

## Alfred University, Alfred State College to recognize community service work

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ALFRED, NY Alfred University and Alfred State College will honor students, faculty and staff who dedicate their time to improving their communities.

The two institutions will join together for the eighth annual Spirit of Service Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 5 p.m. in Union University Church on North Main Street in Alfred. Each year at the ceremony, Alfred University and Alfred State present a student, a faculty or staff member, and a community member with Spirit of Service Awards. The awards recognize and celebrate people who demonstrate a strong commitment to serving others.

“I look forward to the Celebration of Service every year it&s a special moment to highlight individual and community service contributions,” commented Corey Fecteau, service learning coordinator at Alfred University and one of the organizers of the event. “This event also recognizes the relationships between both campus communities and the greater Alfred community, a way to mark how our interconnections are historic and evolving.”

Nominations are still being accepted for the 2018 awards, which will be announced at the Jan. 30 ceremony. To nominate someone for a Spirit of Service Award, [click here](#).

Last year&s honorees from Alfred University included: Michele Hluchy, professor geology (Faculty and Staff Spirit Award) and Mawia Elawad (Student Spirit Award). Guifang Lui, local Tai Chi instructor, was honored as a member of the Alfred community.

The Spirit of Service Award Ceremony isn&t the only joint community service-oriented initiatives the two institutions are involved in. Alfred University, Alfred State and Houghton College come together each year for Celebrate Service, Celebrate Allegany, a day of service event in which student volunteers take part in community projects throughout Allegany County.

Over the last five years, more than 2,000 students have participated in Celebrate Service, Celebrate Allegany, investing more than 12,000 hours of service to Allegany County communities during the annual day of service alone. Celebrate Service, Celebrate Allegany is scheduled each year on Make a Difference Day, the largest single national day of community service.