

## **AU students to attend national women's leadership conference**

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Alfred University students Brittney McFadden and Kelly McNamara will attend the 2012 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders May 31-June 2. Hosted by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, the conference offers women students the opportunity to gain real-world lessons during a two-and-a-half-day event focused on enhancing student leadership. Both women received funding to attend the conference from the Gene and Pamela Bernstein Leadership Awards, coordinated by Alfred University's Women's Leadership Center. "I believe this conference will enhance what I've already learned about women and leadership through AU's Women's Leadership Center," said McFadden. "I want to learn skills to make an impact on other college students, and learn how to mentor other young women in leadership roles." McNamara concurred, "This conference fits perfectly with my own professional goals and what I still want to achieve while I'm at Alfred. The conference will give me access to other college women who aspire to leadership." McFadden is a sophomore majoring in history from Brooklyn, NY. A graduate of Midwood High School at Brooklyn College, she is the daughter of Monica McFadden of Brooklyn. McNamara is from Grahamsville, NY and is a junior studying communications and sociology. Daughter of Michael and Emily McNamara of Hurleyville, NY, she is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School. Both McNamara and McFadden are members of the Women's Leadership Academy at Alfred University. Since 1985, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders has provided a platform to help thousands of college and university women develop leadership skills, network with other student leaders, and interact with women who hold leadership positions. This year's conference will feature internationally known speakers, the star-studded Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony, and dynamic workshops. Now in its 27th year, the conference is expected to draw more than 500 campus leaders to the University of Maryland, College Park. A highlight of the conference, the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony pays tribute to women leaders who have made extraordinary contributions in their professions or in their communities. The Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony is supported by the Barbara Fetterhoff Honorary Fund. A full listing of NCCWSL supporters and a conference schedule are available on the NCCWSL website. Alfred University (<http://www.alfred.edu>) was founded in 1836 and was the first institution of higher education in the country to educate women on the same basis as men.