

Student Affairs announces ♦outstanding♦ awards

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Kathy Woughter, vice president for Student Affairs at Alfred University, has announced the 2005-06 winners of the division's annual "outstanding" awards. Those honored include:

Outstanding support staff member: Nancy Banker of Canisteo, secretary, Student Activities and Powell Campus Center "Nancy doesn't need to be asked; she just recognizes needs and areas that are lagging and creates solutions," said Woughter. "She becomes actively involved in programming because we honestly cannot complete our objectives without her input, involvement, skills, and motivation." Woughter continued: "She created the Fabulously Free Friday program giving out free gifts just to make students smile. She created the annual pumpkin-carving contest in Powell's lobby. She created the homey lobby area in Powell complete with puzzles, games, and fun reading material. She personally designed and sewed the spandex costumes for all of superheroes in the Drawn to Diversity show and supervised the entrance and stage decorations for the 'Alfies' (annual student activities organization awards). She is not a 'support' staff member but a star performer in our office."

Outstanding administrator: David Murray, head football coach "For the past three years, Dave has brought in record numbers of first-year students. In part," said Woughter, "it's because of the strength of the football program at AU. But in larger part it's because of who Dave is -- high-school kids just want to play for him. In addition to his skills as a recruiter, Dave is a great coach who led the team to a winning record and an ECAC championship this year. He's also been directly involved in helping his players make smart choices and holding them accountable when they don't." Woughter added: "He is a team player who works well both inside the Athletics Department and with the division as a whole -- probably most with the Residence Life staff -- and that results in a more effective system for ensuring that his players stay here at AU."

Office of the Year: Counseling and Student Development Center (CSDC) "The CSDC is rarely recognized for its accomplishments because the nature of the work is confidential, and staff members certainly don't make a big deal about the many students they've helped to stay in school and focus on what's important in life," said Woughter. "The staff's many victories go completely unrecognized, but the high-stakes issues they deal with would get huge publicity if things went wrong. This past year the CSDC staff did an amazing job keeping up with the influx of appointments and increased severity of the cases with which they dealt. They saw more cases (and more complex cases) this past semester than they have ever seen before. This is an essential and hidden resource for our students and AU community." The Student Affairs Staff Development Committee selects the outstanding award recipients through a nomination process.