

Sigma Chi Nu makes donation to Women's Leadership Center

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ALFRED, NY -- The sisterhood of Sigma Chi Nu recently donated \$77,804 to Alfred University to benefit the University's Women's Leadership Center Endowment. The sisterhood supported donating the proceeds from the sale of Sigma Chi Nu house where it would have the most impact and continue the spirit of the sorority ideals. The majority of the sisterhood believed that the new Women's Leadership Center on campus would support women in a variety of different ways and was a very good legacy for Sigma Chi Nu to stay active on campus in future years through alumnae participation in WLC programming. The check for \$77,804 was presented to the University on June 9. The Women's Leadership Center was established a year ago to coordinate, support and help expand all efforts directed at guaranteeing that Alfred University's women students receive the maximum benefit from their educational experiences. The Women's Leadership Center will be part of the Career Development Center, but its programs will complement the academic offerings through the Women's Studies Program. In the year since the creation of the center was announced, space has been renovated in The Commons at the Pine Hill Apartments to accommodate it and an advisory board has been named. Amy Jacobsen, an attorney with a background in women's legal issues and significant community involvement in women's organizations, has been appointed director. The center is expected to be in operation this fall. In addition to the donation to the Women's Leadership Center, the sisterhood of Sigma Chi Nu donated \$3,000 to the Alfred 21st Century Group. The Board identified the Alfred 21st Century Group as a worthwhile local community group whose goal is to improve the Village and Town of Alfred. The Alfred 21st Century Group (A21CG) is a not-for-profit community service corporation established to preserve and improve the buildings and natural environment of the Village and Town of Alfred. Last year, A21CG completed Phase I of their Main Street Streetscape project with the installation of historic light fixtures, planters and architectural brick pavers to replace the aging concrete sidewalk. The sale of the Sigma Chi Nu house and the distribution of net proceeds from that sale were approved at a special meeting of the sorority membership on March 19, 2005. The house sold for \$91,140 after deducting closing costs and approximately \$6,000 of bills the University paid on behalf of the sisterhood due to cash deficiencies, leaving \$83,804 for distribution. In addition to the aforementioned donations, \$3,000 was used to replenish the working capital balance of the Sigma bank account.