

AU Student is Finalist for Truman Scholarship

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Alfred, NY -- Michael J. Pellicciotti, a junior business major at Alfred University, was among 230 students from 158 colleges and universities throughout the United States to be named as finalists in the 1999 Truman Scholars competition. The finalists were selected from among 657 candidates nominated by 332 colleges and universities. From among the finalists, 65 Truman Scholars will be selected; scholars will receive \$30,000 – \$3,000 for their senior year and \$27,000 to defray the costs of a two- or three-year graduate program. Congress established The Truman Scholarship Foundation in 1975 as a memorial to Harry S. Truman, the 33rd U.S. President. The Foundation awards scholarships for college students to attend graduate schools in preparation for careers in government or elsewhere in public service. The activities of the Foundation are supported by a special trust fund in the U.S. Treasury. For Pellicciotti, being selected as a finalist in the prestigious competition is honor enough. He is in pretty select company. The finalists had a median grade point average of 3.86; 58 percent are female and 42 percent are male; 32 percent attend a small four-year college or university; and 69 percent attend a large college or university; and 49 percent attend a public institution, 51 percent a private institution. After graduating from Alfred in May 2000, Pellicciotti hopes to enter a Master of Business Administration degree program to prepare for a career in government regulation of securities and banking. Right now, he's looking at a special program at The Wharton School that offers a concentration in public policy management in its MBA program. Pellicciotti already has a head start on a career in government. He's served as vice president and president of Alfred University's Student Senate. As Senate president, he was tapped by President Edward G. Coll, Jr., to represent students on the President's Commission on Athletics, formed in response to a football hazing incident last fall. In addition, Pellicciotti is currently a member of AU's Presidential Search Committee that is seeking a replacement for Coll when he retires in June 2000. He is also a member of the Financial Management Association, a student-run organization that manages a \$200,000 investment portfolio for the AU Board of Trustees. He has been a member of the Campus Residence Hall Council, the yearbook staff, the newspaper staff, and the College Bowl Trivia Team. Involved as he is in campus activities, Pellicciotti has managed to earn a 3.86 grade point average as a business major with minors in economics and communications. He was awarded a merit-based Presidential Scholarship to attend Alfred University, where he is enrolled in the Honors Program. He served as chapter president for Alpha Lambda Delta, a national academic honor society for college freshmen, and earned the Jo Anne Trow Scholarship, a national award presented by Alpha Lambda Delta. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a leadership honor society, and Delta Mu Delta, a business and administration honor society. A resident of Muncie, IN, Pellicciotti is the son of Joseph and Beth Pellicciotti of Elmwood Drive.