

Alfred University announces changes in Board of Trustee membership

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There will be changes in the membership of the Alfred University Board of Trustees, effective July 1, the start of the new academic year.

Leaving the board will be Elizabeth Reina and Christine Kulp. Newly elected trustees are Neal Miller, Patricia St. George, and Matthew Washington.

“Such transitions are an important part of our annual cycle since they allow us to recognize the valuable contributions made by certain members of the Board to our University while permitting the opportunity to infuse some new blood and ideas to the group that holds a pivotal responsibility for Alfred University’s impact and ongoing well-being,” said Alfred University president Mark Zupan.

Elizabeth Reina, who received a B.A. degree in French in 2002, and a master’s in counseling in 2005, both from Alfred University, joined the Board of Trustees in 2015 to serve a three-year term as an alumni-elected trustee. At the time, she was president of the Alfred University Alumni Council, which she joined in 2009. During her time on the Council, Reina was involved in the planning of the Alumni Networking Reception for graduating seniors, as well as organizing events for Reunion and Homecoming. As a trustee, she served on the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Advancement committees.

As a student at Alfred University, Reina was involved with the Pirate Theater and WALF radio station. She also served as president of the Student Senate.

She is employed as a trainer for Foothold Technology in Manhattan. Before joining Foothold, she was the associate program director of a supportive housing program for formerly homeless senior citizens.

A 1971 graduate of Alfred University with a degree in nursing, Chris Kulp is also a former Alumni Council member and president. She joined the Board in 2006 as an alumni-elected trustee and was re-elected in 2009. She has been vice chair of the Student Affairs committee and a member of the Advancement committee. In recognition of her service to the University and the Board of Trustees, she was elected a Life Trustee at the May meeting of the Board.

In addition to her degree in nursing from Alfred University, Kulp earned a master’s degree in public administration from SUNY College at Brockport in 1992. She had a long career in nursing administration, recruitment, and education in the Rochester area. In 1995, she started her own business, Organization Support Services, providing management services to health care and human services organizations, as well as college and universities and state-wide agencies. She retired in 2005.

In addition to the Alumni Council, which she joined in 1999, Kulp had been involved with the University prior to being elected trustee. She served as a member of the President’s Commission on Alcohol and Hazing; co-chair of the Parents’ Annual Fund for six years; co-president of the Parents’ Association for five years; a member of the Trustee Task Force on Greek Life in 2002; and a charter member of the Judson Leadership Center Advisory Board. Kulp has been active in Rochester-area alumni activities for a number of years.

Kulp’s husband, Bruce, was named an honorary alumnus in 2000. They are the parents of two daughters who are alumnae of Alfred University. Rachel Kulp Collins graduated in 1999, and Devan Kulp Schlepko in 2002. The Kulp family now make their home in Webster, NY.

Neal Miller is a 1961 graduate of the Harley School in Rochester, NY. “My sons William and Walker attended the Harley School, and I served on their Board for nine years, and grew to know and respect Neal in the process. We found that we shared many ideas and values about the importance of a liberal arts education in preparing our students

for the future. Alfred University's philosophy dovetails closely with Harley's approach, and Neal would like to support our mission," said Zupan.

Miller earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Carleton College in 1965 and an MBA from the University of Michigan in 1967. He was employed by Chase Investors as a fund manager and as president of Axe Houghton Stock Fund before joining Fidelity Investments where he managed more than \$7 billion worth of funds, including the New Millennium Fund. He retired from Fidelity in 2008 but continues to serve as an advisor and mentor. Miller is one of the three top money managers in Fidelity's history in terms of fund performance.

He and his wife, Lynne, make their home in Cambridge, MA.

After graduating from Alfred University with a degree in accounting, Patricia St. George joined KPMG in 1989 and was promoted to partner in 2003. She serves as a management consultant in KPMG's Federal Advisory Practice and is the lead for many of the firm's largest defense-contracting-related clients. She is a member of the Association of Government Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the American Society of Military Comptrollers. She serves as treasurer of the board of directors of THANKS USA, an organization providing need-based scholarship assistance to the children and spouses of American military personnel, and audit committee chair and executive board member of Browne Academy, an independent K-8 school.

St. George and her husband, Cornelius Southall, are the parents of three children. Their family lives in Alexandria, VA.

Matthew Washington, a 2004 graduate with a degree in comparative cultures, has stayed connected to Alfred University since his graduation, serving a three-year term as a member of the Alumni Council. He spoke at Convocation in 2016 and delivered the commencement address to AU-NYC graduates earlier this month. He was presented with a Fiat Lux! Award for his dedication and commitment to the University.

Washington serves as the deputy borough president for economic development and budget in the Manhattan Borough President's Office. He previously served as deputy director of external affairs at the Durst Organization. While there he led public affairs for new development in Queens and worked on the project team that developed One World Trade Center, the Western Hemisphere's tallest building. In addition to government and real estate development, he has a diverse background in non-profit management having served as the executive director of Friends of the High School for Environmental Studies and formerly as deputy director of Friends of Hudson River Park.

Beyond his professional responsibilities, Washington invests much of his personal time to public service. Born and raised in East Harlem, he remains committed to the area and was a member of its community board for over 10 years. He was elected as chair of the community board at the age of 26, a position that he held for six years.