

Outstanding student clubs, programs, leaders honored at dinner

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A number of Alfred University (AU) students and clubs were recognized for outstanding contributions to the campus during the annual spring Student Leadership Dinner. Honored groups included club and organization presidents, orientation guides, student-athletes, Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership society members, Alfred's Newest Talent graduates, Women's Leadership Academy graduates, Resident Assistants (RA), and Marlin Miller Outstanding Senior nominees.

Kristen Klabin, AU Class of 1992 and member of the University Board of Trustees, was the keynote speaker. Klabin spoke about the importance of philanthropy, focusing on her involvement with Year Up, a one-year, intensive training program that provides low-income young adults, ages 18-24, with a combination of hands-on skill development, college credits, and corporate internships.

The Student Senate award for Most Active Club went to The Forest People, AU's outdoor club. The community service event of the year was awarded to Nick Labate, a sophomore art and design major from Middelburg, Ohio, for "Empty Bowls," an international movement to end hunger through art and community. Program of the Year honors went to Crystal Cardona, a senior biology major from West Haven, CT for the Pre-Vet Club's "Mission Wolf" program.

Vicky Gebel, director of residence life, awarded the RA Rookie of the Year award to Stephanie Thomas, a senior psychology major from Saratoga Springs and the RA of the Year award to Jalyn Jones, a senior marketing major from El Paso, Texas.

Gary Horowitz Leadership Development Program graduates were recognized with certificates and lapel pins presented by Ana Devlin Gauthier, coordinator of the Judson Leadership Center. Program graduates include Sydney Acevedo, a senior psychology major from Rockaway Park; Sade Moten, a sophomore criminal justice major from Rochester; and Courtney Hopkins, a senior psychology major from Rochester.

The award for Outstanding Campus Contribution by a First-Year Student, given by Tricia Debertolis, assistant dean for New Student Programs, went to Noah Mitchell, a freshman academic exploration major from Elizabethtown, PA.

The 2015 Saxon Six, seniors who were chosen for their overall campus impact and leadership throughout their years at AU, are Audrey Arnold, an environmental studies major from Erin; Meredith Scott, a history major from Lima; Owens Shepard, sociology, Rochester; Nicholas Cantafio, glass engineering science, Trumbull, CT; Cardona; and Hopkins. The six have contributed across a wide spectrum of areas in Student Affairs. They have been resident assistants, have started clubs, served on advisory and/or search committees, helped to get new initiatives off the ground, and displayed the values of the Student Affairs Division throughout their time at AU.