

AKO sorority donates house funds to AU Women's Center

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Alumni members of the former Alpha Kappa Omicron sorority chapter at Alfred University recently donated proceeds from the sale of their house, some \$50,000, to the University's Women's Leadership Center (WLC). "The Alpha Kappa Omicron's Alumni Advisory Board (AKO AAB) was created to oversee the sale of our house and dissolving AKO, Inc.", said Sheila Flanagan, '79, AKO Alumni Association Board president. "The first officers had to carry us through this process. As the new president of the AAB, I hope to help Alpha Kappa Omicron develop an even stronger link among the sisters and a positive relationship with Alfred University," she continued. "Some of our goals include a belated 60th birthday celebration and more regional events for sisters," she added. The WLC is dedicated to promoting the intellectual and social growth of Alfred University's women students. The goal of the center is to ensure that AU's women students receive the maximum benefit from their educational experiences. "The sisters voted that half the money would be donated to the new Women's Leadership Center," said Flanagan. "I have personally met with Amy Jacobson (WLC director) and am very excited about this new opportunity for women on campus." AKO joins another former AU sorority in supporting the WLC. The sisters of Sigma Chi Nu donated nearly \$78,000 from the sale of their sorority house. "The other half of the (AKO) money will be put in a scholarship fund to be administered by Alfred University and a sister elected to the office Scholarship Liaison," Flanagan explained. "The scholarship will be used for specified offspring of AKO alumni attending institutions of higher learning. We are happy that Alpha Kappa Omicron can continue to foster our ideals through the WLC at Alfred University and through our children as well," Flanagan concluded.