail to thee, oh Alfred State

The pride of years gone by.

We offer thee our loyalty

The faith which will not die.

Around the blue and gold

Our rally is for you.

Remembering in the years to come,

This pledge will e'er be true.

We'll cherish all these memories

Your deeds we shall acclaim.

We love you dear Alma Mater

In our hearts you will remain.

- Richard Fote, '54