

AU Appoints New Coordinator of Alcohol-drug Education Program

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Alfred, NY -- Jennifer L. George of Wellsville has been named Coordinator of Alcohol and Other Drug Education Programs at Alfred University. George earned a bachelor's degree in health education from Penn State University in University Park in December 1997, along with a certificate to teach health education in kindergarten through 12th grade. She grew up in Canton, Pa. After graduation, she went to work for the Allegany Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse in Wellsville, N.Y., serving as a prevention education specialist at the elementary-school level. She soon moved to the secondary-school level, where directed and provided services for middle and high schools throughout Allegany County. These services included planning and facilitating peer helper training sessions during weekend retreats, speaking to school classes, planning and providing inservice training programs for faculty and staff, counseling students, developing new prevention programs, and planning and supervising a day camp for students considered at risk. Since February 1998, George has revised and taught the New York State Drinking Driver Program for motorists convicted of driving while intoxicated. She has also been working on a family education program for the Department of Social Services. A member of the American School Health Association, she will take the Certified Health Education Specialist credential exam in April. She plans eventually to pursue a master's degree in public health.