

Hair-raising scheme for fund-raising

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The competitors in the Chem Club fund-raiser

Maybe it WAS their look-alike father's mustache, or their mother's hair. Four student members of the Alfred University Chemistry Club challenged four faculty members in a "Metal Mustache/80s Teased Hair competition. The idea was simple: competitors either grew out their facial hair or teased their hair in a 1980s style, particularly "rocker" style. Faculty and students "voted" by putting money into either the professors' jar or the students' jar, with the team receiving the most money gaining bragging rights - and the satisfaction of knowing their hair-raising scheme had paid off for a charity. The club raised \$260.61 for the Foodbank of the Southern Tier, with the students edging out faculty "by a hair," collecting less than two dollars more than the professors. The Foodbank of the Southern Tier was chosen as the recipient because club members wanted a local charity that helps those in need. "I am incredibly proud of the students for a job well-done," said John D'Angelo, assistant professor of Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and club advisor. Members of the student team: Larissa Buttaro, a senior in materials science and engineering at the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering at Alfred University. She is a graduate of Nazareth Academy, and is the daughter of Andrew and Mary Ann Buttaro of Rochester. Samuel Lamphier, a senior majoring in ceramic engineering, also in the Inamori School of Engineering. A graduate of Wellsville High School, he is the son of Brenda Lamphier of Wellsville. Erika Raye, a junior chemistry major in AU's College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. She is a graduate of High Point Regional High School and the daughter of Steven and Gillian Raye of Sussex, NJ. Danica Ostrander, a sophomore in the College of Liberal Art & Sciences. She is a graduate of Cortland Junior-Senior High School, and the daughter of Terry Ostrander and Sharon Lang of Cortland. Members of the faculty team were: Darwyn Cook, associate professor of mathematics. John D'Angelo, assistant professor of chemistry. Geoffrey Bowers, assistant professor of chemistry. Garrett McGowan, associate professor of chemistry.