

Student Affairs division recognizes employees

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-- The Student Affairs division at Alfred University has awarded its annual recognition of outstanding performance for the 2004-05 academic year. This year, the winners were: Outstanding Administrator: Dan Napolitano, director of Student Activities. "Dan is the most creative force within Student Affairs.," according to the citation. "His work has directly resulted in our division's ability to create a truly comfortable and welcoming environment for every student. Dan has built the ALANA program into something in which students can take pride. Dan is open and collaborative; he is one of the rare administrators that is liked by absolutely everyone and has never compromised his professionalism to achieve that." Outstanding Support Staff member: Rebecca Metzger, secretary to the vice president for Student Affairs. "Becky always makes people feel comfortable when they come into the office," her citation reads. "She shows patience and understanding with students while maintaining a level of professionalism and confidentiality that is unparalleled." Metzger is retiring at the end of June. Outstanding Office: Career Development Center. "Every single person on staff has approached this difficult situation (of having the director serving in an interim role elsewhere on campus) with a sense of humor, an outstanding work ethic, and a willingness to accept uncertain situations and roll with everything that was unexpected this year," the citation says. "They are a model and an inspiration in how to take lemons and make lemonade. They have managed to achieve the following, and much more: first-ever career fair for artists that had over 350 students; first-ever health and human services internship fair; a credit-bearing class, Passport to Career Success, which included a very successful Mock Interview Week; staff who have presented at conferences and are currently serving as officers of their professional organizations; and an outstanding response rate for the Class of 2004 outcomes report"