

## **More than 100 students to participate in Alfred University research forum**

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More than 100 Alfred University students will showcase their research projects during the annual Alfred University Undergraduate Research Forum scheduled for 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 10, in McLane Center. "Undergraduate research is an important component of an Alfred University education," said Dr. David Szczerbacki, provost and vice president of Academic and Statutory Affairs, "Each year at this forum, we highlight our students' research projects, both for the campus and for the general public. We see a remarkable array of high-quality, scholarly research done by undergraduate students." The forum is open to the public, free of charge. "Students from all colleges and schools within the University will be displaying posters detailing their research activities," said Dr. Robert K. Bitting, associate vice president for academic research, planning and administration. Participation has grown substantially in just one year's time, from 75 exhibitors last year to more than 100 this year. He said many of the posters will remain on display at McLane Center during the annual Honors Convocation, which is at 4 p.m. Friday. There are other rewards, too, arising from the University's focus on undergraduate research. The work is being recognized by outside groups, Bitting noted, pointing out that two AU students - Sebastian White and Aaron Hydrick - just returned from Washington, DC, where they participated in the prestigious "Posters on the Hill" session sponsored by the National Council on Undergraduate Research.