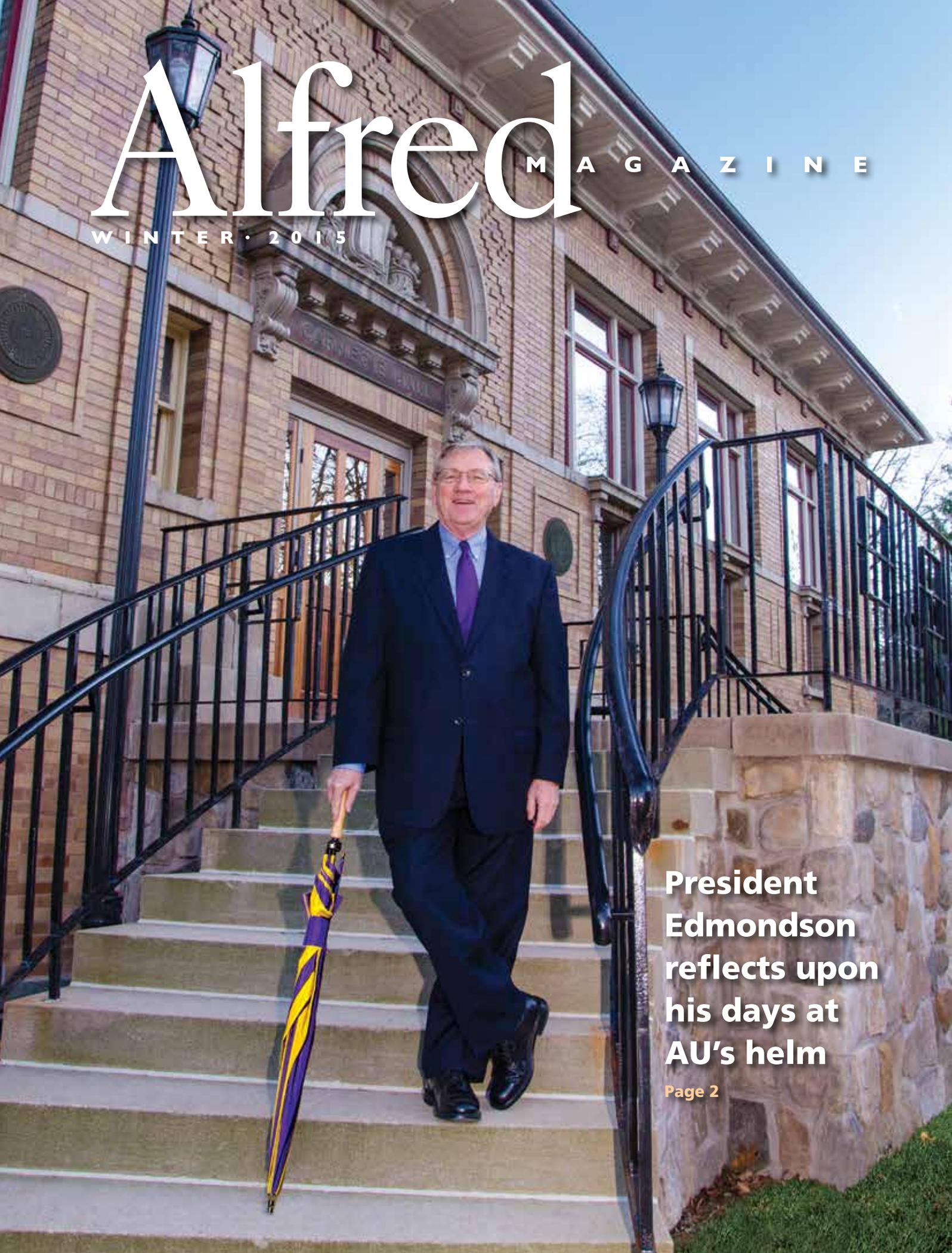


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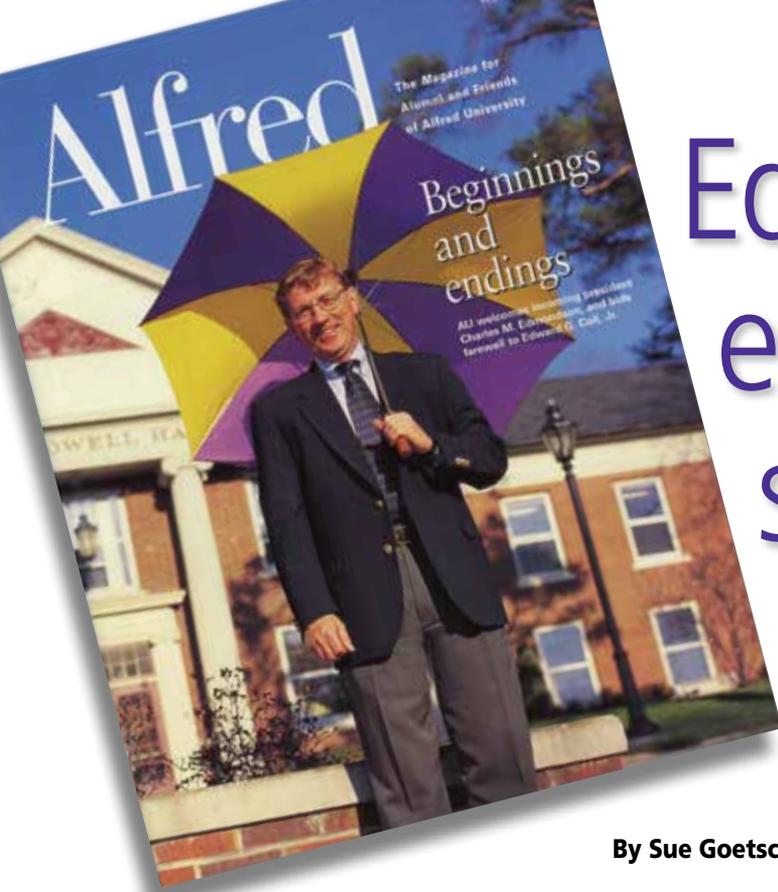
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Edmondson era weathered storms in higher ed

By Sue Goetschius

The cover shot of the *Alfred Magazine*, summer 2000 edition (above), proved prophetic.

The photo showed a slightly windblown Charley Edmondson, newly appointed as the 13th president of Alfred University, standing in front of Howell Hall, purple and gold umbrella unfurled behind him.

As AU president, Edmondson has faced, and weathered, more than a few storms.

Enrollment

Even in the face of declining numbers of traditional-age high school graduates in the Northeast, and particularly in Western New York where Alfred University has typically recruited large numbers of its entering students, the University has been able to retain “market share.” Moreover, notes Edmondson “We have significantly increased the diversity of our enrollments. More than 20 percent of the last four entering classes of first-year students have been ‘minorities.’ No other institution outside of the New York City (NYC) area has accomplished this. Given the future demography of the U.S., this augurs very well for Alfred University.”

Expanding Alfred University’s “reach” in other ways is equally important. About eight years ago, the University entered into a partnership with the Center for Integrated Teacher Education in New York City to offer master’s

degree programs in counseling and literacy education. Students take courses evenings and weekends, and spend a week each summer on the AU campus. To date, more than 900 people – most of them counselors and teachers in NYC public schools – hold a degree from AU through the downstate program. Alfred is looking at expanding its master’s degree programs in the NYC metro area, where there is a large, untapped market for the offerings.

The University is also looking to broaden its international ties in many ways. A deepening relationship with Dr. Kazuo Inamori and the Kyocera Foundation led to a \$10 million gift to the School of Engineering, resulting in it being renamed in Dr. Inamori’s honor. Since then, however, the connection has expanded to include research partnerships with AU.

Largely through the efforts of faculty, the University began to make connections in China as well, built on our excellent reputation in ceramics. That is expanding into other areas – business, science and liberal arts. The second Confucius Institute in New York State was located at Alfred, and the program at AU continues to be one of the most active nationally; thousands of young people in Central and Western New York have had exposure to Chinese language and culture through the institute, and AU has gained the attention of those students as well.

External recognition

The “noise” in the marketplace, and the competition for the attention of students is more intense than ever because of the changing demographics. Alfred University has earned some important accolades from outside groups that affirm the quality of the education.

According to Edmondson, “When we won a Phi Beta Kappa chapter for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences it meant that we had achieved a reputational level for our largest college that fewer than 300 of America’s 5,000-plus institutions could claim.



Students learn to play the guzheng, a multi-string Chinese instrument that is a popular component of Alfred University’s culture studies in its Confucius Institute.

“(In a recent Brookings Institution study), Alfred ranked ahead of every university and liberal arts college in New York and actually surpassed the performance of most Ivy League institutions.”

Charley Edmondson

“Even more important, in my opinion, we achieved highly positive reputation boosts from the *Washington Monthly* rankings that attempted to measure the ‘value added’ to students by their institutions. Quite recently, the Brookings Institution released a lengthy and highly complex study that measured ‘value added’ by the actual earnings of graduates both in the beginnings of their careers and then in midcareer. Alfred ranked ahead

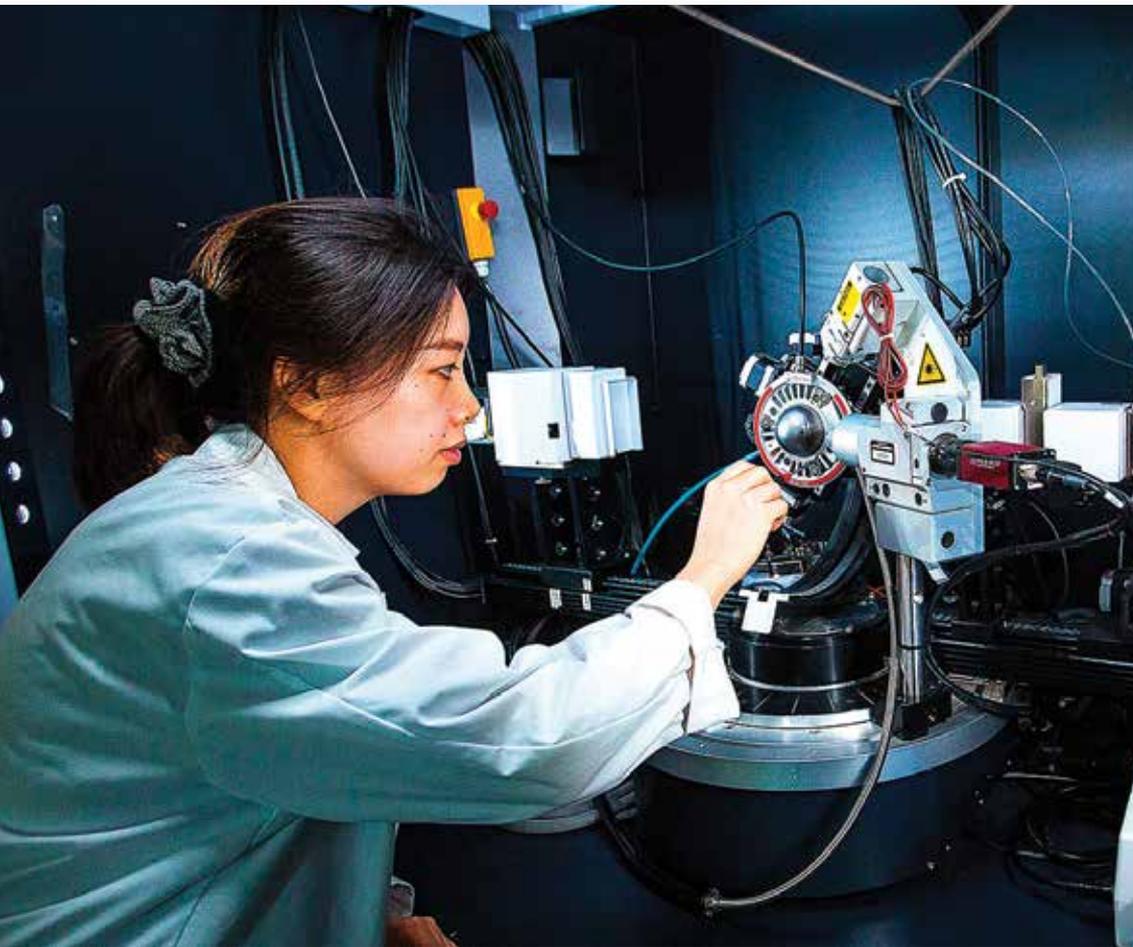
of every university and liberal arts college in New York and actually surpassed the performance of most Ivy League institutions.

“All of us at Alfred believe that education is about much more than how much our graduates earn. That is precisely why the Brookings’ findings are so important. It confirms that the intrinsic values of educational excellence also offer tangible value beyond the walls of the University.

“It is tempting to dismiss the findings of the Brookings Institution by saying that our engineering alumni skew the results, but that is too facile an explanation. The number of engineering alumni is not sufficient to affect the results for our entire alumni population.”

Partnership with the region for economic growth

Alfred University is widely recognized for its role in



The equipment in AU's Center for High Temperature Characterization allows faculty and students to process ceramics and glass for advances in clean energy, communication, transportation, and healthcare.

supporting the economic development of the region. "This is demonstrated by the Governor's appointing me four years ago as a founding member of the Western New York Economic Development Council," said Edmondson. "The University has benefitted both materially and in terms of prestige from this service. I do not cite it, however, as a personal achievement on my part but as evidence that Alfred University has been an excellent corporate citizen in a region that desperately needs economic growth."

To support materials-based industries, the Inamori School of Engineering has created the

Center for High-Temperature Characterization, offering unique suites of equipment for analyzing materials at very high temperatures, and is in the process of developing an advanced manufacturing center. Edmondson led the efforts that, to date, have secured more than \$10 million in state funding for those initiatives. Through the College of Ceramics, a statutory unit, Alfred now has a START-UP NY zone, one that offers tax advantages to new businesses that locate within the zone.

Support for Alfred University

The reality in higher education today is that no school, public or private, charges students for the real cost of their education. The

difference between what students and their families can afford to pay and the actual cost is made up through fundraising. While public institutions have access to state bond money to pay for facility construction, repairs and improvements, private colleges and universities must also rely on gifts for that.

"Ed Coll (Edmondson's predecessor as president) successfully established a strong foundation for advancing the institution through fundraising," noted Edmondson. "We can take great pride in our success in both expanding that foundation and elevating actual funds

raised to record-breaking levels for the institution. These successes have not only underwritten the cost of education through scholarships, created endowed faculty chairs, and enlarged our campus facilities, but they also testify to our reputation because individuals capable of making major gifts do not make them to institutions that they perceive to be failing or where they think finances are poorly managed.

"It is also important to note that only a small handful of institutions in New York State raise as much money on an annualized basis as Alfred University. Clearly, our donors think that we are a worthwhile investment."



The McGee Pavilion expanded the capabilities of Harder Hall and the School of Art and Design.

Financial accomplishments

Edmondson assigns special importance to the financial stability and balance that Alfred University now enjoys, at a time when other small, private colleges and universities are struggling.

“Since 2000 we have paid off approximately \$11 million in long-term debts and approximately \$3 million in unsecured operating debts,” he pointed out. “Since 2000 we have increased total net assets from \$181.3 million to \$260.6 million,” with the endowment once again topping \$100 million.

“We have turned in 10 successive balanced operating budgets, possibly for the first time in the resource-poor history of Alfred University. This is a crucial requirement for any institution that wants to solicit major gifts or maintain its credit standing. We have done all of this while increasing instructional expenses and academic support expenses

by \$4.5 million and \$4.6 million respectively above the levels of 2000.

“Nothing will shield us entirely from the headwinds of negative

demographic and economic trends in our region; but all of these things represent solid accomplishments for Alfred University.”



What's long been regarded as the “Alfred Experience” continues today, with a great diversity of academic and extracurricular activities.

She's all in the game

"When Alfred University was founded in 1836 it opened its doors equally to male and female students, the second institution of higher education to do so in the United States. As an early leader in gender equality in education, Alfred University strived to provide opportunities for women in the area of athletics as well. In part, the efforts of the women themselves guaranteed their athletic activities but they were well received by the administration. Women students were encouraged to create organizations that promoted athletics for women." – from "Women in Athletics at Alfred University" researched and written by Meredith Scott '15, AU Archives intern, spring 2015.

By Debbie Clark

As Dr. Mildred (Pivetz) Cooper '42 reminisces with guests in her current home in the suburbs of Buffalo, NY, she's surrounded by cases and cabinets full of her antique, cut-glass treasures – lovingly collected through the years. These valued pieces only appear delicate; they are truly strong.

They are much like their keeper, who in her life is/was a sister among four brothers, played high school sports, continued into higher education as a female mathematics major and athlete, served as a teacher, worked with the Girl Scout administration, and ultimately became associate superintendent of research, evaluation, and planning to some 149,000 students in Washington, D.C. Both Mildred and her cherished possessions have solidly withstood the test of time.

This pixie-like lady speaks and gestures animatedly as she recalls the many chapters of her life's journey. It's a "portrait" which belies the fortitude, determination, and sheer gumption it took for her to excel in what were traditionally gentlemen's circles.

That feisty, athletically inspired style, begun while

Mildred was a young girl – "I never liked playing with dolls – I enjoyed baseball!" – was honed during her days at Alfred University (AU). "I came from a family of five

men," she notes. "My dad was a great NY Yankees fan. When I was little, he took me to Yankee Stadium with my brothers and friends. Baseball became part of my life ... still is!"

The path to Alfred began in Orange County in southeastern New York State. There she played junior high and high school basketball (two-time All-County basketball forward), softball, and soccer, all the while excelling academically. Those years culminated with Mildred being named valedictorian (and 4-H grad of the year), all in a secondary education career completed in three years.

Time for college.

"AU was wonderful. They gave me part tuition, room, a scholarship." She lived at The Brick where she had a position in the dining room and she also worked in the Alumni Office.

But AU was not without its challenges.

When Mildred decided to major in mathematics, with the goal of teaching, she was told, "Oh no. You won't be able to get a job. Schools want a man who coaches and teaches math."

That didn't deter her. In fact, those words served to make her even more determined to pursue her aspiration to teach math.



A very active member of her retirement community, Mildred rides her "adult tricycle" as often as Western New York weather will permit.

However, not wanting to tempt fate, she minored in English.

When it came time for student teaching her senior year, Mildred was assigned to Hornell. Dr. Joseph Seidlin was the student teacher coordinator – “He intimidated me when he came to observe.” He sat in the classroom, taking in her every move. “I tried to ignore him,” she recalls. But she will never forget how “he came to me afterwards and said ‘You were outstanding. You did an excellent job.’ I couldn’t believe he was complimenting me.”

Bolstered with this new confidence, Mildred was ready to pursue her ultimate goal of working in education. That same academic year, she was listed in “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges 1941-42.”

“I could have just studied but I wanted to engage in a broader college experience, which was found in a multi-faceted participation in sports.”

Mildred (Pivetz) Cooper '42

In later years, during a successful professional career enhanced by master’s and doctoral degrees earned at the University of Buffalo, she was listed in the “Dictionary of International Biography 1974” and “Who’s Who of American Women 1975-76” (9th Edition). These accolades confirmed that education was indeed the right choice for her.

Throughout Mildred’s formative Alfred years, sports continued to play a major role in her life.

“Sports were not my main purpose. My goal was to go to college for the education,” she says, “but I loved sports. My time was limited but I got around it. I didn’t require much sleep – three-four hours. I would work my schedule around what I wanted to accomplish with extracurricular



Mildred proudly displays her original 1942 Alfred University commencement program.

activities. I could have just studied but I wanted to engage” in a broader college experience, which she found in a multi-faceted participation in sports.

“I got into basketball. Lavinia Creighton was the women’s athletics director – she was wonderful.” It was a time when intercollegiate play for women was becoming a norm. Mildred also participated

in field hockey, softball, badminton, archery, tennis, and ping pong. She was president of the Women’s Student Government, a member of the Women’s Athletic Governing Board, served as a representative for the interstate program on athletics, and was a recipient of a white blazer. (The Women’s Athletic Governing Board awarded the Alfred “A” varsity letters as well as the prestigious white blazers to the top five women athletes each year.)

All in all, she firmly believes, “Sports greatly helped my career.” Sports, and fitness in general, continue to shape her days. When the weather is fine you’ll find her riding through her residential complex on her “adult tricycle” and she regularly plays on a bocce team at the retirement center.

“I keep moving. I don’t do a lot of sitting, except when I’m watching sports!”

History of AU Women’s Athletics now online!

As the second oldest co-educational institution in the United States, Alfred University has a long and proud history of equality for women. The equality is especially strong as it relates to the classroom but also extends into athletics opportunities. Before Title IX greatly expanded women’s athletics, Alfred University had long supported women’s teams and avenues for physical fitness.

To read Meredith Scott’s full paper on “Women in Athletics at Alfred University,” please visit the Herrick Memorial Library page at herrick.alfred.edu/index.php/women-athletics-history

To view a comprehensive timeline depicting highlights of women’s sports and women athletes at Alfred University, please go to herrick.alfred.edu/index.php/timeline



Sample page from the online History of Women in Athletics Timeline.



At the Athletics Hall of Fame ceremony were, from left, inductees Alicia (Ballard) Cordle '05, Jesse Raynor '03, AU Athletic Director Paul Vecchio, Pete Carley, brother of the the posthumously inducted Bob Carley, and inductee Matt Weems '05.

AU News D I G E S T

You can find additional details to these articles, and many others, by visiting the Alfred University homepage at www.alfred.edu. Visit the AU in the News section on the upper right-hand side, or scroll to the bottom right-hand side and click on E-News. There are continuous updates on all campus activities in both of these areas.

▶ Four welcomed into AU Hall of Fame

Alfred University inducted four former Saxons into its Athletics Hall of Fame during an on-campus banquet ceremony at Ade Hall on Oct. 3, 2015.

Inducted into the Hall were: the late Bob Carley, football All-American; Jesse Raynor '03, record-setting football player; Alicia (Ballard) Cordle '05, women's tennis standout; and Matthew Weems, '05, All-American swimmer. Hall of Fame induction ceremonies are held as part of Homecoming weekend.

See more at: www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=12561#sthash.dLTIP7tf.dpuf

School psychology doctoral program reaccredited at maximum seven-year term

Alfred University's (AU) doctoral program in school psychology (PsyD) has been reaccredited by the American Psychological Association's (APA) Commission on Accreditation for the maximum term of seven years.

A seven-year recertification is awarded to those programs which have no areas of deficiency requiring continuing review and are deemed to represent "the best possible quality of graduate education and training in psychology," said Dr. Nancy Evangelista, associate provost and dean of the College of Professional Studies at AU. This is the third consecutive, seven-year accreditation granted to the University's program. The next review is scheduled for 2021.

See more at: www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=11416#sthash.qwH2yt75.dpuf





NYS Lt. Governor announces \$7.75 million grant for AU Center for Advanced Manufacturing

New York Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul was the state’s messenger of good news Nov. 13, 2015 as she brought word from Gov. Andrew Cuomo of a \$7.75 million grant to Alfred University (AU) for the construction of a new Center for Advanced Ceramic Manufacturing and Education at the NYS College of Ceramics.

“Gov. Cuomo asked me to be here. He believes that to move New York State forward, we need to invest in cutting edge technology, and no one can hold a candle to what you’re doing here,” Hochul told the assembled group in Harder Hall’s Turner Gallery. Faculty, staff, and students joined village, county, local and state representatives, and Alfred State College officials in applauding news of the funding intended to begin a new initiative of economic development in this region of Western New York.

“Ceramics are the foundation to the cutting edge technology that allows us to compete in the global market,” said Hochul. “We’re counting on you to take your place among the industry leaders, which is why we’re here to make this announcement. We are proud to make this investment.”

See more at: www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=12621#sthash.ZMk8esLu.dpuf

AU offers students a ‘Best Buy’ education according to Fiske Guide to Colleges 2016 publication

Alfred University (AU) has been named a “Best Buy” nationally among 24 private institutions listed in the just-released “Fiske Guide to Colleges Best Buys of 2016.” The University has been included in the publication consistently for more than 16 years.

The guide notes all “Best Buy” schools fall into the inexpensive or moderate price category.



But as Dr. Charles M. Edmondson, AU president said, “Value is about more than low cost. It is defined by what a student can experience and how much a student can grow because of the Alfred experience. Alfred University deserves this recognition because both its educational and residential programs are intended to enhance the overall talents of any

student who is committed to intellectual and personal development,” he maintained.

Dr. Rick Stephens, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs added, “AU has demonstrated, via multiple measures and across nearly 180 years, that it is an institution of substance that creates true value added to the lives of our students and the communities they serve. We are pleased to be so recognized by the *Fiske Guide to Colleges* as such an institution.”

See more at: www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=11429#sthash.p92FGW3g.dpuf



AU dedicates new Joyce and Walton Center for Health and Wellness honoring Wellsville family

The newest building on the Alfred University campus recognizes the generosity of Charles P. Joyce, Sherry Walton ‘80 and their family to AU and to the wider community.

The University dedicated the health and wellness center, adjacent to McLane Center, as the Joyce and Walton Center for Health and Wellness during the Board of Trustees’ regular meeting on campus in October 2015.

The honor recognizes “more than just their dedication, commitment and service to this University,” said Alfred University President Charles M. Edmondson. “Charlie, Sherry and their family have an extensive and remarkable record of generosity to a number of causes, large and small, in this area.

“It’s a legacy that began with Charles H. and Lorraine Joyce, Charlie’s parents, who believed wholeheartedly in helping people out. It continues with their children, and their children’s children, people who are committed to this area and those who live and work here,” said Edmondson.

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AU Class Notes

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1939 Golden Saxons

Barbara Smith Wilman, daughter of **Ruth Davie Smith** writes that her mother died March 24, 2015 in Inglis, FL. "Alfred University played a very important part in my mother's life and she read the alumni news each time it came," said Barbara.

1942 Golden Saxons

Jean Collier Parks died Aug. 3, 2015. Her son Stephen writes, "She dearly loved Alfred University and had many fond memories of her years there." In addition to Stephen, she is survived by a second son, Laurence; five grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

1943 Golden Saxons

Ever-faithful Class Correspondent **Evelyn Gorman** writes: "Classmate and good friend **Isabel (Riggs) Geibel** perks along amazingly well. Spouse Warren and I keep in touch with her more or less on a regular basis. Isabel has her own house adjacent to her relatives' residence in Del Norte, CO. Long may her stamina sustain her.

"Hearty congratulations to **George Jones** and his wife Claire who celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary June 1, 2015. While in the military overseas, George met and married Claire in Belgium. They now have several grandchildren and great-grandchildren in college. In recent visits to their doctors, the physicians say,

'If it ain't broke, don't fix it.' What a fortunate couple!

"We're always glad to hear at Christmas from **David Broudo** and his lovely wife Barbara. David became a renowned artist many years ago and remains active with his many talents. He also enjoys reading, gardening, and following the political scene. Barbara joins him in this interest by becoming active in local committees and state and national political operations. In September 2013, Barbara was recognized and celebrated by the president of Endicott College and the whole college community for her 50 years of dedication to her work at Endicott. David and Barbara topped off the year by celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in November 2013. They concluded, 'It's been a good year.' May they have many more good years together.

"We realize it's difficult for some of you to write but perhaps calling us at 928.284.1139 may be easy. Remembrances and nostalgic tidbits are always a hit with not only 1943 classmates but other grads as well. Bye for now!"

1944 Golden Saxons

Cdr. Hubbell Y. Davidson, retired, U.S. Navy, died Sept. 1, 2013. He attended the College of Ceramics for only one year, withdrawing when he received a Congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1945.

Dr. Lewis Clark Butler of Alfred, who served as dean of the Graduate School at the University from 1963 until his retirement in 1989, died Aug. 26, 2015. Upon graduation from AU, Dr. Butler entered the U.S. Army. After the war he earned a master's degree from Rutgers University and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois – both in mathematics – returning to AU as a professor of mathematics prior to serving as dean.

He is survived by his four children – Lewis (Ruth) of Ormond Beach, FL; Andrew (Theresa) of Alfred; Charles (Lauren) of Alfred; and Elizabeth (Mark) Shaughnessy of Burlington, NC; and four grandchildren.

To read a full obituary and/or send a remembrance to the family, please visit: www.brownandpowersfuneralhomes.com

1950 Golden Saxons

Class Correspondent **Herb MacDonell** sends along word from **John Lindenthal** "that nothing much changes and we continue living quietly in New Jersey in our retirements. Neither of our children opted to go to Alfred: daughter Ruth went to Cornell and son John went to Bucknell. The grandchildren went their own ways as well: Penn State, Iowa State, Fairfield U, U.S. Navy. We remain in reasonable health, considering. We have had an active community and church life, and now our deacons are

keeping an eye on us. We are blessed with wonderful friends and neighbors who are a big part in keeping us viable. Life is good and we remain happy."

Don Ostrander wrote, "Just for kicks I'm still on the right side of the grass and kicking. I am finally fully retired having resigned my volunteer position with History San Jose where I served 20 years in the Art & Photography Collection doing Photoshop and digital archive work. It was a great place to stay active and contribute to an organization that provides a useful service to the public."

Herb notes **Admiral Bob Lunney** was featured in the video produced by the Wilson Center: <http://wilsoncenter.org/article/ship-miracles-korea-1950>. "This is a very interesting account of how Bob's ship saved some 14,000 refugees during the Korean conflict.

"As for myself, after 63 years as a consulting forensic scientist I finally retired. I keep myself busy by writing short stories and sending them to 30 family and friends who keep asking for more. At least three are about events in Alfred. One of them, Independence Day 1949, relates how a bomb exploded within a second after I threw it out a second story window at Allen Chemistry Laboratory. Two bad boys had combined a mixture that was about to explode so I had no choice. If anyone remembers that Fourth of July near disaster event I should be happy to send my story to them as an attachment to an email. Just write to me at: forensiclab@stny.rr.com.

M. Jayne Van Alstyne died Aug. 27, 2015. An East Lansing, MI native, she established an industrial design program and a landscape design course for Michigan State University while completing her bachelor's and master's degrees in fine arts at AU. She developed an interior and industrial design program at Montana State University then

returned to Michigan as studio head of the appliance division for General Motors Frigidaire. She held the patent for the first stackable washer/dryer and eight additional patents for GM. She often recalled participating in the design of the Corvette's interior and exterior.

1951 Golden Saxons

Sage Ruttly & Co. Inc., a Rochester, NY-based financial planning company represented by former president and CEO **William Holly**, was named to "Great Rated! People's Picks: 20 Great Workplaces in Financial Services" by GreatRated.com and Fortune.com. With 55 employees, Sage Ruttly was ranked second on the list of 10 companies with fewer than 1,000 employees. William's son, **Wayne '78**, is current chairman and president.

William C. "Bill" Spangenberg died March 19, 2015. Bill worked as vice president and general manager of Halox pigments, where his team was credited with developing one of the first lead-free paint pigments. He was an active member of AU's Alumni Association and was a member of the American Ceramics Society (ACerS).

Ruth H. Gregory Zamory of Chittenango, NY died Aug. 2, 2015. A talented seamstress, she sewed many dresses for her young daughter, **Barbara**, who later also graduated from AU, Class of 1976, and survives. Ruth's first husband, **Philip Gregory**, who died in 1992, was a member of the AU Class of 1949.

1952 Golden Saxons

AU professor emeritus of ceramics **Wallace "Wally" Higgins** received a Congressional Gold Medal May 8, 2015 during an Allegany County (NY) Office for the Aging program. The medal was presented by Congressman **Tom Reed, R-Corning, '93**. The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award in the United States. Wally spent 11 months in pilot training with the Tuskegee Airmen program in Alabama and served with both the Civil Air Patrol and the Air Corps. He joined the Civil Air Patrol in Rochester at age 17. In the middle of his senior year, he joined the Air Corps. The teenager completed basic training in Biloxi, Miss. After his 11 months at Tuskegee, a "downturn" in the war resulted in less pilot training there; he was transferred to Okinawa. To read



Passenger Wally Higgins '52 arrived in style on a Harley Davidson to receive his Congressional Gold Medal in May 2015.

full accounts of the award ceremony and additional details of Wally's service career, please visit:

www.oleantimesherald.com/news/article_a76b090a-f60c-11e4-9794-5fa4fe1b8883.html

or
<http://www.wellsvilledaily.com/article/20150508/NEWS/150509709>

A few weeks later, Wally was inducted into the NYS Senate's Veterans' Hall of Fame. As part of the state Senate's annual Veterans' Hall of Fame Ceremony, Sen. Catharine Young, R-Olean, who nominated Higgins, said: "Wally Higgins' patriotic service and sacrifice for our country, and truly his entire life's story is a remarkable example of the selflessness demonstrated by so many in his generation ..." To read more, please visit: http://www.oleantimesherald.com/news/article_17bd05ee-0104-11e5-9fba-a3abb323e274.html

Reunion 2016

Mark your calendars for June 10-12, 2016!

with a special invitation extended to – Alfred's Golden Saxons (anyone who graduated in 1965 or earlier) and the classes of: 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2011.

Check www.alfred.edu/alumni for updates or contact the Alumni Relations Office at 607-871-2144 or email: alumni@alfred.edu

1953 Golden Saxons

Caroline Littell, travel photojournalist, long-time resident of Alfred and spouse of **Alan Littell**, died March 18, 2015. Her black-and-white and color photography illustrated articles on tourism and travel in dozens of American and European publications. Caroline had been employed at AU as director of the language laboratory and as a study-abroad coordinator and student adviser. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, **Harry Littell '88** of Ithaca and Matthew Littell of Altadena, CA; and four grandchildren.

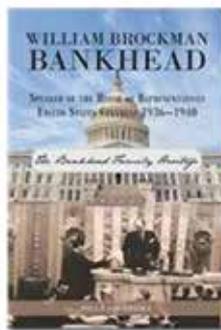
A Blenko Glass Co. decanter and stopper dated 1956, whose concept, design, and execution are attributed to **Betty Baugh**, were selected for inclusion in a Copper-Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum collection last winter.

1955 Golden Saxons

The Ceramic and Glass Industry Foundation (CGIF) installed its first Board of Trustees during the inaugural Ceramics Expo Trade Show April 28-30, 2015 in Cleveland, Ohio. **Jon Tabor** was one of four AU alumni named to the Board of Trustees. Jon is president and CEO of Allied Mineral Products, Columbus, Ohio.

1956 Golden Saxons

Paul Goodridge of Alabama published "William Brockman Bankhead – Speaker of the House of Representatives United States Congress 1936-1940," available in paperback at Amazon.



com. When asked how this project came about, Paul wrote:

"Paul Kennedy, president of the Walker Area Community Foundation, an organization that supports the Bankhead House, encouraged me to document my findings. I was a volunteer at the Bankhead House and Heritage Center in Jasper (AL) where I started researching the Bankhead family. Bankhead family connections to events in American history, in my opinion, are unprecedented."

1957 Golden Saxons

Myron Koch has been working in psychotherapy as a psychiatrist in Chatham, NY, specializing in trauma work.

"Long Island Scenes, Parks and Historic Places," a 22-piece watercolor painting exhibit by **Jeanne Fields Rogers**, was on display in the Patchogue-Medford Library during March 2015. Jeanne, a member of the Long Island Studies Council, cites her excursions to historic sites on the island as her main source of inspiration. She recently completed a four year/two-term presidency of the Suffolk County Branch of the National League of American Pen Women, an organization of artists, writers, and composers. She is also a member of the South Bay Art Association, the Wet Paints Studio Art Group, the Brookhaven Arts and Humanities Council, and the American Association of University Women, including its publication "Remarkable Women in New York State History."

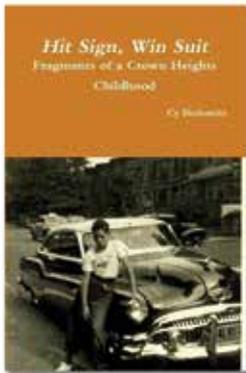
1958 Golden Saxons

Ellen L. Shultz, spouse of **Charles (Chuck) Shultz '57**, died Jan. 5, 2015. Ellen was employed by Alfred-Almond Central School from 1980-97 as an English and theater teacher, as well as the director of the school's theater productions. Ellen was an active member of the Union University Church, Alfred; the Alfred Station Food Pantry; and the Box of Books Library, Alfred. She also was one of the founding members of the Alfred

Community Theatre. In addition to her husband, Ellen is survived by a daughter, **Christina (Shultz) King '80**, and a son, **David C. Shultz '86**.

1959 Golden Saxons

Cy Berlowitz's book, "Hit Sign, Win Suit: Fragments of a Crown Heights Childhood," was published by Lulu Press. After years of telling these stories to his wife, Judith, she finally convinced him to write them down. The book deals with Jewish life, sports, and sexual awakening.



Many Alfred graduates from New York City may see reflections of themselves in the pages. To learn more, please visit: <http://www.lulu.com/shop/cy-berlowitz/hit-sign-win-suit-fragments-of-a-crown-heights-childhood-paperback/product-22185887.html>

The Ceramic and Glass Industry Foundation (CGIF) installed its first Board of Trustees during the inaugural Ceramics Expo Trade Show April 28-30, 2015 in Cleveland, Ohio. **L. David Pye** was one of four AU alumni that named to the Board of Trustees. He is dean and professor emeritus of glass science at AU and CEO of Empire State Glassworks, LLC, Little Falls, NY.

David presented the Malcolm G. McLaren Distinguished Lecture "Through the Looking Glass: Then, Now, and Down the Road" - in April at the 2015 MGM Symposium sponsored by the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

Barbara Korman had a solo exhibition in May 2015 at the Balter Gallery, part of the Garrison (NY) Arts Center. Barbara says: "A practicing artist, I am also an avid naturalist and environmentalist. For the last several years, I have been working with scavenged, natural materials such as logs, branches, and twigs giving them a second life. ... In the studio, they become the art materials."

1960 Golden Saxons

Alan Feather writes that he and wife Katie moved back to Dallas, Texas in October 2014 from Hot Springs Village, AR, where they spent 12 years in retirement. They had previously lived in Dallas for 30 years; this move puts them close to three of their five children and seven of their 11 grandchildren. On Dec. 20, 2014 Alan celebrated his 79th birthday with nine grandchildren and all five children. After spending hours volunteering in Arkansas serving on the boards of Head Start, Garland County Community Service Organization, and Kiwanis, plus reading to and tutoring children in the local school, Alan is looking for volunteer opportunities in Dallas.

Sylvia Weinstein Levinson writes: "I live in San Diego, CA. My poetry chapbook, a 26-poem collection entitled 'Spoon' was published by Finishing Line Press in December 2013. I have been a poet for over 20 years and published in many journals and anthologies." Find more about the book at: https://finishinglinepress.com/product_info.php?products_id=1847 or through Amazon. Sylvia's website is at: www.sylvialevinson.com.

1961 Golden Saxons

Joel Moskowitz, who served the University as a trustee for more than 30 years while also building and running a very successful business, died March 14, 2015. He is survived by his wife Ann and his son, David.

As a Trustee, Joel served as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, was a long-time member of the University Relations Committee, and served as its chair for a number of years, as well as a member of the Executive Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Human Resources Subcommittee, and the Endowment Campaign Planning



Joel and Ann Moskowitz at their 50-year anniversary celebration in 2014.

Committee. The University awarded him a Doctor of Science degree, *honoris causa*, in 2005.

Throughout his long career, Joel never failed to credit AU for his success. In numerous interviews with national and regional media, he frequently touted the University and the education he

received. He liked to recount the story of walking along a beach, wearing an Alfred University tee-shirt, and meeting a gentleman walking in the opposite direction, who spotted his tee-shirt and struck up a conversation about AU. The other gentleman was **James Jordan '72**, who became not only a friend to Joel and Ann, but also a member of the Board of Trustees.

Joel and Ann Moskowitz were members of the Society of Benefactors, meaning their lifetime giving to AU exceeded \$1 million. Two of their most-recent gifts created Joel's House, a 22-bed special interest house, and Ann's House, a 48-bed residence hall that became the University's first-ever gold LEED-certified building.

Life-long love of Japanese art leads to Scholes gift

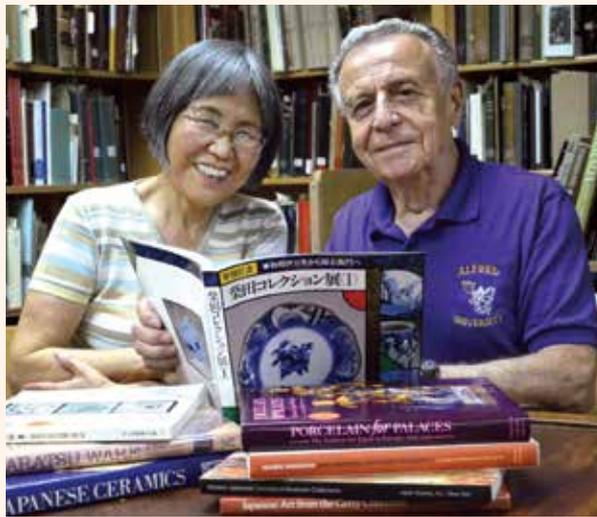
Like the fabled immersion in pixie dust which brings new joys to those who experience it, perhaps it was the fine particles wafting out of classrooms and labs on campus that first awakened Steve Levine '61 to a love of ceramics. But it was the biology major's three-year Navy stint as a dental officer (following graduation from Fairleigh Dickinson's School of Dentistry) at the U.S. Naval Base clinic in Yokosuka, Japan where the desire to collect both pieces and knowledge of Japanese ceramics was awakened.

For it was in his travels off base, where he was "fortunate to befriend and socialize with Japanese nationals" and meet his future wife, Michiko, that Steve became interested in antiquities and collecting "this and that" and eventually "gravitated to ceramics." It must have been the days back in Alfred that "salted my interest," said Steve.

After marrying Michiko, "ceramics just worked itself into our interest." With family back in Japan, Steve and Michiko traveled back to her home country every two-three years. They still do, now adding visits with their son, Jonathan Levine-Ogura '96 who is married with two children and lives in northern Japan.

Fast forward through years of travel and unique finds observing and gathering and come back to Alfred for Reunion Weekend 2015 and find Steve and Michiko in a corner of Scholes Library sharing memories. A day earlier they had delivered numerous volumes from their Japanese ceramics book collection to this ceramics library at his alma mater.

Collecting was a "stop and go" venture focused on ceramics, much of it Japanese folk art, "rustic, not highly decorative or ornamental." They were filling their shelves with pieces of



Steve Levine '61, right, and his wife Michiko in the Special Collections Room of Scholes Library during Reunion 2015.

"simplicity" and "functionality," those that had a "useful purpose."

While painstakingly hunting through ceramic centers, pottery studios, flea markets, and antique shops over the years, gathering pieces for a growing collection, Steve also accrued a large number of ceramics books.

The books were a necessity to the art hunt. Items were not always "identifiable by just looking at them. I had to back up and certify that we had what we thought we had." Often Steve and Michiko learned the authenticity of items by

verifying through reference books. The process brought "a sense of confidence" but also was filling shelves at home. The Levines had a "definitive book from most of the museums we visited."

Eva Scippa, assistant art librarian at Scholes, who is working with the couple on getting their collection assimilated into its new home, said the couple brought close to 150 volumes to Alfred. Depending on their rarity, the books will find their way either into the regular or special collections, though most all of the volumes will be for in-library use only, said Eva.

Timing of the donation couldn't have been better, said Eva. "We've been building our (Japanese) collection within the last year" and the library recently received two grants to buy books on Japanese art. The Levine gift will complement the Scholes purchases, she said.

The Levines are longtime members of the Japan Society of New York City. Steve is a member of the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum and served as a member of its Board of Advisers.

Joel loved to tell the story of his professional success. Shortly after graduation from AU with a degree in ceramic engineering, he headed to California where in 1967, with \$5,000, he co-founded Ceradyne, Inc., an advanced technical ceramic company. He served as president and chairman of the board for Ceradyne, overseeing its growth into an international, publicly held corporation with multiple research and manufacturing facilities in the United States, Germany, France, Canada and China. The company manufactured and marketed advanced technical ceramics for the industrial, aerospace, defense, medical and electronic markets until it was sold to 3M in 2012.

Not content to simply relax after he retired from Ceradyne, Joel quickly immersed himself in a new cause – making the federal government aware of the need to keep ceramic engineering as a viable course of study because of the critical role ceramics and other advanced materials play in applications for the defense, energy, environmental and biomedical industries. He was founding chair of the Ceramic and Glass Industry Foundation, an organization aimed at promoting ceramic and glass education.

Bette Blank had paintings and sculpture in two exhibitions this summer. The first was on display in "HEADSTRONG" at the Adam Baumgold Gallery in New York City, while the second was in "Force of Nature" at Plymouth State College's Silver Center for the Arts in Plymouth, NH.

1962 Golden Saxons
Pasquale De Blasi Jr., Ph.D. spent three weeks in October 2014 on a work/holiday in China. As a faculty member and representative of the Board of Directors of the China American Psychoanalytic Alliance (CAPA), he visited CAPA chapters in Beijing, Chengdu, Shenzhen, Xi'an,

and Shanghai, where he presided over graduation ceremonies, conducted individual and group supervision, and held case discussions and consultations. In Chengdu, he presented a paper on "Adolescent Development" to undergraduates of the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics. Both he and his wife Michele found China, its people, and culture, truly fascinating.

1963 Golden Saxons
 Fort Myers Beach, FL resident, councilman, and former mayor **Alan Mandel** is chief executive officer of Good Wheels, a Southwest Florida transportation company that aids the disabled, disadvantaged, and elderly.

1964 Golden Saxons
 Class Correspondent **Ruth Gau** writes: "Greetings from the Walk Way Over the Hudson" where on June 13 she was one of 2,500 entrants to run the first marathon, half-marathon, or 5K Roof to Treetops.

"Let's stroll along to California where **Roger Underhill** chats about his March visit to Columbia, South America where in 10 days he toured historic parts of mountain villages in Medeflin. He climbed the second biggest 'rock' ascending 650 stairs in Penon de

Guatape (second only to the Big Rock in Rio). His wife, Na, spent time in Thailand.

"In Florida, where **Lynda (Whitney) Harrison** belongs to the Daytona Beach Art League and is vice president of the Palette and Brush Club, she and her husband, **Bob**, enjoy his music, karaoke, and visits from their daughter, Heather. Heather travels to Vietnam 'setting up' an office for John Lyle, furniture designers, while Heather's husband, Gary Moran, a jazz pianist, recently had a pastel art show in Manhattan.

"It is always enjoyable to hear from **John** and Elizabeth **Turner** who returned from Florida to spend time with their grandchildren in Ohio, and later were to visit Greenbrier Resort, a historic hotel with three golf courses in White Silver Springs, WV.

"Had the pleasure to speak with **John Van Ness**, who this past February with his wife, Pearl, cruised on the Norwegian in the Mediterranean Sea making several stops in Greece, Turkey, Italy, Monte Carlo, France, and Sicily returning to Rome then back to Tampa and home to Hudson, FL. For their 50th, John and Pearl will spend time in the Carolinas with their son John Jr. and daughter Suzanne and grandchildren. "Gregg and I spent our 50th wedding anniversary in Europe traveling through

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France, Monaco, and Spain,” says Ruth. “Elaine Jermansen and I look forward to hearing from our classmates so please email or call with news of your activities. Fiat Lux!”

Frank Romeo was inducted in March 2015 into the NYS Basketball Hall of Fame. Frank played all four years at AU and captained the 1963-64 season. After graduation, he stayed for two years to work under Coach Bob Baker. After leaving AU, he created a successful basketball program at Comsewogue High School, Port Jefferson Station, NY, where the gym is dedicated in his name. The Most Valuable Player playoff trophy for large school championship in Section 11 is named in his honor. His last seven years of coaching were spent at Suffolk County Community College, where he had similar successes. Frank is married to **Nancy (Butzgy) Romeo '66**, who was a science chairperson at Mount Sinai High School. They reside in Naples, FL.

Dennis Newbury and his wife of 48 years, Loretta, would like to spend more time on their Chesapeake Bay boat. However, Denny, who at Alfred was St. Pat and a design director at Homer Laughlin, works at a local hardware store, is active in home projects, and loves to sail when he isn't reading about the War of 1812, painting, or ship model making. Loretta and Denny have a business crafting decorative wall and container light products that they sell at a wholesale craft market.

Michael A. Kaplan Esq. of Del Mar, CA was named as a “top” personal injury attorney in San Diego County in *San Diego Magazine's* annual March 2013 listing. Kaplan has been practicing law in San Diego for over 30 years, has been an appointed arbitrator for the San Diego Superior Court and has been on the San Diego County Bar Association's Attorney Client Relations and Volunteer Lawyers Committees.

1966 Reunion Year!

Nancy Kasznay of Hopewell Junction, NY, writes: “I am very involved in choreographed ballroom dancing, having taught a choreographed waltz and a choreographed Paso Doble, respectively, at the last two National Square and Round Dance Conventions. I will also be teaching a mixed rhythm (Foxtrot and Nightclub two-step) this year at the same convention in Springfield, MA with my dance partner of four-and-a-half years. I am currently on the board of directors for the International Choreographed Ballroom Dance Association....”

1967

Andrew Finnel writes: “A poster I designed and created is being sold at the Walt Whitman Birthplace Museum on Long Island. The poster is almost life size and includes a portrait of Walt Whitman composed of all the words - I mean every single one of them from start to finish - of Whitman's masterpiece, 'Song of Myself.' ”

Andrew provided some background on how the poster came about: “The seed of the Walt Whitman poster was sown some 40 years ago in my previous life as a graduate English student at Indiana University. I chose to do my Ph.D. dissertation on Walt Whitman.... I never did complete the dissertation, and in between then and now, did other things, including writing, teaching, typesetting, and re-inventing myself as a graphic artist at BBDO, a major ad agency. And now I have re-entered that academic environment. I am a full-time graphic designer at the College of Staten Island (The City University of New York), as well as having taught a variety of graphic arts courses since 2001 as an adjunct professor at Touro College (New York City).”

Dr. Richard Kellogg, professor emeritus of psychology at Alfred State College, is the author of two articles, “Percival Wilde: Master of Mystery,” and “The Galactic Adventures of Doc Smith.” The articles appeared in *Paperback Parade*, a quarterly journal for readers and book collectors.

Paul White '66 writes that his wife of 48 years, **Mary Grace (Gregg) White**, died March 29, 2015. A decades-long resident of Hampstead, NH, Mary loved skiing and being outdoors. She started the AU Ski Club which later became the University Ski Team. She was a community organizer, a civic leader, artist, and photographer. Throughout her career she was a teacher, ski instructor, photographer, and manager. In addition to Paul, she is survived by two daughters.

1968



Detail of “Taking Tea” artwork by Judith Gregory '68

Judith and Fred Gregory welcomed a grandson, August Quinn Gregory Jan. 27, 2015. Meanwhile, Judith was “Taking Tea” at the Burchfield Penney Art Center at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo. The installation, which featured a minimalist

“tea house” constructed from 2,500 used tea bags and tea leaves pointed to “the tumultuous journey of tea from the mountains of China to the lace tablecloths of British aristocracy.”

Dr. Richard Kessler is the North American Liaison to the International Neuropsychanalysis Society, based in London, UK.

Sharon Rose would love to hear from class members, especially nurses.

1969

Jacqueline Gikow writes that after successful careers in crafts/graphic design/industrial design/fine arts, she has become a personal trainer and group fitness instructor. She is a licensed Zumba instructor, teaching Zumba, Zumba Gold, and Aqua Zumba, and also teaches Aqua Fitness. She is certified in Group Fitness Instruction through the American Council of Exercise, and Aqua Fitness Instruction through the Aquatic Exercise Association and qualifies as a personal trainer through the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America.



Jacqueline Gikow '69

1970

Larry S. Friedman retired from Neumann University, Aston, PA, after 26 years as registrar.

1971 Reunion Year!

In the same week in which he presented the keynote address at AU's 2015 Commencement exercises (see photo above), Houston criminal defense attorney **Stanley G. Schneider** was honored with the Richard “Racehorse” Haynes Lifetime Achievement Award



Several members of the Commencement 2015 stage party who assisted with the keynote speaker Stanley G. Schneider '71's honorary degree ceremony are (from left): AU Trustee Gregory R. Connor '92; AU Trustee Frederick A. George '75; Schneider; AU President Dr. Charles M. Edmondson; and Dr. Gary Ostrower '61, AU professor of history.

from the Harriss (Texas) County Criminal Lawyers Association for his outstanding criminal defense work during the past four decades. His work for death row inmates and white-collar defendants alike is respected across Texas and the nation.

Mike Wolf is the Napa Valley Grapegrowers' 2015 Napa Valley Grower of the Year. Mike has been involved in developing and managing California vineyards for more than 35 years. He started Michel Wolf Vineyard Services in 1997 and works with many of Napa Valley's independent growers and premium wineries in sustainable vineyard development. He currently farms more than 800 acres.

1972

Warren Wolf was elected president of the 400-member San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association. Laurence Fieber was inducted into the

Livingston Education Foundation's High School Hall of Fame and Leadership in Educational Achievement and Dedication, Livingston, NJ. He is recognized throughout the region as a visionary New Jersey educational leader. Laurence has served as the executive director of the Center for Future Educators at The College of New Jersey and state director of the New Jersey Future Educators Association.

Gail Hosking published a poetry chapbook in 2014 in the new women's



voices series entitled “The Tug.” It is available at Finishing Line Press.

“The Tug” chapbook by Gail Hosking '72.

Marine paintings by **Nicholas Berger** (see image at right) are included in "From Shore To Shore: Boatbuilders and Boatyards of Long Island," an exhibition at the Suffolk County Historical Society in Riverhead, NY. The maritime art exhibit is curated by J. Russell Jinishian, owner of Russell Jinishian Gallery Inc., Fairfield, CT, one of the galleries where Nick's artwork is represented. To view Nick's pieces, and others in the Long Island exhibit, please visit: <http://jrusselljinishiangallery.com/pages/exhibition-pricelists/SCHS%20LIBRARY-2015.htm>



Burning Off New York Pilot Boat #1 by Nicholas Berger

1973

Todd Flaherty, president and CEO of The College Crusade of Rhode Island, received the 2014 Rhode Island School Superintendents' Association Paul W. Crowley Award which recognizes a Rhode Island citizen who, professionally and personally, has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to improving the quality of education for the children of Rhode Island.

Mary Bergstein gave a lecture - "In Looking Back One Learns to See: Marcel Proust and Photography" - at the Athenaeum of Philadelphia. The lecture highlighted the intellectual adventure of Proust's visual imagination, visual metaphors, and his photographic

resources and imaginings. Mary is trained as a historian of Italian Renaissance art and architecture and has written widely on the cultural history of photography. She teaches at the Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, in the History of Art and Visual Culture Department.

1974

Elliot Wunsh married wife Jessica in a private ceremony at their Aston, PA home Sept. 1, 2012.

Eileen Goldenberg was presented the La Vendeene Award for the International Encaustic Artists group in 2013 for her painting, "Array." The painting was on display in Contemplative Encaustic Paintings by Five California Artists at the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art. Her work is represented by Hall Spassov Gallery, Bellevue and Seattle, WA; Conrad Wilde Gallery, Tucson, AZ; and The Grand Hand, Napa, CA. Also, some of her works were selected for "California Now," a clay, glass, and enamel juried exhibit in June 2015 in the South and West Galleries at the Richmond Art Center, Richmond, CA. Eileen resides in San Francisco.

1975

Katherine Faber is the Simon Ramo Professor of Materials Science in the Division of Engineering and Applied Science, CalTech, Pasadena, CA. Her research focuses on the fracturing of brittle ceramics as well as how these materials may be made stronger and tougher.

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Ned Waterhouse retired as deputy superintendent from Loudoun County School District, Ashburn, VA, after 37 years of service.

A piece by **David Vertacnik** was selected for the 2015 Sculpture Tour in Salina, KS, an outdoor sculpture exhibit that changes annually each spring. David is a professor at Kansas University.

1976 Reunion Year!

Frank Mendl received the Little Falls (NY) Elks Lodge No. 42 Elk of the Year Award in May 2015. Since his induction in 1977, Frank has been an active member of the Lodge and the community, volunteering in nearly every Elks function. A plant manager at Empire Fibreglass, he is a founding father and active member of the Little Falls Football Parents Boosters Club, board president of the Little Falls Family YMCA Board of Trustees, and played an integral role in re-establishing the local Pop Warner Football program.

1977

Garth D. Ehrlich Ph.D. is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an honorary society inclusive of all scientific and engineering disciplines. Garth is professor of microbiology and immunology and otolaryngology, head, and neck surgery at the College of Medicine, Drexel University, Philadelphia, and founder and executive director of both the Center for Genomic Sciences and Center for Advanced Microbial Processing, major research programs at Drexel.

Terrance J. Hogan is president of Real Alloy Holding, Inc., an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Signature Group Holdings, Inc.



Bob Watts '76, district account manager in Boston/New England for Nikon, Inc., and Nancy (Nan) Burgess-Whitman '81, '86 met up during an annual community photography project produced by the School of Photographic Arts & Sciences at Rochester (NY) Institute of Technology and decided to pose for a photo of themselves.

Jack Srebnik, owner of several popular restaurants in the Coachella Valley (Southern California), opened his 17th establishment, BB's at The River. He still has six restaurants that he owns and operates himself, one of which, The Slice, was voted by Yelp to be the top Italian restaurant in the Valley and the third favorite restaurant overall. Jack serves on the Board of Directors for Big Brother Big Sister, the Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce, and holds a leadership role for the newly founded Rancho Mirage Restaurant Association.

1978

Robert Fischbein, a veteran certified public accountant in New Jersey and New York, joined The Curchin Group, LLC, in Red Bank, NJ, as a partner. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as well as several franchise organizations.

Sage Ruty Inc., a Rochester, NY-based financial planning, was named to "Great Rated! People's Picks: 20 Great Workplaces in Financial Services" by GreatRated.com and Fortune.com. **Wayne Holly** is chairman and president. With 55 employees, Sage Ruty was ranked second on the list of 10 companies with fewer than 1,000 employees.



David Kaplan '78

Dr. David Kaplan, chief professional officer of the American Counseling Association (ACA), visited campus to

deliver "Raising the Bar: Critical New Concepts in Counseling Ethics" this past spring. David's talk focused on the recent revision of the ACA Code of Ethics, which raises the bar for ethical practice. New imperatives in such areas as social

media and the imposition of counselor personal values were highlighted. More than 60 students, counseling program alumni, faculty, and administrators were on hand for the presentation, which was followed by a reception and lunch celebrating the Counseling Program's national accreditation for clinical mental health counseling and school counseling from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.

1979

Will Ebersman retired from the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power after 30 years' service, most recently as a premier account manager. He intends to continue volunteering with the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Foundation, the Dan Hernandez Youth Foundation, and Phil Friedman Outdoors, and to support several orphanages in Tijuana and Rosarito Beach, Mexico.

1980

The Ceramic and Glass Industry Foundation (CGIF) installed its first Board of Trustees during the inaugural Ceramics Expo Trade Show on April 28-30, 2015 in Cleveland, Ohio. **Richard Brow** was one of four AU alumni named to the Board of Trustees. He is the curators' professor at the Missouri University of Science and Technology-Rolla.

1981 Reunion Year!

John J. Goulding is vice president and regional sales manager for Stearns Lending, LLC, a leading national mortgage lender. He is working to expand Stearns' retail sales and market presence in the Mid-Atlantic Region. John is an active member of the Metro Washington Mortgage Bankers Association.

1982

Marion Belanger and **Alison Safford '96** were two of eight artists whose work was selected for "CT (un) Bound" at the Yale University Art Gallery this past winter. In Marion's project, "No Place Like Home," photography, water analysis reports, and fish count statistics from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection came together to create a nuanced visual essay on the life of the 40-mile Naugatuck River - the only one to begin and end in the state of Connecticut.

Alfred University Trustee **Kathleen Richardson**, professor of optics and materials at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, was installed as president of the American Ceramic Society during its 116th annual meeting in fall 2014. Kathleen has authored more than 190 peer-reviewed publications, proceedings, and book chapters and served as president of the National Institute of Ceramic Engineers. She is also a Fellow of the Optical Society of America, the Society of Glass Technology, and the American Ceramic Society.



Kathleen Richardson '82

The Ceramic and Glass Industry Foundation (CGIF) installed its first Board of Trustees during the inaugural Ceramics Expo Trade Show on April 28-30 in Cleveland, Ohio. Kathleen was one of four alumni named to the Board.

Joseph Headd was honored by the Central New York insurance community as the 2014 Insurance Person of Distinction. He is regional vice president for Liberty Mutual Insurance and co-chair of New York First.



Joe Cesarano (left) recently joined his former AU roommate John Edmond, both Class of 1983, as a member of the University Board of Trustees.

1983

Joe Cesarano, new member of the AU Board of Trustees joining former roommate and CREE founder **John Edmond '83**, writes that he is president and founder of Robocasting Enterprises, Albuquerque, NM, where he is using technology he developed at Sandia National Labs for 3-D printing ceramics. He says he was honored to present the 2015 McMahon Lecture at Alfred for his contributions to ceramic science and engineering.



Matt Lambert '83

Matt Lambert was elected president of the Jefferson-Lewis (NY) County Association of Counseling & Development

(JLACD). He has served as an academic, transfer, and personal counselor for Jefferson Community College for 24 years. JLACD provides a network of resources, support, and assistance to school counselors and counseling professionals in 50 schools and more than 20 community agencies.

Stephen A. DiLaura is vice president of Nothnagle Drilling, Inc., a multi-service drilling company specializing in the environmental, geothermal, and geotechnical fields.

1984

Karen Drumm founded Harmony Dog Training in Gasport, NY in 2011 after spending many years as a professional fundraiser in higher education. Visit www.harmonydogswithkaren.com to learn more.

John J. Simmins Ph.D. manages the Information and Communication Technology for Distribution project as a technical executive at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), Palo Alto, CA. He also leads EPRI efforts in social media, data analytics, and visualization to improve outage restoration efforts and grid resilience.

Don McPherson was featured on Smithsonian.com for his creation of unique sunglasses which could allow those affected by color blindness to correctly see colors. The sunglasses were found to have this property after McPherson's friend donned the glasses during a game of ultimate Frisbee in Santa Cruz and was able, for the first time, to distinguish orange traffic cones from surrounding grass and concrete. Read the full article at: <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/innovation/scientist-accidentally-developed-sunglasses-that-could-correct-color-blindness-180954456/?no-ist>

Scott Brenner joined GreenPoint Global as an international commercial counsel. He has over 20 years' experience representing domestic and foreign businesses in diverse stages of development and owns his own law practice, Brenner Law.

1985

Robert Scheckman is vice president of National Shopper Marketing at OwnerIQ which leverages first-party data from 400+ retailer and manufacturer partners

to provide a targeted digital advertising solution across display, mobile, video, and social platforms. He is located in New York City.

Fairport (NY) High School Science Teacher **Gene Gordon** was one of 150 people invited by NASA to attend its test launch of Orion on Dec. 4, 2014 at Kennedy Space Center, Florida. He streamed live information and videos before, during, and after the launch so his students and fellow faculty members back in Fairport could be a part of the experience.

Bruce Bready is senior vice president of Small Business Lending Manager at Lakeland Bank. Headquartered in Oak Ridge, Lakeland has 51 offices spanning eight northern New Jersey counties.

1986 Reunion Year!

Dr. Cheryl Blanchard, University trustee, was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, one of 67 new U.S. members. She is chief



Cheryl Blanchard '86

executive officer and member of the board of MicroCHIPS Inc., a developer of implantable drug delivery devices based in Lexington, MA.

Eric Kronenberger is a programmer/manager at Kronenberger Manufacturing, Rochester, NY, founded in 1965 by his father. Eric and brother Kevin oversee day-to-day operations of the 42,000 square-foot facility and staff of 43 machinists.



Tactile aluminum sculpture by Josh Garber '86

Artwork by **Josh Garber**, along with that of five other artists, was featured in the evolving fine art exhibition "Meditative Surfaces" at the Art Center-Highland Park in Highland Park, IL. Josh, who works and lives in Chicago, showcased his tactile aluminum sculpture (see photo above).

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1987

Works by **Will Contino**, associate professor of expanded media at AU, were featured and won second place in the Cattaraugus (NY) County Art Council's (CCAC) Juror's Choice Exhibition at Jamestown Community College Center Gallery, Olean, NY in March 2015.

Bernard Dolecki '14, who was also selected for the Juror's Choice Exhibit, received third-place honors.

Sal Miele is director of loss prevention for NPC International, a franchisee of Wendy's and Pizza Hut brands. NPC International operates more than 1,266 Pizza Hut locations in 28 states and 140 Wendy's restaurants in five states.

1988



Scott Hollander '88

Scott Hollander

was appointed president and chief executive officer of Echo

Therapeutics, Inc., a Philadelphia-based design company focused on skin permeation, continuous glucose monitoring, and associated technologies.

Peter Smith's band, Peter Head and the Pitchfork Militia, celebrated 20 years with the release of its 12th full-length CD, Bunch! *The Kingston Freeman* called it "their best yet!"

Varda Yatom opened "In the Place Farthest from Tel Aviv" at The Open Museum Tefen, Galilee, and Golan region in Israel in February. The exhibit ran through October 2015. Varda exhibits her works in Israel and abroad yet always returns to Galilee, where she lives and works on Kibbutz Sasa. The series on exhibit includes 10 individual units and enables viewers to glimpse the artist's portrait through the use of a peephole.

The Brinton Museum, Big Horn, WY, in partnership with Sheridan College, Sheridan, WY, hosted ceramic artist **Kim Dickey** for a lecture and workshop demonstrations. She has exhibited her work worldwide and has received numerous awards and fellowships. Kim, known for her large-scale sculptural pieces, is an art professor at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

ASTM Committee D18 on Soil and Rock recognized the exceptional service of **Jeanne Asquith**, president and laboratory manager at 3rd Rock LLC, East Aurora, NY, with the Woodland G. Shockley Memorial Award. An ASTM member since 1990, Jeanne serves as membership secretary. She is a certified professional geologist and lab manager with more than 25 years of experience in laboratory testing, investigation, remediation, and construction projects.

Robert Peschler wrote that his brother, **William Peschler**, a member of the AU football team, died March 2, 2015.



Some 45 members of Sigma Chi NU returned to campus during Reunion Weekend 2015, June 12-14, to have their own reunion and tree dedication. Sigma Chi Nu President Kara Mackey Dopman '88 spearheaded the event.

Sigma Chi Nu Sisters dedicate tree at Reunion

Members dedicated the new tree, planted at their last "home" at 9 Sayles St., during Reunion activities 2015. They placed a commemorative plaque bearing the inscription:

Sigma Chi Nu Sorority, established at Alfred University in 1924, was founded on the guiding principles of service, comradeship, and nobility of heart. The sisterhood acquired its first home at 9 Sayles Street in 1927, which was destroyed by fire on March 17, 1932. The present home at 9 Sayes Street was home to hundreds of sisters for over 73 years, all of whom possess beautifully unique qualities that make them 'that kind of woman.' This tree is dedicated on June 13, 2015, by the Sisters of Sigma Chi Nu, with love and altruism.

"To live is not to live for oneself, it is to live for each other."

1989

Theresa Alo had a solo exhibit of her ceramics at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center Gallery, La Plata, MD. She is chairman of the Fine Arts Department at North Point High School, Waldorf, MD.

1990

Keith Reester Jr. wrote his first book, "Define. Measure. Create. – Inspiring a Leadership Journey." The book is targeted at leaders and managers in today's business world and provides actionable insights and inspiration into tackling challenges and opportunities. Keith heads Reester & Associates of Loveland, CO.

Eric Tertinek is regional account representative for the Harris School Nutrition Solutions. He oversees the company's Northeast territory, extending from Delaware to Maine.

1991 Reunion Year!

Dr. Susan Kelleher's veterinary practice was featured in a National Geographic Wild series – "Dr. K's Exotic Animal ER" – in fall 2014. Susan owns and operates one of the busiest exotic animal care practices in South Florida - Broward Avian and Exotics Animal Hospital.

Brian Becker is senior operations manager at REMCO, an architectural restoration and maintenance company based in Long Island City, NY.

1992

Greg Connors, University trustee, was featured in the Business Connection Reception Event at the University this past spring. The event gave student attendees the opportunity to meet and mingle with successful alumni and employers, to learn how to stand out in the job search, and how to develop and



A sorority sister's Christmas wish led to a long-anticipated Theta Theta Chi reunion on Long Beach Island, NJ, Sept. 19-21, 2014. Those attending graduated between 1987 and 1991. Sporting their custom-made sweatshirts featuring AU are (front, from left) Sherry Thayer Haley, Debi Meyers Wagner, Nina Zullo Mathewson, Stacie Connors Fuss, Kelly Niese McCardle, Lillian Magnano Lechner, Diane Carey Bloom; Amy Holben Smith, Jeanne Asquith and (back, from left) Rebecca Branch, Laurajean Tiberia; Patricia Taylor, Michelle DiGiandomenico Hermsen, Maria Puma Goldman, Valerie DeFlorio, April Welch Gallagher, Leslie Baker Hollander, Lisa Wagman Harrington, Andrea Henderson Crabb, Molly Bunis Daniels, and Jennifer Smith Johnson.

improve networking, interviewing, and resume-building skills. Greg founded Connors & Ferris, LLP, specializing in Worker's Compensation and Social Security Disability.

Margaret Boozer, internationally known for her sculptural works, teaches advanced workshops in ceramics and sculpture at her Red Dirt Studio in Mount Rainier, MD. The mission of the workshops is to help students transition toward becoming professionals with their own studios.

1993

Adelaide Paul is a Philadelphia-based sculptor and educator at the Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore. Her works were recently exhibited in the Paul Mesaros Gallery at the Creative Arts Center at West Virginia University.

Anthony W. DiGaudio is vice president of global marketing for Park Electrochemical Corp., Melville, NY, which develops high-tech digital and RF/microwave printed circuit materials for the internet, computing, and aerospace markets.

1994



Rev. Joshua A. Hoover '94

Joshua A. Hoover is priest-in-charge at St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham,

MI. He earned his Master in Divinity degree from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 2002.



Miniature turf by Jennifer Viloette '94

Jennifer Violette and husband **John Gerding '93**, live on a small farm in Wilmington, VT, with their two sons. An artist, Jennifer creates life-size fruits and vegetables, sprouted seedlings, and miniature minimalist landscapes out of

blown glass in her studio at the farm. She has won numerous awards for her work and exhibits at many galleries nationwide; her work is included in a number of private collections worldwide.

Cristin Gregory welcomed a son, August Quinn Gregory, Jan. 27, 2015.

1995

Painter **Aralia Rose** did a five-month residency at Elsewhere Studios, Paonia, CO. Rose works with real people as models, and through her work seeks to connect them with divinities from traditions throughout geography and time. She often includes images of the New Mexico landscape in her artwork.

Gary Sczerbaniewicz had a solo exhibition, "High Strangeness," at the Castellani Art Museum of Niagara University, Niagara Falls. The show gave viewers a distorted perspective by featuring a series of small architectural vignettes viewed within a scorched periscope.

Evan Enke, assistant professor, information technology at Alfred State College, is vice president of the College's new Phi Kappa Phi chapter.

Graphic Design USA, a news website for the creative arts professional community, named **Sara (Frampton) Frisk** to its

list of "People to Watch in 2015." Sara is chief creative officer for Uptake, a Chicago-based startup whose goal is to harness the power of underutilized data. She also serves as co-president of AIGA (professional society for design) Chicago.

Friends and family write: "With much regret, we announce that **Chad D. Defina Esq.** suddenly passed at his home in New Hartford, NY on June 7, 2015. Chad was a four-year starter and an All-ECAC selection at offensive tackle for the Saxons and we all remember him for his gentle, gregarious nature. Known to his classmates as 'The Giant,' Chad became a successful lawyer and a leader in his community through charities such as the Boys and Girls Club, the New Hartford Gridiron Club, and Upstate Cerebral Palsy. He is survived by his wife Judy, his children Michael and Elisabeth, and his parents Joseph and Patricia. Chad is greatly missed by his family, his community, and his AU friends that fondly remember this gentle giant."

1996 Reunion Year!

Work by mixed-media artist **Stacey Parker** was featured in a Worcester (MA) State University faculty art exhibit last winter. She is a professor in the Visual and Performing Arts Department. Her work has been shown in many galleries and alternative spaces in New York, Massachusetts, Maine, and

Ohio and is part of many private and institutional collections. Stacey is also one of the founding members of the Rough Block Arts Group, founded and based in Rochester, NY.

Alison Safford and **Marion Belanger '82** were two of eight artists whose work was selected for "CT (un) Bound" at the Yale University Art Gallery this past winter. In her project, "Handbooks from the Tool & Die Industry," Alison took vintage tool and die handbooks as her starting point to create a dialogue about the industrial manufacturing history of Connecticut, her own family's immigration to Seymour and Waterbury to work within the industry, and her own past as an artist making things, and the impossibility of "repairing" the past, either individual or collective.

Patrick Rogers was featured at the Business Connection Reception Event at the University this past spring where student attendees had opportunity to meet and mingle with successful alumni and employers, to learn how to stand out in the job search, and how to develop and improve networking, interviewing, and resume-building skills. Patrick is an executive director for the Institute for Human Services, Bath, NY and is president of the board of directors at Arnot Health-Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital, Bath, and the NYS Alliance of Information and Referral Systems.

Michael Gilbert, school psychologist at Meachem Elementary School, Syracuse, NY, was named school psychologist of 2014 by the NY Association of School Psychologists. Michael is the director and founder of It's About Childhood & Family Inc., a non-profit clinical and resource center in Syracuse.

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Celebrating at Jenn Corrado Aquino's 40th birthday party 1920s-style were (from left): Kari (German- sen) Martin '97, Jenn '97, Wayne Montminy '99, Sue Woods '97, Robert Swafford, Amy Lindenbaum '98, Adrienne Metzinger '98, and Dan Neuburger '97. Not pictured, but attending the party was Jenn's sister Carolyn Corrado Maier '02.

1997

In late February 2015, **Jenn (Corrado) Aquino** celebrated her 40th birthday with a "Roaring 20s"-themed party with friends, including some AU alumni. The party included a four-piece swing band playing in Jen's home dining room, plenty of food and drink, and guests decked-out in '20s fashion. Jenn teaches fifth grade on Long Island and has two boys, Zachary, 5, and Dylan, 2, with husband Chris.

Sam Castner is leaving his mark in the form of large metal sculptures all over the Finger Lakes. His work includes his own hillside home which he built on stilts using 80 percent recycled materials and a metalworking shop he created in the barn his grandfather built.

K. Ellen Gallagher, senior director, internal audit at the Rochester (NY) Regional Health System, was selected for the Forty Under 40 Class of 2014 by the Rochester Business Journal. Ellen is a board and finance committee member for Volunteers of American Upstate New York and a board and audit committee member of Freedom Firm USA.

1998

Natalie Krauser-McCarthy writes: "On 12 December 2014 at 5:34 p.m. Sean and I welcomed a baby girl, Erin Rose. Erin was born 30 percent larger than her 'big' sister Madelyn (was at birth), weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz. Erin's godmother is my Alpha Kappa Omicron sister **Rachel Alley Kenyon**.

"In April 2014 I joined IEEE Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the IEEE, as development officer supporting two signature programs: Power & Energy's Scholarship Plus Initiative (for undergraduate electrical energies focused in power and energy) and REACH – Raising Engineering Appreciation & Awareness through the Conduit of History – to

educate and engage pre-university students through multi-media modules that highlight the rock stars of engineering and showcase technology development against the backdrop of world events."

Greg Griffin is vice chairman of the board of directors of the National Catholic Development Conference. He is the congregational mission advancement director for the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, Syracuse, NY, and a member of his parish council at Pope John XXIII Church, Liverpool.

Pierre Eade, teacher, pastor, inspirational speaker, evangelist, and life coach has published his first book, "Born to Grow," an exploration of the four pathways of growth God has for our lives. In December 2014 he was featured on "The Balancing Act," a nationally televised morning talk show on the Lifetime network (see photo below). Pierre's book can be found on his website, www.borntogrowbook.com and is available on Amazon in both paperback and Kindle versions.

Jeremy Entwistle is a faculty member at Fairmont (WVa) State University. His exhibition, "clear, hold, build," which focused on the continuing degradation



Pierre Eade '98, right, during his December 2014 appearance on Lifetime network's morning talk show "The Balancing Act."

of domestic infrastructure through free-standing and wall mounted works which referenced critical civil engineering components such as hinges and support girders, was on display at the university last February. Jeremy coordinates the university's Sculpture and Foundry Department.

Patrick Brennan exhibited his paintings at Romer Young Gallery, San Francisco last February. According to gallery notes, "Brennan is part of a new generation of painters whose work is at the forefront of an ongoing and unfolding conversation around the possibilities and potential of 'abstraction.'" He lives in New York City and is a founding member of Essex Flowers Gallery.

Martha McGee, bursar of student records and financial services at Alfred State College, is a charter member and treasurer of Alfred State's new chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

"Cutouts and Cartoons," art and illustration by Long Beach, CA artist **Lara Odell**, was on display at the Long Beach Public Library. Lara works in both the commercial and fine arts fields.

1999



Dr. Michael N. Christakis '99

Dr. Michael N. Christakis, a former member of the AU Board of Trustees, was named vice president for Student Success at the University

at Albany-State University of New York. Michael had served as the interim vice president since January 2015. He serves as national president for Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society and is also the president for University Auxiliary Services at UAlbany. In March 2015 he was named

co-chairman of NASPA's Assessment, Evaluation, and Research Knowledge Community.

Nicki Woods is executive director of the Stillwater (OK) Multi Arts Center. Danielle Evirgen was featured at the Business Connection Reception Event at the University this past spring where student attendees had opportunity to meet and mingle with successful alumni and employers, to learn how to stand out in the job search, and how to develop and improve networking, interviewing, and resume-building skills. Danielle is contracts manager for Frontier Communications, Rochester, NY.

Jonathan Taylor married Audrey Hasen Russell on Sept. 13, 2014 in Russia, NY. Jonathan is the owner/operator of Enjoinery, Inc., a custom design and fabrication company.

2000

Janet (Sootheran) McClain debuted "The Red Thread," a solo exhibition at Gallery 4 in Suzhou, China, last winter (see photo below). This collection of 38 photo-quilts - digital photographs deliberately selected, not for the interest of the individual image, but for the

collective story they tell, are duplicated and hand-sewn together in the language of a quilt - considers that which binds us together as humanity. In Chinese legend, red thread tightly binds two people together who are destined to love each other. The component photographs used as the fabric in "The Red Thread" are sewn together by red thread.

Tyler Lotz is an associate professor in the Ceramics Department at Illinois State University. He has exhibited his sculptures across the United States as well as in Korea and France.

The American Ceramics Society (ACerS) designated the Savannah River National Laboratory's **Dr. Kevin M. Fox** one of 16 fellows in its annual selection of leaders from an international cross-section of academia, research labs, industry and government. His contributions have largely been focused on performing research and development to advance understanding of high-level radioactive waste glass processing in the international nuclear community.

Cindy Lewis-Black was featured at the Business Connection Reception Event at the University this past spring where



(From left) Peter McClain '00, Janet (Sootheran) McClain '00, Bethany Sootheran, and Jeff Sootheran attended the opening of Janet's solo exhibition, "The Red Thread," in Suzhou, China last winter.

student attendees had opportunity to meet and mingle with successful alumni and employers, to learn how to stand out in the job search, and how to develop and improve networking, interviewing, and resume-building skills. Cindy is senior manager of business partnerships at Watkins Glen (NY) International. Garth Johnson joined the Arizona State University (ASU) Art Museum and ASU Art Museum Ceramics Research Center, Tempe as curator of ceramics.

2001 Reunion Year!

Carrie (Reiter) Estabrooks and husband Jason welcomed their second son, Cullen Thomas, on June 23, 2014. He joins big brother Gavin.

Ethan Stern currently owns a glass studio in Seattle, WA and has established himself as a major upcoming artist in contemporary sculpture in glass. His works have been featured in solo and group exhibitions across the country.

Sheila L. Kalkbrenner launched an art project, "Living With Arachnoiditis: An Art, Adaptability and Empowerment Project," which is intended to send an empowering message for change to arachnoiditis survivors and their support networks, persons living with chronic pain, other artists with disabilities, and more. To learn more, please visit her website: http://www.sheilalynnkart.com/section/390864_Living_With_Arachnoiditis_An_Art.html

2002

Jasmine Hupey is office administrator in charge of marketing and outreach for Friends of the Dillon Ranger District, a nonprofit based in Glenwood Springs, CO. She currently resides in Leadville, CO, and runs the SOS Learn to Ride program there.



Chunmao Huang's '03 ceramic tableware at the international APEC conference.

2003

Chunmao Huang's design work made an epic debut at the international APEC conference in November 2014. Attendees (some 599 heads of state), including President Obama, used Chunmao's tableware at one of the meals prepared for the meeting (see photo above). Chunmao was present during both rehearsals where food pairings were fine-tuned and tested with the ceramic work. The work is bone china produced at a factory in Nanjing.

Becky (Cochran) Skinner and her husband, Ben, announced the birth of their son Joshua Fenton Skinner on Nov. 4, 2014.

Racheal Lochner married Curtis James Bellemer on Jan. 31, 2013. They welcomed their son, Elias Jesse Bellemer, on July 3, 2014.

Linda Sormin was a juror in the annual Secondary School Juried Exhibition at the Lindsay Gallery in Lindsay, ON, Canada, where students from local educational institutions displayed roughly 100 pieces of art work. Linda is an instructor in Sheridan College's arts division and has exhibited work in Norway, Montreal, Jakarta, New York, Denmark, and the United Kingdom.

Sophie Gublo-Jantzen successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, "I Didn't Have to Give Those Things Up: Rural Student College Access," at the University of Rochester this spring leading to her Ed.D. in educational leadership with an emphasis on higher education.

Samuel D. "Sam" Moore died March 9, 2015 at Wildcat Mountain, Jackson, NH, while taking part in the 12th annual

AKO sisterhood selects new leadership

The sisterhood of Alpha Kappa Omicron (AKO) announces the selection of new co-presidents. Danielle Johnson-Kutch '03 and Meghan Martin Smith '04 are the new leaders of the AKO Alumni Association Board, effective June 13, 2015.

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Meghan – funnybuzzy@hotmail.com



100,000 Vertical Challenge Charity event for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. A ceramic engineer, Sam was employed at Ceramco, Inc., a manufacturer of custom technical ceramics for aviation and aerospace. He was an avid outdoorsman, particularly enjoying skiing in his spare time. He was known as a fiercely independent person whose smile and zest for life were contagious.



Sheree Johnson '03

Sheree Johnson is a senior account executive at Resound Marketing, a public relations firm with offices in Midtown

Manhattan and Princeton, NJ. She works with national and international technology clients and startups that are launching cross-platform apps.

2004

Dr. Michael Cook and **Elaine Heimers-Cook '06** are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Heidi Renee Cook on May 11, 2015. Heidi was 8.1 lbs. and 21 inches. She joins loving big sister Emma Robin. Mike recently became a pharmacy manager for Tops in Syracuse and Elaine teaches for West Genesee School District. Hollie Hall, senior director of Health and Wellness Services, is a charter member of the Alfred State chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

Gabrielle Gaustad, assistant professor at Rochester Institute of Technology's

Golisano Institute for Sustainability (GIS) received the Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program Award from the National Science Foundation. The award, worth over \$500,000, will be used to support research studying the implications of material scarcity and criticality on future clean energy technologies.



Alumni couple Beth (Harris) and Jeff Walkowicz, Class of 2004, welcomed daughter Kate Elizabeth Jan. 1, 2015.

It was a happy new year celebration for AU alumni couple **Beth (Harris)** and **Jeff Walkowicz**, who welcomed daughter Kate Elizabeth at Mercy Hospital in South Buffalo, NY at 4:16 a.m. Jan. 1, 2015, the first baby born in 2015 in Erie County. Although Kate Elizabeth wasn't expected for a few more days, she apparently did not want to miss the new year festivities! The Buffalo News captured the details of the joyous event in an article by James Staas. For all the details, please visit <http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/communities/erie-countys-first-newborn-of-2015-comes-as-welcome-surprise-20150101>

Fenna Mandolang assistant general manager at Buffalo Recycling Enterprises, presented "Single Stream Recycling: A practical perspective" at an AU Bergren this past winter. She focused on the details of where recyclables go after they are picked up.

Mike Wyant Jr. is a new trustee for the village of Phoenix, NY. Mike works at Tech Geekery, Syracuse, in the chief technical office. His community service involves CenterState Corp. for Economic Opportunity and Syracuse First.

Erika Alger is a counselor in Alfred State College's Office of Health and Wellness Services.

2005

Valerie (Kraft) Goodberlet was selected for the Forty Under 40 Class of 2014 by the Rochester (NY) Business Journal. Valerie is manager of transfer pricing at Carestream Health Inc., Rochester. She is a board member of Mental Health Association of Rochester/Monroe County Inc.; co-chairwoman of Women in finance Group, Carestream; founder and group moderator, Lean In Circle; mentor, Carestream Finance Experience Program.

Bang Geul Han presented a solo exhibition "FORGET GRAMMAR THINK POTATOES" at the Gibson Gallery in The Art Museum at the State University of New York at Potsdam. She is an assistant professor in the Digital Arts and Sciences Program at Clarkson University, Potsdam. Recent works by Brooklyn artist Ben Godward were included in a two-artist show at Slag Contemporary Gallery, Brooklyn this spring. Godward says: "My sculptures respond to the slick and saturated media of the world we live in. They are reflections of myself, contradictory and impulsive." Ben's work has been shown extensively in

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New York City, including at Sardine, The Laundromat Gallery, Norte Maar, and others, along with several large outdoor public art projects and in several print magazines.

2006 Reunion Year!

Elaine Heimers-Cook and **Dr. Michael Cook** are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Heidi Renee Cook on May 11, 2015. Heidi was 8.1 lbs. and 21 inches. She joins loving big sister Emma Robin. Mike recently became a pharmacy manager for Tops in Syracuse and Elaine teaches for West Genesee School District.

Kaci Smith founded Girls Rock! Rochester, a week-long music camp that works with girls and trans-youth ages 8 to 16, in 2011. The mission of the program is to "use music creation and performance as tools for cultivating self-confidence" in youth and to "help girls develop life and leadership skills that will effect positive social change." The camp focuses on instrument lessons and songwriting, as well as workshops on female figures in music history, self-defense, and brand merchandising.

Erica Harney is fine artist and scenic painter based in Philadelphia working primarily in oils. She recently accepted a position designing stage scenery at the Fulton Theater in Lancaster, PA, and maintains a studio in Philadelphia.

Patrick Baynes co-founded a startup business called Game Time Updates, a software service that automates social media marketing for bars and restaurants, helping to turn sports fans into customers via social media. His cofounder is **Michael Coupe '07**. Patrick currently shares an office with Center City social network VUID, where he is helping out as part-time COO.



Jessica Barnthouse '08 (front row, left) performed the marriage ceremony for Nicole Hastings '06 (front, center) and Sarah Kemp '06 (front, right) in October 2013, in Maine surrounded by family and friends.

Nicole Hastings and **Sarah Kemp** were married in October 2013 at their home in Maine. Jessica Barnthouse '08 performed the ceremony. Nicole writes: "Sarah and I live in Maine where we have a small farm and orchard. Our free time is spent rehabbing their 1930's, timber-frame farmhouse back to its original charm. I work as a lab instructor in the Physics Department at Bates College and Sarah is a physical therapist assistant.

2007

Sarah Hall Weaver is director of galleries and development at the Southern Vermont Arts Center, Manchester.

Elisabeth Nickles was artist in residency this past June at the Katmandu Contemporary Arts Centre, Nepal. Nickles' art is described as "an exploration of our place in the natural world, where aesthetic meets science." Nickles has taught at Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Tyler School of Art, Moore College of Art and Design, and most recently at Villanova University, all in Philadelphia.

Angela Pease Wasekuk helped to create "Home Life," an installation, this spring with two other artists at the Charles City (Iowa) Arts Center. Angela is the foundations coordinator and an adjunct professor of art at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

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"Figurative Color," a painting by Clarissa R. Gerber '07

Clarissa R. Gerber's "Figurative Color" was on display in the Pegasus Gallery and the Niche at Middlesex Community College in Middletown, CT. Clarissa is an adjunct art professor at Middlesex Community College. She has exhibited her paintings nationally. You can view her work at www.clarissagerber.com

Andrew Rantz is assistant high school principal at Milton (PA) Area School District, his alma mater.

Michael Coupe co-founded a startup business with **Patrick Baynes '06**. The business, called Game Time Updates, is a software service that automates

social media marketing for bars and restaurants, helping to turn sports fans into customers via social media.

2008

Joe Page is assistant professor and area head of ceramics in the Art and Design Department at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

Kyung-min Park is a ceramics professor at Auburn (AL) University in Auburn.

Eric Mower + Associates, Buffalo, NY, appointed **Allison Wilton** as art director.

Ben Hendel writes: "Just checking in to tell the greater Alfred community that my girlfriend, Morgan, and I have purchased a new home in Windermere, FL. We ... are enjoying the sunny, warm weather just a few miles from the Magic Kingdom. It's a truly magical life, seeing the fireworks every night from our front lawn! Right now, I am the IT person for a software company in Orlando. I moved down here a couple years ago when my girlfriend got a job as a Disney Imagineer and have started a small side business to try and justify all the money I spend on my photography hobby. My work can be found on Twitter with lots of opinions on other stuff (@wdw_ben) or opinion-free on SmugMug (wdwben.smugmug.com) where it is available for sale. Most

recently, Universal Studios Florida asked to use one of my images in their social media campaign and posted it on their Instagram feed at the end of their Harry Potter Celebration, where it received nearly 14,000 likes."



Edgard Rivera-Valentin '08

Edgard Rivera-Valentin, staff scientist at Arecibo Observatory at the National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center, Department of Planetary Studies, Arecibo, Puerto Rico, was featured on the cover of Arecibo Es magazine, a local news magazine distributed in the city of Arecibo (see image above). Edgard is the first person from Arecibo, as well as one of few Puerto Ricans, to work at the observatory as a scientist.

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Marie (Tran) Will '08

Marie (Tran) Will is one of 85 doctoral students nationwide selected to receive a Scholar Award from P.E.O. International. She received the award for her Ph.D. work on "Therapeutic targeting of the P13K enzymes in breast cancer" in the Weill Cornell/Rockefeller/Sloan-Kettering M.D.-Ph.D. program.

Emily Piper was featured in a Vermont's Independent Voice article, "Seven Vermont Women to Watch," highlighting women 40 or younger who are emerging leaders in their job fields. Emily is director of Burlington Young Professionals (BYP) and is known as a driving force behind efforts to keep young people in Burlington and to



Emily Piper '08

nurture homegrown startups. She puts on networking events, talks, and seminars, and during the summer she organizes golf

tournaments and outings that benefit local nonprofits. Since Emily became director in 2010, participation in BYP has increased threefold. She says her goal is to become a more forceful advocate for young professionals.

Jessy Santana is co-founder/director of marketing and business development at Rave Works, Shanghai, China.

Jamie Carestio founded and operates a biodynamic farm in Groveland Station, NY. Bean Hill Farm is ecologically conscious, employing eco-friendly techniques in its daily operations.

Caroline Charuk completed her master of fine arts degree at California College of the Arts in 2013 and works for Atelier Dion, a small design/production facility in Oakland, CA.

2009

Thomas Schmidt writes that following receipt of his master of fine arts degree he went to teach ceramic design at the College of Ceramics' partner school,



Thomas Schmidt and Jeffrey Miller, Class of 2009, received a bronze prize at the Gyeonggi International Ceramic Biennale, South Korea, for the "Recycled China Series, #1."

The Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing. While there, he and friend and AU colleague **Jeffrey Miller** "started a design collaborative called Recycled China (www.recycledchina.com). This collaborative was aimed at sourcing a range of discarded materials and industrial waste from factories within China to produce up-cycled sculptural objects, design works, and architectural tile (see photo above).

"In March (2015) we received news that one of our works, 'Recycled China Series, #1' had received a bronze prize... at the Gyeonggi International Ceramic Biennale (GICB), 2015 ... at The Icheon World Ceramic Center in Gyeonggi, South Korea. This competition is considered one of the most competitive and prestigious ceramics competitions in the world. Our work, comprised of a 1.5 x 2-meter panel of recycled aluminum and factory discarded porcelain shards, was selected amongst over 2,500 entries from 74 countries. The piece will become part of the Korean Ceramic Foundations permanent collection with a prize of \$5,500."

Thomas is an assistant professor of interdisciplinary 3D studio at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. Jeff is living and working in Beijing "where Tom and I create our tiles which were exhibited in the GICB." In addition, Jeff is "creating my own art in my studio and teaching the art program for an IB high school in the city."

Alissa Faber is a Burlington, VT-based artist. Her passion is sharing different art mediums including hot glass, clay, wood, and metal through instruction and display of original designs.

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Magan Straight is a counselor in Alfred State College's Office of Health and Wellness Services.

Dr. Matthew Baker is assistant professor of chemistry at Westminster College, Wilmington, PA.

2010

Lexington Glassworks, the creation of owners/glass artists **Billy Guilford** and **Geoff Koslow**, is open at 81 S. Lexington Ave., downtown Asheville, NC. The 5,000-square-foot contemporary glassblowing studio and gallery features live demonstrations, custom lighting, handmade glass, and a taproom highlighting local beers served in hand-blown glass.

To learn more, visit www.lexingtonglassworks.com or call 828.348.8427.

Tom Fleming and **Kacie Dean, '11**, were married Oct. 25, 2014 in Keuka Park, NY; the ceremony was followed by a reception in Geneva. Tom is a senior web developer at Last Call Media, a



Kacie Dean '11 and Tom Fleming '10 were married Oct. 25, 2014.

website design and development firm based in Northampton, MA. Kacie is manager of the 24/7 response department at ECS Eclipse, the petroleum division of the environmental consulting firm Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. The couple resides in Easthampton, MA.

Work by **Gustavo Galvan** was featured in the annual Staten Island Museum spring gala. The project, "Taking Flight," included 43 paper birds divided into eight types, each bird adorned with intricate, colorful paper feathers. Gustavo

was heavily involved in the Art Force Five, part of the Drawn to Diversity program on campus. Read more about Gustavo's art and his bird project in "Staten Island's own Birdman: Life after Victoria's Secret wings," a piece in [silive.com](http://www.silive.com/entertainment/index.ssf/2015/05/from_victorias_secret_to_the_s.html), by visiting: http://www.silive.com/entertainment/index.ssf/2015/05/from_victorias_secret_to_the_s.html



Billy Guilford and Geoff Koslow, Class of 2010, have opened Lexington Glassworks, a contemporary glassblowing studio and gallery in Asheville, NC.

2011 Reunion Year!

Meghan Smythe showed "A Swollen Light Behind The Eye," an inaugural solo exhibition, at Mark Moore Gallery in Culver City, CA.

Michael B. Stevenson Jr. was one of five artists in a mixed-media art exhibit sponsored by the City of Gaithersburg, MD, this past winter.

Joshua Tucker and **Keith Shields** launched "Applits," an app development business headquartered in Greenville, SC, named by *Inc. Magazine* as one of the 16 "Coolest College Startups of 2014."

Lyndsay Murphy and **Justin Kieffer** were married on July 5, 2014 (see photo on page 33). Lyndsay writes: "We met our junior year and have been together ever since! I studied childhood education and was a Women's Leadership Academy graduate; Justin majored in sociology and" (this past winter was) "finishing an online degree in athletic administration and coaching. He played four years of men's lacrosse for Coach Jason Lockner and I played three years of basketball, after transferring from Fisher ... I also continued at AU for graduate school in the school counseling and psychology program (May 2014 graduate) while

also serving as the assistant for women's soccer and basketball teams during my three years of graduate school ... We live in Hershey, PA as I work for Donegal School District as their elementary school counselor and am the assistant women's basketball coach at Lebanon Valley College. Justin is the assistant coach for men's lacrosse at Lebanon Valley College (fourth season); he is also the athletics equipment manager ... We are thankful for our Alfred experience, but most importantly for the lifelong love and friendships that we have gained." The couple may be reached at: lyndsay.murphy1@yahoo.com and knightmiddle12@yahoo.com, respectively.

Kathryn Adams and **Nick Moen '12** provided handmade tableware for a dinner featuring fine cuisine from Chef Sisha Ortúzar. The cuisine was prepared with fresh produce grown and purchased locally in New York City. She and Nick maintain a studio practice in Asheville, NC.

Katie Barlow has been teaching dance exercise, free-style dance, and Flash Mob 101 at the Jewish Community Center of Vestal, NY. She also operates her own dance company and is subcontracted for a company from New York City called What the Flash Mob.

2012

Vincent Gravanda is a Residence Hall Director at Alfred State College.

Ben Pelto earned a master of science degree in geosciences from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in September 2014. He is now studying for a Ph.D. at the University of Northern British Columbia in the Natural Resources and Environmental Science Department.



Justin '11 and Lyndsay (Murphy) Kieffer '11 (newlyweds at center) married July 5, 2014 with a number of AU alumni and students on hand for the celebration. Those attending included Alysha Dias '11, Lauren Sanford '11, Jacob Spadoni '13, Charlie Barbay '13, Austin Dwyer '14, Meghann Galloway, Jasy Consiglio '10, Joe '11 and Cassidy '10 Gibbs, Aubrey Fry, Courtney Lincoln '11, Matthew Hodnik '13, David Konnick '13, Matthew Zon '14, Mike Russo '10, Marc Zoyhofski '11, Mark Pincelli '10, Danielle Cooper '10, Sarah Federico '14, Tim Costello '13, Shea Oleksa, Lindsay Drummond, Jory Gotham '14, Harley Cleary, Emilea Harrison, Hailey Sick, Doug Weeks '10, Brendan Murphy '12, Scott Cooper '04, Nicole Ortega '14. (Photo by Andy Buscemi)

Samantha Leavy and **Matt Phillips-Shaw** were married Oct. 11, 2014.

Laura Smith is a certified builder of dome and vault superadobe.

A piece by **Sondra Perry** was part of a screening/lecture this spring at Light Industry, a venue for film and electronic art in Brooklyn. Her one-minute clip "My Twilight Zone" was included along with the work of seven other artists in "Quality Television," a screening and lecture by Martine Syms, an artist and conceptual entrepreneur based in Los Angeles. Sondra was an Institute for Electronic Arts residency artist on campus during the spring '15 semester.

Courtney Brown and **Andrew Dean** were featured at the Business

Connection Reception Event at the University this past spring where student attendees had opportunity to meet and mingle with successful alumni and employers, to learn how to stand out in the job search, and how to develop and improve networking, interviewing, and resume-building skills. Courtney works at Ernst & Young's Buffalo office in the Assurance Department. Andrew is a financial analyst for the HNI Corp.at Gunlocke Company, LLC, Wayland, NY.

Nick Moen and **Kathryn Adams '11** provided handmade tableware for a dinner featuring fine cuisine from Chef Sisha Ortúzar. The cuisine was prepared with fresh produce grown and purchased locally in New York City. He and Kathryn maintain a studio practice in Asheville, NC.

Michael Bluy won an Early Career Engineering Award from GE Aviation. He is a project engineer for Unison Industries in Norwich, NY, a subsidiary of GE Aviation which focuses on power generation, switches, and sensors.

Kristen Tordella-Williams is a faculty member at Millsaps College in Jackson, MS.

2013

Chris Allen was a ceramics artist-in-residence at the Sonoma Community Center teaching an eight-week class in tile making. While there, he also created a ceramic installation focused on abstract sculptural design to be displayed at the center.

Camille Chew displayed her digital prints and mixed media artworks in "Witchcraft," at the Ink Shop Printmaking Center and Olive Branch Press in Ithaca last spring.

Brad Turner is shop supervisor at the Terminal City Glass Co-Op, Canada's first and only nonprofit cooperative glass-arts facility, located in Vancouver.

2014

Works by **Bernard Dolecki** were featured and won third place honors in the Cattaraugus County (NY) Art Council's Juror's Choice Exhibition at Jamestown Community College Center Gallery, Olean, NY this spring.

Marketing-communications firm Romanelli Communications hired **Jimmy Fellone** as a media buyer and analytics tech. Jimmy's responsibilities include providing online analytics and media buying.

2015

Patrick Claire completed a promotional video for the Walton YABC (Youth Adult Borough Center) Program, New York

City, where he is employed through a community based organization as the internship coordinator. The video was shown in the downstate area this spring on CableVision and Verizon Fios on BronxNet. Patrick also accepted a new position as a 12th grade high school counselor.

Timothy Gonchoroff was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant to study natural dye extraction in Tromso, Norway. He is one of 1,900 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2015-16 academic year under the program.

Leckie Gassman is a glass blowing assistant at Lexington Glassworks, Asheville, NC, which is owned by **Billy Guilford** and **Geoff Koslow**, both Class of 2010.



Brennan O. Ferguson



Daniel Totten

Brennan O. Ferguson, a chemistry and environmental science double-major with a minor in mathematics from Destrehan, LA, and **Daniel Totten**, an art and design major with a concentration in sculpture from Red Hook, NY,

were chosen as the young woman and young man in the AU senior class who have "contributed most to the life of the University overall" and who have "built uncompromised reputations" for this highest all-around recognition of accomplishment the University bestows upon a student.

In conjunction with local businesses, including a brewery, florist, and salon and day spa, Holidays for Heroes, a Nantucket (MA)-based organization

which hosts retreats for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, provided a venue, flowers, and catering and salon services for the May 30, 2015 Nantucket marriage of **Kelly Fidler** and U.S. Marine Cpl. Timothy Donley, a wounded Afghanistan veteran. To read the full account of the special nuptials, please visit:

www.capecodtimes.com/article/20150530/NEWS/150539965/101015?rssfeed=true

Marriages

Elliot Wunsh '74 and Jessica, Sept. 1, 2012

Shawn M. Cecula '98 and Jessie A. Grimm, June 27, 2014

Jonathan D. Taylor '99 and Audrey Hasen Russell, Sept. 13, 2014

Brian L. Keefer '01 and Lori Forshee, July 12, 2014

Racheal Lochner '03 and Curtis James Bellemer, Jan. 31, 2013

Nicole Hastings '06 and **Sarah Kemp '06** were married in October 2013

Kaitlin E. Lambert '08 and Adam S. Donahue, Nov. 20, 2014

Kimberly Faith Fallon '09 and Robert J. Maerten, July 12, 2014

Tom Fleming '10, and **Kacie Dean '11**, Oct. 25, 2014

Lyndsay Murphy '11 and **Justin Kieffer '11**, July 5, 2014

Samantha Leavy '12 and **Matt Phillips-Shaw '12**, Oct. 11, 2014.

Molly R. Westfall '14 and **Artemas G. Steere '15**, Jan. 10, 2015

Kelly A. Fidler '15 and Timothy Donley, May 30, 2015

Births

Cristin Gregory '94, a son, August Quinn, Jan. 27, 2015

Natalie Krauser-McCarthy '98, and Sean, a daughter, Erin Rose, Dec. 12, 2014

Carrie (Reiter) Estabrooks '01 and Jason, a son, Cullen Thomas, June 23, 2014

Becky (Cochran) Skinner '03 and Ben, a son, Joshua Fenton Skinner, Nov. 4, 2014

Racheal Lochner '03 and Curtis James Bellemer, a son, Elias Jesse Bellemer, July 3, 2014

Beth (Harris) '04 and **Jeff Walkowicz '04**, a daughter, Kate Elizabeth, Jan. 1, 2015

Dr. Michael Cook '04 and **Elaine Heimers-Cook '06**, a daughter, Heidi Renee Cook, May 11, 2015

Deaths

Ruth Davie Smith '39, March 24, 2015

Winfield L.F. Randolph '40, Nov. 5, 2014

Winona (Hasseloff) Yahn '40, Jan. 24, 2015

Jack S. Tuttle '41, May 6, 2015

William Lowe '42, June 1, 2014

Jean (Collier) Parks '42, Aug. 3, 2015

Cdr. Hubbell Y. Davidson, USN Ret. '44, Sept. 1, 2013

Eunice (Reniff) Ellis '44, Jan. 1, 2015

Dr. Lewis Clark Butler '44, Aug. 26, 2015

Joyce (Soyars) Moore '45, March 12, 2015

Charles E. Bathrick, M.D. '47, April 30, 2014

Henry P. Beerman '47, Feb. 12, 2015

Mildred (Macaulay) Dawson '48, Jan. 27, 2015

Joyce (Dietrich) Palmer '48, Oct. 26, 2014

Robert J. Dick '48, Feb. 6, 2015

Ruth Galloway Farr '48, Sept. 13, 2015

William Beazell '49, Jan. 7, 2015

Elizabeth (Newell) Parsons '49, Jan. 25, 2015

Beverly Erickson '49, March 4, 2015

Phyllis Lawrence Hoyt '49, Aug. 29, 2015

M. Jayne Van Alstyne '50, Aug. 27, 2015

Robert A. Youngs '51, Nov. 25, 2014

Dr. Edward August Geiss '51, Dec. 10, 2014

Beatrice Greenwald Rininger '51, Jan. 3, 2015

William C. Spangenberg '51, March 19, 2015

Clayton J. Wheat '51, April 10, 2015

Frank C. Rose '51, April 22, 2015

Frank D. Rizzuto '51, July 7, 2015

Ruth Harding Zamory '51, Aug. 2, 2015

Eleanor Lockhardt Byrne '51, Aug. 18, 2015

Robert Steilen '51, Aug. 23, 2015

William John Sheeley '52, Jan. 9, 2015

George W. Herrick '52, March 21, 2015

Carl Hewes McMurtry '53, Nov. 23, 2014

Dorothy (Bennett) Smith '53, June 19, 2015

William A. Griffith Sr. '54, June 10, 2014

Jean Smith '54, Oct. 24, 2014

Neil H. O'Brien '54, Feb. 9, 2015

Barbara (Parsons) Merridew '54, July 8, 2015

Harold C. VonNieda '56, June 27, 2015

Gustav T. Lydahl '56, July 5, 2015

Barbara Scott Clancy '56, July 28, 2015

Harry R. Morton '56, Aug. 7, 2015

Richard E. Phelps '57, Nov. 14, 2014

Alfred. J. Carsten '57, Dec. 16, 2014

Donald Carlin '57, March 18, 2015

Richard E. Backer '57, March, 29, 2015

Edward A. Maguire '57, April 10, 2015

Arden W. Davis '57, June 24, 2015

Carole G. Silver '58, Jan. 3, 2015

Ellen (Lipsey) Shultz '58, Jan. 5, 2015

Thomas McIntosh McIntosh '58, Jan. 23, 2015

Rev. Norman Joseph Mead '58, Oct. 7, 2015

Kenneth A. Beltz '58, March 8, 2015

Ronald J. Vince Sr. '59, Nov. 9, 2014

Harrison C. Gilbert '59, June 19, 2015

Leonard D. Leonard '59, Aug. 12, 2015

Stephen M. Morris '59, Aug. 25, 2015

Nora (Colmers) Zinner '60, Feb. 18, 2015

Frank A. Finnerty '60, May 23, 2015

Joel Wechsler '61, March 9, 2015

Joel P. Moskowitz '61, March 15, 2015

Dale R. Pollinger '61, May 29, 2015

Don Reitz '62, March 19, 2014

John D. Rogers '62, Nov. 7, 2014

Peter H. Spader '62, Jan. 4, 2015

William J. Smith '62, April 22, 2015

David L. Lathrop '62, Aug. 15, 2015

Lynn Ashley Long '63, Feb. 16, 2015

Diane W. Sharpe '63, March 1, 2015

Elizabeth C. Baker '64, Oct. 30, 2014

Michael J. Popowich '64, June 24, 2015

Carol (Hermanns) Kleban '65, June 27, 2015

Phillip E. Vance '66, Jan. 31, 2015

Michael Postiglione Jr. '66, Feb. 9, 2015

Deane O. Runyon '66, May 14, 2015

Mary Grace (Gregg) White '67, March 29, 2015

Gerald L. Orsley '67, Aug. 19, 2015

Marie Wynn Kuhl '69, Oct. 19, 2014

Paula Banks Mitchell '69, Dec. 30, 2014

Carol (Linderbery) Meckley '69, Jan. 11, 2015

Madelyn J. Hurd '69, Feb. 6, 2015

Stephen M. Peters '69, March 27, 2015

David K. Meacham '70 Feb. 19, 2015

Alice (Roden) Skaar '71, May 13, 2015

James L. Kinsella '72, May 25, 2015

James W. Congdon '73, Feb. 4, 2015

Michael W. Spire '73, March 17, 2015

William Cooper Levensalor '73, Nov. 16, 2015

Hugh W. Elliott '74, Jan. 18, 2015

Warren C. Marsh '74, July 12, 2015

Mary Margaret Lynch '74, Oct. 22, 2015
Raymond Giannone '75, Feb. 7, 2013
Samuel J. Neally, Jr. '75, Feb. 14, 2015
Linda Susan LaCorte '76, April 9, 2015
Frederick M. Madigan '76, May 16, 2015
Marcus Berman '78, April 1, 2014
Richard A. White '78, Feb. 3, 2015
Jo Ann Bruce '78, March 30, 2015
Lisa Smith Hilfiger '78, July 7, 2015
Larry L. Lincoln '86, Dec. 9, 2011
Cheryl L. Burdick '87, Dec. 6, 2014
Michael A. Quinn '87, Aug. 1, 2015
William Peschler '88, March 2, 2015
William E. Leary '92, July 4, 2015
Amelia Ramsey Gill '94, Nov. 11, 2014
Matthew P. Rowan '95, March 7, 2013
Chad D. DeFina, Esq. '95, June 7, 2015
Karen E. Gringhuis '95, Sept. 8, 2015
Robert A. Urtz III '97, March 31, 2015
Kathryn Kilmer Weiman '98, Sept. 11, 2015
Matthew J. McCumiskey '01, March 30, 2015
Samuel D. Moore '03, March 9, 2015
Diana M. Ladd '06, July 8, 2015

Friends

S. Donald Stookey, a Corning Glass scientist credited with the accidental invention of the ultra-durable CorningWare, died Nov. 4, 2014, at the age of 99. The University awarded Dr. Stookey an honorary degree in 1984. He worked at Corning for 47 years, retiring 1987. While with the company, Stookey was credited with the development of many new inventions, including photosensitive glass used in eyeglasses that darkens in the light, called Transition Lenses, glass used for glass stovetops, and perhaps the most widely used, Pyroceram, a ceramic made from glass that could withstand temperatures up to

1,300 degrees. He held some 60 patents and was a member of the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

Ollene K. Smith, who retired from the University as a custodian, died Nov. 12, 2014.

Caroline Littell, travel photojournalist, long-time resident of Alfred and spouse of **Alan Littell '53**, died March 18, 2015. Caroline had been employed at AU as director of the language laboratory and as a study-abroad coordinator and student adviser. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, **Harry Littell '88** of Ithaca and Matthew Littell of Altadena, CA; and four grandchildren.

William (Billy) J. Cassidy III died April 28, 2015. He taught at AU as a professor of religion in the Human Studies Division from 1987-2008. Following his retirement, he returned to California and settled in Bodega where he further pursued his lifelong interest in Eastern religions and enthusiastically practiced tai chi. William is survived by two daughters.

Dr. Carl E. Shively, a professor of microbiology and biochemistry at AU for 30 years, died July 12, 2015. Carl, who retired from the University in 1998, was considered an expert on details of sparkling wine production as well as the still and sparkling wines of New York State and Australia. In particular, he did research attempting to decrease time in the barrel for sparkling wines while also attaining the sensory qualities associated with those that had been aged three-five years. He was a member of Union University Church, Alfred; the American Wine Society; and the American Society for Enology and Viticulture. Carl was a certified wine judge in all of the United States, Canada, and Australia. He won numerous awards for amateur wines

and champagnes in national wine competitions. Carl is survived by his wife Peggy Fie Shively of Alfred Station; one son, two daughters, one stepson, two stepdaughters, 21 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Richard D. Kavesh, the first curator/director of AU's Fosdick-Nelson Gallery and an art history professor, died Oct. 9, 2015. He is survived by his wife **Margaret Kavesh '81** and sons **Adrian '92** and **William '96** (Nicole), his little sister Debra (Ted) Boccelli, cousins, three nieces, and three nephews.

Donations may be made in memory of Richard D. Kavesh - Alfred Ceramic Art Museum, University Relations, 1 Saxon Dr., Alfred, New York 14802.

In 1966, Richard began his career as an assistant professor of art history, College of Ceramics at AU. In 1973, he was a founding committee member of The Gallery Association of New York State. The Fosdick-Nelson Gallery opened in the new Harder Hall building in 1973 where Richard was the first curator/director. That same year he became associate professor of art history. From 1983-90 Richard was founder and chairman of the "History of Ceramics Lecture Series." He was chairman of the Department of Art History from 1986-90. With the collection of objects growing beyond the storage closet, in 1988 he managed the collection for the Ceramic Museum Project as the first Director of Collections under the Office of Development.

Richard began a new path in his career as owner and director of the Kavesh Gallery in Ketchum, Idaho in 1990. He continued to work privately as a consultant after closing the gallery until returning to Western New York to retire.

Four alumni tapped to join Alfred University Board of Trustees



Eric Bershad '69 earned a B.A. in political science and history from AU and a M.A. in public administration from the University of Miami. He serves on the AU Board's Academic Affairs, Enrollment Management, Facilities and Grounds, and Investment committees.

Eric is chairman of the board of Philip Jeffries, the company he founded in 1976 and named for his two sons, Philip, current president, and Jeffrey, COO. Philip Jeffries manufactures and distributes natural, specialty, and textured wall coverings. The firm serves architects, interior designers, and major hotels as well as a network of 32 showrooms throughout the United States and in London and Paris. The company has been the recipient of several design awards, and is regularly featured in major design magazines.

Eric and his wife, Susan, married 44 years, reside at Broken Sound Country Club, Boca Raton, FL and are blessed with five grandchildren.



Dr. Joseph Cesarano III '83's AU degree is a B.S. in ceramic engineering; he earned an M.S. in ceramic engineering and a Ph.D. in materials science from the University of Washington. He serves on the University's Board of Trustees committees for Academic Affairs, Enrollment Management, and Statutory Affairs and Government Relations.

Joseph is president of the Albuquerque-based Robocasting Enterprises LLC that he founded in 2000 as a sole proprietorship.

He has been a visiting scientist at Oak Ridge National Labs and the Swedish Ceramic Institute, and has mentored over 50 students, several of whom are now university professors. As the inventor of robocasting technology, he holds eight patents, has three patents pending, and has authored more than 30 technical papers. His publications have been used world-wide in materials science curriculums.

Joseph lives in Albuquerque with his wife, Martha. The couple has a son, Brad, and daughter, Anna.



Craig Peretz '88 earned a B.S. degree in finance at Alfred. He has a dual M.B.A. from New York University's Stern School of Business in finance and international business. Craig serves on the AU Board's Academic Affairs, Finance, and Investment committees.

He is a former member of the Alumni Council, the Business Advisory Council, and has acted as both an alumni club leader (co-director of the AU Manhattan Alumni Club) and reunion class coordinator.

Craig is the CFO/COO and partner of Sierra Global Management, LLC, and is responsible for the non-portfolio management of the business, including operations, compliance, and risk monitoring. Prior to joining Sierra, he served as a first vice president and managing director of International Fund Administration, a \$3.2 billion hedge fund administrator, where he was in charge of client administrative operations.

Peretz resides in New York, NY.



Elizabeth T. Reina '02 earned a B.A. in French. She completed graduate studies at Alfred as well, earning an M.S.Ed. in counseling in 2005. She is assigned to the Board of Trustees' Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and University Relations committees.

Elizabeth joined the AU Alumni Council in 2009 and currently serves as the group's president. In addition to her work with the Council, which brings her to campus for Homecoming and Reunion events, she served as a guest panelist for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Alumni Destinations presentation to students in September 2014. As an undergraduate, she participated in student government (serving one term as president), radio, and Pirate Theater.

Elizabeth is employed as a trainer for Foothold Technology in Manhattan. Before joining Foothold, she was the associate program director of a supportive housing program for formerly homeless senior citizens.

She resides in Astoria, NY.

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