

Hall named Alfred University provost

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William Hall is the new provost and vice president for Academic Affairs for Alfred University. Hall has been interim provost for the past year, and was associate provost for three years prior to that. In addition, Hall has been acting dean of the College of Business since 2006; was interim provost from 2004 until 2006; and dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences for seven years prior to that. "I am delighted Bill Hall has agreed to take the provost's position on a permanent basis," said Charles M. Edmondson, University president. "The strong leadership he has shown in guiding our strategic planning process, his commitment to academic quality, his initiatives to expand the University's opportunities, and his familiarity with the institution are strengths we will draw upon as we navigate a challenging time for all of higher education." "I have been extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to benefit from working with a prestigious faculty during my tenure at Alfred University," said Hall. "It has been a privilege to serve the faculty and students in the various positions I have filled as an administrator. Everything I have accomplished has been the result of the support given to me by my colleagues who I will continue to rely on for guidance. I am honored to be given the opportunity to continue my service in this new role." Over the past five years, Hall has been key to implementing the downstate program, which offers master's degrees in counseling and literacy to teachers in New York City and in Long Island school districts. The University has awarded more than 300 master's degree programs through the program in the past three years, and plans to augment its offerings downstate with master's degrees in community services administration and business administration this year. Internationally, Hall has been instrumental in establishing relationships or programs in Turkey, China, Japan and was involved in the creation of the Confucius Institute through the College of Business. Hall joined the Alfred University faculty in 1980, and was a professor of sociology and director of the Criminal Justice Program until becoming dean of the College of Liberal Art & Sciences. He was instrumental in creation of the Rural Justice Institute. As dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Hall led the development and implementation of the First-Year Experience (FYE) Program. Under his leadership, the College launched a new major in Global Studies; placed a new emphasis on undergraduate research; and developed additional courses with a community service component. Hall has published several papers in his specialties of criminology, deviance, delinquency, juvenile justice and police behavior, and received two Outstanding Teacher Awards from the University. Hall has also been active in the Alfred community, serving as a village trustee for six years before becoming mayor in 1991, a position he held for seven years. In December 2009, he completed his second term as an Allegany County Legislator. A graduate of Corning Painted Post East High School, Hall received an associate's degree from Corning Community College. He received a B.A. degree in liberal arts from SUNY Geneseo and both an M.A. and Ph.D degree in sociology from Syracuse University. He and his wife, Lynne, live in Alfred and are the parents of two grown daughters.