

## **Alfred University honors employees for years of service**

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ALFRED -- Alfred University recognized several employees for years of service at the annual Administrators and Technical Specialists Awards Banquet, held this week on the AU campus. Jon Brandes, microcomputer technical support specialist, was the longest-tenured employee honored at the banquet. Brandes has been with the University for 30 years, having been hired in 1973 as a mainframe computer operator. In 1979, he was promoted to manager of computing operations and in 1989 was appointed to his current position. Jerry Chaffee, Frank Duserick and Licio Pennisi were cited for 25 years' service. Chaffee began his career with the Carpentry Department in 1978 and eight years later was promoted to foreman of the department. In 1987, he was appointed supervisor of building maintenance. Duserick joined the Alfred faculty in 1978. He has continued to serve as a professor of management information systems, earning the University's Excellence in Teaching Award eight times and the New York State Excellence in Teaching Award twice. He served as associate dean of the College of Business from 1998-2001 and since 2001 has served as the College's interim dean. Pennisi was hired in 1978 at the School of Ceramic Engineering and Materials Science as a technical specialist/adjunct instructor in charge of the kiln room, processing laboratory and thermal analysis laboratory. He was appointed safety director of the College in 1993, a post he held until 1999. In 1997 he joined the New York State Center for Advanced Ceramic Technology (CACT) as technical assistant to the director and in 2000 he was promoted to his current post as Assistant Director of the CACT Center.--more--Other employees honored for years of service were: Twenty-year honorees: Jeff Johnson, director of the College of Ceramics Physical Plant; Judy Linza, University webmaster; Gordon McCluskie, director of dining services; Rick McLay, designer and director of publications. Fifteen-year honorees: Jane Gilliland, manager of student business services; Karen Grice, network operations specialist; Julie Slack, administrative systems support specialist; Kathi Torrey, off-site regional admissions coordinator; David Tuttle, heating plant supervisor; Pat Schwartz, director of safety, security and telecommunications. Ten-year honorees: Jerry Brody, dean of students and vice president of the Division of Student Affairs; Robin Caster-Howard, assistant dean, School of Art and Design; Theresa Gunn, director of statutory accounting and grants administration. Five-year honorees: Dennis Adams-Smith, microcomputer technical support specialist; Anna Arroyo-Hill, HEOP/EOP counselor; Mark Cappadonia, auditorium technician; Preston Chapman, head coach of men's lacrosse; Michele Finn, head coach of women's basketball; Dave Murray, head football coach; Genevieve Rahr, director of information support services; Richard Stebbins, senior accountant, tax specialist.