

Galanis tapped for Alumni Hall of Fame

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Terry S. Galanis, Sr., founder of Sealing Devices, Inc. and a 1940 alumnus of Alfred University with a degree in ceramic engineering, was inducted in the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities' (CICU) Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame during a reception in the State Capitol in Albany earlier this month. This year CICU honored alumni of selected private colleges and universities in New York who continue to live in New York and who have made a significant contribution to the state's economy through their efforts. In nominating him for the honor, Dr. Gene M. Bernstein, an Alfred University trustee and member of the CICU board, said Galanis and his company "define the quintessential American success story." Galanis started his company in his garage in Alden, NY, in 1963. Today, the company manufactures and distributes o-rings, gaskets and seals and has enjoyed tremendous growth, Bernstein noted. It now operates from a state-of-the-art facility in Lancaster, NY, with sales offices in Syracuse, Rochester and Erie, PA. The firm employs more than 150. Mr. Galanis Sr. continues to serve as chairman of the three-generation family business: his son, Terry Galanis Jr., is president and his granddaughter, Elizabeth Miller, works as a marketing specialist. Terry Galanis Jr., who is a member of the Alfred University Board of Trustees, accepted the award on behalf of his father. The Galanis family has promoted family firms in Western, NY, for a decade by sponsoring, with Alfred University, the annual Galanis Awards for Excellence in Family Business. Begun in 2000, the awards program has recognized more than 50 of the region's top family enterprises-- including Delaware North Companies, Ciminelli Construction, Sage Ruddy and Company, New Era Cap Company, and Dixon Schwablat an annual luncheon in September that attracts more than 150 people every year.