

Two alumni join Alfred University Board of Trustees

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Jay Haberland, a 1972 graduate of Alfred University with a BS degree in business administration, and Lance Shaner, a 1975 graduate with a degree in history, have joined the Alfred University Board of Trustees. "The Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome Jay Haberland to membership," said Dr. Charles M. Edmondson, Alfred University president. "In these times of new laws and requirements for accounting and audits, his background and experience in corporate finance and accounting will be an invaluable source of advice to the University." Haberland is vice president of business controls for United Technologies Corporation (UTC) in Hartford, CT, a position he has held since May 2003. Following graduation from AU, Haberland joined Price Waterhouse and worked as auditor for six years before joining its consulting division for two years. He then became an internal auditor for Emhart, which was acquired by Black and Decker in 1989. Haberland was vice president and general auditor for Black and Decker, a \$5 billion corporation, until 1991 when he became vice president of finance and chief financial officer, a post he held until United Technologies acquired Black and Decker. From 1996 to 1999, Haberland was a vice president controller and chief accounting officer of UTC, which was a \$30 billion corporation. In 1999, he was named vice president finance and chief financial officer of Sikorsky Aircraft, a UTC subsidiary. Through such well-known names as Carrier, Otis, Pratt and Whitney and Sikorsky, United Technologies Corporation makes building systems and aerospace products. Carrier is the world's largest maker of heating and air-conditioning units, and Otis is the number one elevator manufacturer. Pratt and Whitney makes engines for both commercial and military aircraft, and Sikorsky manufactures helicopters. UTC has just acquired Chubb, a London-based security group. Another subsidiary, UTC Fuel Cells, makes fuel cells for commercial, transportation, residential and aerospace applications. After Alfred University, Haberland went to Northeastern University where he earned a master's degree in 1973. He was licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in Massachusetts in 1976. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants and Financial Executive International. He is treasurer and member of the board of trustees of the Mark Twain House and Museum, and a member of the board of directors of the University of Connecticut Health Center. Haberland and his wife, Evelyn, are the parents of two sons, John and Mark. The family lives in Simsbury, CT. Shaner is chairman and chief executive officer of Shaner Hotel Group, based in State College, PA. "We are looking forward to having Lance serve on our Board of Trustees," said Edmondson. "His background as an entrepreneur, his experience in putting together and running a company and his familiarity with the University and the region in which we are located will make him an asset to the board." A Bolivar, NY, native, Shaner and his brother, Fred, who also attended AU, founded the Shaner Hotel Group (SHG) in 1983 with the acquisition of their first franchise hotel. SHG has now grown to the seventh largest owner/operator of hotels in the United States owning 23 hotels with more than 4,000 rooms in 15 states and total assets in excess of a quarter of a billion dollars. Among its recent projects was development of Williamsburg Square in State College, PA, a \$30 million, award-winning project that consists of three hotels, restaurants and Class A office space. The brothers started their company in their hometown in 1976 as the Shaner Development Corporation. Their first business ventures were a regional cable television company, which they sold in 1988, and a regional oil company, along with some small "mom 'n' pop" hotels and motels and rental properties. Shaner is also chairman of Shaner Energy, Inc., which he founded in 1988, and of Douglas Oil and Gas, LP. Under his leadership, the companies have completed more than \$500 million in transactions and have grown to be a highly respected business group. He now serves on Marriott International's full service hotel owners' committee. He is an honorary professor at the Penn State Hotel School in State College, PA, and is an advisory board member at the University of Delaware Hotel School in Newark, DE. Active in the community, he was co-chairman of a capital campaign for the State College YMCA that allowed it to more than double its space, and has also led fund-raising efforts to make the YMCA programs more affordable for disadvantaged children. Shaner has been involved in efforts to assist low-income families acquire affordable housing, for which he won a Golden Hammer Award from Habitat for Humanity. Shaner received the Entrepreneur of the Year award for Central Pennsylvania in 2002, and in 2003 was the recipient of the Galanis Family Business Award from Alfred University's College of Business. The Boy Scouts of America presented him with a "Good Scout" Award in 2003. Shaner and his wife, Ellen, make their home in State College, PA. They are the parents of three children, ages 20-24.