

Alfred University alumna Logan Gee appointed APEX program advisor

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ALFRED, NY Logan Gee, a 2018 Alfred University graduate, has been appointed the first-ever advisor for the University's new Applied and Experiential Learning Program (APEX).

The APEX program begins with the fall 2018 semester and will allow juniors and seniors to apply for funding to defray the cost of work experiences such as internships; co-ops; clinical and practicum placements; civic engagement initiatives; art apprenticeships; study/research programs like study abroad or off-campus study; undergraduate research; service learning classes; and capstone projects.

Gee, who graduated from Alfred University May 12 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication studies and English, begins her duties as APEX program advisor at the Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center on May 29. Her responsibilities will include coordinating logistics and managing funding for the program.

"APEX will provide a peak experience and an enlightening, enriching perspective for our students," said Jill Crandall, assistant director of Experiential Education at the Career Development Center. "Logan's involvement with and dedication to the University as a student has already made an impressive impact. I am very excited for Logan to start her professional career with us as the APEX coordinator. There is no better person than Logan to move this initiative forward and make it happen."

Amanda Baker, Director of the Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center, is excited to welcome Gee as the first coordinator of the APEX program. “Logan brings strong organizational skills, a love of Alfred University, and considerable enthusiasm to the position. I look forward to working with Logan on launching the much-anticipated APEX program,” Baker commented.

The APEX program aims to assist students in choosing a career path and increasing their opportunities for success after graduation. It also expands access to applied learning experiences for students who might otherwise be hindered due to financial barriers. When the program rolls out in the fall, it will initially be considered a pilot project, with enough funding to provide one-time grants of up to \$1,000 to 200 students.

Applications for APEX funding will open July 1, with the first awards designated at the start of fall 2018 semester. Grants will be supplemented by funding already provided for existing APEX-type experiences as well. The program will continue as a pilot, open to juniors and seniors, for two years. Once permanent funding is in place, the maximum one-time award will increase to \$2,000 and will be available to second-semester sophomores as well.

Gee, a native of Nunda, NY, and a graduate of Dansville High School, was one of two students honored at the May 12 commencement as Marlin Miller Outstanding Senior award recipients. Winners of the award are chosen on the basis of scholarship, extracurricular achievement, personal character and conduct. The award was established to honor Alfred University alumnus Marlin Miller &54, one of the University&s most generous supporters and a member of University&s Board of Trustees since 1972.

During her time as a student at Alfred University, Gee served as a College of Liberal Arts and Sciences panelist for open houses for perspective and accepted students; a fall orientation guide; a peer leader for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; a student representative on the search committee for the Director of Student Activities (2017); and as vice president of the Student Senate. She served as vice president of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, honor society for Liberal Arts and Sciences, as well as Sigma Tau Delta, international English honor society. Gee was also a member of the Alfred University Honors Program and received the Gifford Hopkins Writing Prize in 2017.

Additionally, Gee worked as brand management and recruiting intern at the Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center; assisted the Director of the MostArts Festival during the summers of 2015 and 2016; served as layout and design editor for the Alphadelphian, the annual newsletter of the Women&s and Gender Studies Program at Alfred University; and was a past editor of the Honors Program newsletter. Gee was editor-in-chief of the Fiat Lux student newspaper from 2016-18 and received the Sharon Hoover Fiat Lux Fund Award, given annually to a student involved in activities that enrich, promote, and sustain the vision of the independent, student-run newspaper.

APEX is made possible by start-up funding from Michele and Marty Cohen. The Cohens are members of Alfred University&s Society of Benefactors, and Michele Cohen has been a member of the Board of Trustees at Alfred University since 2001, serving as chair of the Student Affairs Committee since 2005. Other alumni and friends supporting the APEX program include Janet Axford Foster (daughter of Vincent Axford &19 and Eloise Clarke Axford &21), Richard &62 and Freya Block &64, Sally Mueller &83, and Fred and Judy Gregory &68.