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**President Mark Zupan
takes the wheel!**

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Letter to the Editor

By Warren Sutton

My first “contact” with Mark Zupan was via an email in early July requesting Alfredians to vote for the Alfred mascot, Li'l Alf, in a national contest for best college mascot. Alfred in was in the top ten at the time. A week or so later Alfred was in the top five and emails from Mr. Zupan became a daily routine: “Vote.”

I was curious about who this Mark Zupan person was. In the latest *Alfred Magazine*, it was announced that Mark Zupan was the newly appointed President of Alfred University. He had just taken on the job and already become the head cheerleader for the University. I was impressed. So, of course, I started voting to show my support. I thought “a good start on the new job.”

Two weeks later, I was to become personally involved with Mr. Zupan. On July 21, I received a hand-written letter from him. Apparently, he had been reviewing some of the history of Alfred. Someone had made him aware of a racially-related incident involving me in the 1960s. He wanted to apologize on behalf of the University for how I was treated.

SOME HISTORY

My name is Warren Sutton, an African-American member of the Class of '61. I was a basketball player and received All-American Honorable Mention in my first two years at Alfred. In my third year, I started dating a blonde, blue-eyed coed, who happened to be the treasurer's daughter. I had previously dated a few white girls on campus and it was never an issue.

However, behind the scenes, the treasurer was not happy. Pressure was being applied to me, indirectly through my coach, Pete Smith, and several members of the administration to end the relationship. Tension was building all over campus as people were becoming aware of the situation. I was holding on for the start of the basketball season to relieve some of the pressure. However, in our first exhibition game, I got involved in a fight on the court, something completely out of character for me.

I realized, then, that my time at Alfred was over. I had to get out of the situation. Immediately after the game, the team manager drove me home to Chester, Pennsylvania.

NATIONAL INCIDENT / PUBLIC RESPONSE

The story doesn't end there. The young lady in question and I continued to communicate with each other. In February of 1960 we met in New York City, where she was en route to Florida with her mother. The trip was planned to help her forget me. After her disappearance from her hotel room, her mother reported her as missing. The story became front page news in the New York newspapers: “Negro basketball star forced to leave University because of relationship with white coed.” The story went nationwide, being picked up by several national magazines. It was an embarrassment for the University; there was a lot of negative press directed toward my coach and the administration.

I received a number of letters from all over the country. To be honest I was hesitant to open them, but I did. However, out of the 15 or 20 letters, I did not receive a single negative letter. They were all supportive of us and our relationship. Keep in mind this was the early 1960s.

On the other hand, the University and Coach Smith did not fare as well, being harassed by reporters, who were now on campus looking for a story. Coach Smith was further victimized and harassed by certain members of the Athletic Department for “not controlling me.” Sometime later, Pete told me his life had become a nightmare.

It became obvious that Pete's days at Alfred were also numbered, even though he had done a tremendous job of re-building the basketball program. A bid to Division III NCAA championships was not out of the question for the team at that time.

Pete and his family and I have maintained a close relationship for over 50 years, until his death. His children refer to me as Uncle “Sut,” a nickname he used for me. Pete was instrumental in getting me back to school. His

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One of only six African-Americans at Alfred University at the time, Warren Sutton '61 was forced to leave mid-way through his junior year when her parents became aware he was dating their blue-eyed, blonde-haired daughter. At Commencement, Alfred University will right the wrong done to Sutton by awarding him an honorary degree.

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Fiat

Mark Zupan
celebrates
the magic
of Alfred
University

By Rob Price

Mark Zupan at his October, 2016 inauguration

Mark Zupan is fond of observing that a university president's reputation is fleeting. "No one remembers the 14th president of Harvard University," he says in interviews with media, in conversations with Alfred University faculty and staff, and even in his inaugural address, as Alfred University's fourteenth president.

"It's not about any individual," President Mark Zupan explains later in his office in Carnegie Hall. "It's all about the ongoing success of an institution."

Settling into his first official year as president, Zupan has been immersing himself in the history and culture of Alfred University. The University's Board of Trustees named him successor to former President Charles Edmondson in February 2016. By the time he was inaugurated in October, he had developed a vital appreciation of Alfred University's unique

identity, embedded in the University's motto, "Fiat Lux" – Let there be light.

Light is illuminating, warming, and composed of diverse underlying hues, Zupan says. Combine those three qualities in a single entity – a university called Alfred University – and you have an institution that enriches the lives of people who are privileged to pass through it.

"There is no other place," Zupan says now, "where you so consistently hear from alumni that a faculty or staff member took an interest in them and changed their

lives. When you look at all the colleges and universities that try to create that sort of environment, Alfred University just jumps from the pages. That's what we do well."

It's easy for a university president to disappear into the demands of the office. But if you're walking across the Alfred University campus early in the morning, don't be surprised to see Mark Zupan jogging along a university road or pathway (He looks like he can run a six-minute mile; he insists he can't). He describes himself as an early

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riser who likes getting in several hours of work before anyone else is awake, then going for a run or a work-out. And then going back to work.

“It’s good for the health,” he says. “As administrators, we tend to spend a lot of time sitting. When I was a dean, I sometimes went to two dinners in one night. You have to take care of yourself.”

Jogging around the campus, he adds, is a great way to let Alfred University soak into the muscles and bones. “It keeps you grounded in the pulse of the campus,” he says. “You may get some stares, but you’ll also notice some window frames on a residence hall that could use a new coat of paint. Or people will notice that for you, so the next time you jog down that byway, you’re on the look-out.”

When Zupan accepted the presidency last winter, he acknowledged his familiarity with Alfred University’s excellent academic reputation. Now that he is completing his first year on the job, he is committed to sharing not only his sense of Alfred University’s academic excellence, but also his appreciation of the unique culture in which that excellence thrives. Ask Mark Zupan about the value of an Alfred University education, and he’s ready to roll.

He may begin with the largest single group of University stakeholders: the alumni community. “My hunch is that on a patents-per-capita basis, we’re probably in the top ten in the country. We’ve had alums

running AIG and Met Life. The chief technology officer of another Fortune 500 company was with us only one year, but he says it changed his life. There are more Alfred University alumni at Corning Incorporated than from any other university. The creative works of the graduates of our top-ten School of Art and Design have graced the walls and

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Mark Zupan

halls of the White House, the Smithsonian, and the Victoria and Albert Museum of London. We need to keep in touch with these people and promote a sense of ownership. We need to start paying more attention to them. They’re our biggest asset.”

His conversations with Alfred University alumni have helped Zupan hone his own sense of what he calls “the magic” taking place on the University campus. In speeches and emails, Zupan has tried to distill the essence of that magic, and he keeps returning to a fundamental value: “We gain strength from diversity....

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Mark Zupan Biography

Mark Zupan is a son of immigrants. His father immigrated to the U.S. from Slovenia, settling in Rochester, N.Y., where he initially lived in the downtown YMCA. His mother later joined him after being awarded a scholarship at the University of Rochester.

As a young man, Zupan says, he considered a career in politics, but an undergraduate class in economics at Harvard proved to be a life-changing event, with the professor, Joseph Kalt, inspiring Zupan to focus on the study of economics and a career in teaching.

After graduating from Harvard, Zupan enrolled at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received his PhD in economics – while teaching the same introductory economics course at Harvard in which he had met Professor Kalt. His first full-time teaching position was at the University of Southern California, where he was also appointed the associate dean of master’s programs.

He joined the University Arizona, serving as dean and professor of economics at the University’s Eller College of Management. He then joined the Simon School of Business at the University of Rochester in 2004, where his accomplishments included spearheading an \$85 million fundraising campaign. One of the many fruits of that campaign was the creation of nine endowed professorships.

As a scholar, Zupan has co-edited two textbooks on economics and authored numerous articles in juried scholarly journals. He has written op-ed pieces for national newspapers including *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times*, and he has served as co-editor of the journal *Economic Inquiry*, as well as on the editorial boards of *Public Choice*, *Journal of Business Economics*, and *Research in Law and Economics*.

His book *Inside Job: How Government Insiders Subvert the Public Interest* was published recently by Cambridge University Press.

He is the father of two sons, William and Walker.

If we're going to grow as human beings, colleges and universities should be the places where you bring different backgrounds, different thoughts, and think through what maybe doesn't hold water in your arguments. That's what we really do at Alfred University. And we become strengthened as a result of being in this crucible."

Zupan is ready to celebrate, over and over, the diversity of the Alfred University experience. He sees diversity everywhere: It's in the lives of Alfred graduates; it's in the jostling of ideas that compete in the University's intellectual marketplace; it's in the University's historic commitment to civil rights and welcoming embrace of a student body drawn from different regions, countries and ethnic groups. Zupan is no stranger to the stresses that can arise from diversity – "My parents come from Yugoslavia," he says. "They saw first-hand how diversity can kill you. If you just Balkanize and say 'Here are the differences,' what you leave in people's minds is nothing more than differences."

The Alfred University style of diversity, he says, is just the opposite: "The United States is at its best when the melting pot conception works. If you can unify people around a common task – if people have to take a hill together – you realize we bring different things to the same

equation. Universities are at their best when they create projects and mechanisms that don't lead to Balkanization. Done right you get something very powerful. And that's what we do at Alfred University."

As Zupan honed his own appreciation of Alfred University over his first months on the job, the unique shape of a Mark Zupan presidency came into clearer focus for the Alfred University community. Zupan began – and continues -- his presidency with a steady stream of emails to faculty, students and staff, almost invariably ending with a "Fiat Lux!" exhortation. The emails – together with his conversations and speeches – consistently celebrate a moral spirit for the University. In the fall, Zupan wrote an essay, *Lessons for a New President*, that focused on two people who'd attended Alfred University: Julio Fuentes and Warren Sutton. In Zupan's

narrative, Alfred University's culture provides a moral axis that connects both individuals.

Fuentes was an Alfred University sophomore and varsity football player when he suffered a paralyzing spinal injury on opening day of the 2006 season. His physicians told him he would never walk again, but on the opening day of the 2016 season, as Fuentes served as honorary team captain, he rose from his wheelchair following the coin toss and walked the final 15

yards to the sidelines under his own power.

"Every one of us who witnessed his walk off Merrill Field... saw the embodiment of grit," Zupan wrote.

He heard the story of Warren Sutton from Alfred University Professor of History Gary Ostrower – also an Alfred alumnus (Class of 1961) and a classmate of Sutton. Sutton was a third-year student at Alfred University in 1959 and a star of the Saxon varsity basketball team. An African-American, he fell in love with a white student, the daughter of an Alfred University administrator. Ostrower told Zupan both eventually left the University – "under pressure" – and earned degrees from other institutions.

"I found the University's treatment of that young man inappropriate and contrary to our core principles," Zupan wrote. So, in his capacity as Alfred University President, he wrote a letter to Sutton apologizing for the ugly



Mark Zupan, sporting a pink T-shirt honoring Cancer Awareness Month, tosses the opening pitch for the Saxons softball team on April 11, 2017. Photo by Chris Brooks/Wellsville Daily Reporter.

racial incident that had occurred almost 60 years before Zupan joined the University. Then Sutton responded to Zupan's outreach with his own extraordinary letter: "As America seems to be reaching out to correct some wrongs and injustices that have happened over the years, I was especially touched by President Zupan, who reached out some sixty years later to apologize for the wrongdoing of others. ... Thank you, President Zupan. This simple and sincere gesture is appreciated and only further enhances my love and appreciation of my experiences at Alfred."

(Editor's note: Alfred University's Board of Trustees in the fall voted unanimously to award Julio Fuentes a full scholarship, and Fuentes has announced he plans to: (1) get married and (2) return to Alfred University and finish his college education. In February, Zupan announced that the University would award Warren Sutton an honorary degree in the spring commencement ceremony, upon the recommendation of the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Les Gelber, and with the unanimous support of the Board. Sutton will return to his alma mater in May for his robe and hood.)

Zupan extracts two lessons from those stories. Number One: Speak from the heart, others will follow. Number Two: Respect the power of hard work and grit.

"Talent is over-rated," he says. He likes to cite the example of Angela Lee Duckworth, the author of *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance*. Duckworth's childhood included growing up with a father who continually advised her, "You're no genius." In 2013, she won a MacArthur fellowship, popularly known as a Genius Grant. "What

really matters," Zupan, says, "is identifying your passion and then developing the perseverance and the confidence to follow through."

Zupan is not shy about listing the considerable challenges facing the University. They include: enhancing student enrollment; refining and implementing a five-year strategic plan; establishing a compelling Alfred University brand/identity for marketing; and improving alumni engagement and University advancement activities. Working with relevant stakeholders, he has methodically been installing a new administrative team to achieve those goals: Jason Amore, a 1997 graduate of Alfred University, is now the new vice president of University Relations; Charles Scheetz is the University's new director of Financial Aid; Beth Ann Dobie is the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and Kathy Woughter, a '93 alumna and vice president of Student Affairs, will oversee student retention activities.

Meanwhile, Zupan continues emailing faculty, staff and students, and closing his message with a celebratory "Fiat Lux." He is also the first Alfred University president to use Twitter. In August 2016, he tweeted what exactly the significance of "Fiat Lux" holds for a modern Alfred University. "The motto guided Alfred University's past, and it can help shape its future."

Ask Mark Zupan how he hopes his presidency will be remembered by future generations of Alfredians, and he likes to quote the Chinese Buddhist Lao Tsu: "With the best leaders, when the work is done, the task accomplished, the people will say, 'We have done this ourselves'"

(Because, after all, nobody remembers the 14th president of Harvard University).

But ask Mark Zupan what makes Alfred University special, and he answers you with a direct call to action that summons the best of Alfred University's 180-year history. "There's a real magic at Alfred University," he says. "A lot of other schools say they have it, but we really do it."

Mark Zupan Career Summary

2014-2016: Director, Bradley Policy Center and Olin Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Simon Business School, University of Rochester

2004-2014: Dean, Simon Business School, University of Rochester

1997-2003: Dean and Professor of Economics, Eller College of Management, University of Arizona

1991-1996: Associate Professor, Marshall School of Business University of Southern California

1995: Visiting Professor Amos Tuck School of Business Administration, Dartmouth College

1992-1994: Associate Dean Masters Programs, Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California

1986-1991: Assistant Professor: Marshall School of Business, USC

EDUCATION

1981: B.A. (Economics) Harvard University

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- *Inside Job: How Government Insiders Subvert the Public Interest*, 2017, Cambridge University Press
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A Degree for a Difference

By Sue Goetschius

Left: Warren Sutton '61 reviews his treasured memories of Alfred preserved in several scrapbooks.

It was a simpler, perhaps more innocent time on the Alfred University campus the fall of 1959. Men were not allowed above the first floor in The Brick, the women's residence, and women were not allowed in men's residence halls.

There were curfews, and people checking to make sure they were followed.

And it was in this time that junior Warren Sutton met Dorothy, a young woman who caught his eye. She was a local resident, had attended Alfred-Almond Central School.

Her father was the treasurer of the University. Warren, recruited to play basketball, worked in Alfred during the summers, and he and Dorothy had mutual friends. "We would get together for a soda and we would all hang out together for the afternoon," Warren said.

It was not until she enrolled in Alfred University as a first-year nursing student in the fall of 1959 that they began dating. Through her roommate, they made arrangements to meet at Herrick Library for study dates. "Nobody knew we were dating," said Warren at his home in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, during a recent visit. "We kept it quiet."

But someone found out, and told her parents. "All of a sudden, it escalated, all out of proportion," Warren said.

And while the late '50s may have been a simpler, more innocent time on college campuses, racial tension across the nation was ratcheting up and two young adults on the Alfred University campus were caught in the maelstrom swirling the country at the time. In spite of Alfred University's egalitarian roots – It was the first institution in the country to educate women in the same academic program as men, among the first to admit African-Americans and Native Americans – the administration began exerting pressure to break up the young relationship.

Among the first to feel it was Pete Smith, the men's varsity basketball coach who brought Warren to Alfred University. Smith, in his very first head coaching job at Alfred, recruited Warren, knowing that he came out

of a highly regarded high school program in Chester, PA. Smith was told by the athletic director and other coaches at the time to “control” Warren. “Pete was really between a rock and a hard place,” Warren said. Warren was not only a stand-out player, but he and Pete were friends. The two remained close until Pete’s death a few years ago.

Most faculty and students – even Warren’s teammates – were unaware of what was happening in his life, but they started to see the effects. Warren said he was angry, and it showed. (See Warren Sutton’s letter to the editor, inside front cover) He doesn’t recall getting a scholarship, per se, but he knew he depended on his job in The Brick dining hall for room and board, and he felt his employment might be in jeopardy. He feared expulsion might also be a consequence.

Finally, he left school part-way through the fall semester and went home to Chester. Dorothy withdrew as well.

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But that was not the end.

They arranged to meet in New York City one weekend. She was accompanied by her parents; her mother and she were supposed to be going to Florida for a vacation to help Dorothy recover. She snuck out of her room in the middle of the night and met Warren. Her parents reported her missing as a “wayward child,” even

though she was 18, and a warrant was issued for her arrest. Warren and Dorothy were found in a movie theater; they had spent hours walking, visiting restaurants, going to movies.

When Dorothy was “apprehended,” the story became national news. *The New York Times* and *US News and World Report* covered it, as did the Associated Press, which put it out on the wire so that hundreds of papers

across the country picked it up.

Warren went on with his life. The following fall, with Pete Smith’s help, he enrolled at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, and played basketball there, too. He laughs at the similarities between the two schools, both located in one-stoplight towns, a far cry from the more populated area where he grew up.

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Sutton to receive Honorary Degree

Alfred University will award an honorary degree to Warren Sutton ’61, at its May 13 commencement ceremony in McLane Center. Bestowing a Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, on Sutton helps to right an institutional wrong that occurred over a half century ago.

“Awarding an honorary degree to Warren Sutton helps heal a wound suffered in 1959 by one of its greatest all-time student athletes” said Alfred University President Mark Zupan.

Sutton arrived in Alfred from Chester, PA, in 1957. He enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and excelled not only in the classroom, but also as an All-American player on the basketball court. Under Alfred University coach Peter Smith, he became one of the country’s leading rebounders, once scoring 39 points and 34 rebounds in a memorable game against Upsala College in East Orange, NJ. He is a member of the Alfred University Hall of Fame although he only played two full seasons as a Saxon.

Sutton transferred to Acadia University in Canada and became the first player from a Canadian university ever drafted into the National Basketball Association. Following his basketball career, Sutton became a computer systems analyst for the City of Kitchener, Ontario. He also coached women’s university junior varsity and varsity teams.

But Alfred University honors him in 2017 not for his extraordinary basketball skills, but for his character and his history.

Alfred University History Professor Gary Ostrower, a former classmate of Sutton, recounted the story to Zupan shortly before Zupan became the University’s 14th president in July 2016. Because the tale was so at odds with Alfred University’s history—Alfred University had been the first college in the nation to admit women on a fully equal basis with men, and among the first to admit African-Americans and Native Americans—Zupan wrote an apology to Sutton on behalf of the university.

Sutton’s reply “brought tears to my eyes,” Zupan admits. Sutton noted that “this simple and sincere gesture is appreciated and only further enhances my love and appreciation of my experiences at Alfred.”

From the perspective of nearly 60 years, said President Zupan, “we judge our university’s role in this affair to be inexcusable and something that cannot be swept under the proverbial rug.”

Even today, more than 50 years later, Warren admits to being baffled by the media furor. He has not talked to any media, until now, about what happened at Alfred, although many people claimed to know what had happened.

While he says he is not particularly retrospective, that he separates his life into distinct phases, and moves on once one is finished, still he muses about what might have happened to his relationship with Dorothy had the Alfred University administration not intervened. "I was 20, she was only 18," he said. "Who knows? It might have ended two weeks later" without interference.

He does not regret the path he has taken in his life, even though some of the changes were forced upon on. "I came out on top," he said.

The move to Canada was a good one, he said. "Chester, where I grew up and went to high school, was very (racially) integrated," and the kind of tensions evident elsewhere. Had he stayed in the United States, he feared, he might have been drafted for the military, or ended up in jail.



The 1958 and 1959 Kanakadea yearbooks have numerous photos and statistics documenting Sutton's illustrious Saxons basketball career.

He remembers being invited to a woman student's house while he was a student at Acadia. "I met her mother and father. It was no big deal"

that he was African-American. And he has found that to be true of most Canadians over the years. "They accept you for who you are."

In spite of saying once a phase of his life is over, he moves on, Warren has a collection of mementos from Alfred University – photos and newspaper clippings of his basketball career, of course, but a birthday card two of his friends made for him, a crown he received as king candidate at a dance, and yearbooks from the time he spent at Alfred.

He remains friends with some of the people he met at Alfred, and he and Dorothy have reconnected, exchanging phone calls and emails on an occasional basis. He is touched, he said, by the response from his Alfred classmates when they learned Alfred was awarding an honorary degree to him.

Warren studied biology at Acadia, but he developed an affinity for computers early on. He retired as a computer systems analyst for the City of Kitchener, Ontario, where he still lives.

Warren Sutton's letter to the editor *continued from inside front cover*

contact with a coach at a summer camp led to my attending a university in Canada, Acadia University.

CAMPUS LIFE

Race relations were not an issue at the University. Of course, there were only about six African-American students out of a population of about 1200 students at the time. I was well-received and accepted by the majority of the students. I never felt any racial pressure or tension on campus. In fact, in my sophomore year, I was nominated by the Brick as their representative for Winter Carnival King. I still have my crown and scroll.

I recently made a picture book of my basketball career and, of

course, Alfred was included. During my research, I found that Alfred University was one of two Universities in America to admit African-Americans and Native Americans, as far back as the 1860's

REACH OUT

The University has reached out in the past to me. In 1986, I was inducted into the Alfred University Sports Hall of Fame. Coincidentally, perhaps, all the principal members of the administration at that time had passed on. Pete Smith presented me to the Hall of Fame.

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As America seems to be reaching out to correct some wrongs and injustices that have happened over the years, I was especially touched by President Zupan who reached out some 60 years later to apologize for the wrong doing of others. I wanted to publicly acknowledge his efforts. I think it shows the kind of gentleman that Alfred University has been blessed with: a sensitive, enthusiastic and responsible leader.

One of his comments in his letter was that Alfred is and always will be committed to the ideal of full racial and gender equality.

Thank you, President Zupan. This simple and sincere gesture is appreciated and only further enhances my love and appreciation of my experiences at Alfred.

A Lower East Side State of Mind

For Mark Federman '66, life after Alfred University did not take him where he originally expected. He ended up running the family business, and after almost three decades, writing a best-selling memoir about that enterprise and the unique journey of his family.

By Rick McLay '89

Above: Mark Federman '66 stands with his daughter Niki, who along with her cousin Josh, have taken over the historic Russ & Daughters Appetizers Store in the lower east side of Manhattan.

Having arrived a half hour early for a much anticipated Lower East Side lunch appointment with now-retired Mark Russ Federman '66, I was fortunate enough to find one of two iron sidewalk benches vacant so I sat down to wait.

This was significant for two reasons: first, it was actually warm enough to be able to sit outside in New York in early February. More importantly, due to the usual crush of standing room-only hungry patrons waiting for their take-out-only orders, the benches in front of Mark's renowned

Russ & Daughter's "appetizing store" (not to be called a "delicatessen" but referred to as "the store" by Mark) are used year-round to allow a lucky few to sit while waiting for their order number to be called from inside. And that wait is usually considerable, not due to the slow service of the six or seven energetic counter employees, but to the overwhelming popularity of the establishment.

Suffice to say, the family business that Mark inherited and shepherded before turning it over to his daughter Niki and his nephew Josh has become a New York legend, and as I was to discover, so has Mark himself.

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Mark arrived for our appointment just before noon, and he decided the better place to share his story with me was at the Russ & Daughters Café. This recently opened eatery – like “the store” – is owned and operated by his daughter Niki and his nephew Josh. It is two blocks away and differs primarily by the fact that you can sit and enjoy the delicious food either at the counter, small tables or in booths.

Aside from that, the popularity and ambience of the restaurant reflects that of the original establishment, including a few groups of eager customers waiting for a table or a counter stool to become vacant. We got a seat immediately (of course) and as Mark described the history of the place, the sense of family was nearly overwhelming. There are large sepia toned archival family portraits lining the walls. Mark’s mother, his aunts and uncles, his grandparents and cousins all gaze down upon the patrons. The aroma of chicken soup with matzoh balls, fish chowder and freshly made bagels fills the air. Warm and inviting, this place feels like a family dining room, just larger.

As Mark began relating his story during lunch, several patrons spotted him stopped to say hi to him...whether or not they knew him personally. They certainly knew OF him and simply wanted to make the connection.

After one such interruption, he leaned close and said quietly, “I’m a very fortunate man. I’m retired, and I come here all the time. I now can relax, and there’s always something going on... the people are wonderful.”

And it shows. He is engaged immediately by those customers who recognize him. He smiles, asks where they’re from, what they do, how long they’re in town, and more. It occurred to me



In spite of being “retired,” Mark still enjoys visiting Russ & Daughters almost on a daily basis, and thrives on the energy of what is always a wall to wall crush of customers.

that Mark regards these customers almost like members of an extended family. Between these welcome interruptions, and bites of his lunch, Mark said, “Food prepared for family is food made with love.”

[As a point of interest, guests/ friends who frequent the Store and

the Café include the likes of Martha Stewart, comedian Jerry Seinfeld, chef Anthony Bourdain, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, to name a few.]

Mark’s retirement certainly doesn’t mean he merely enjoys lunches at the Café and basks in the glow of his 30 years behind the counter. He spent a few years writing the 2014 best-selling “Russ & Daughters: Reflections and Recipes from the House That Herring Built.”

It is a compelling and enjoyable read, not only in its description of how his family and the business grew, but in its underlying theme of the immigrants’ struggle to survive, especially in the overcrowded, poverty stricken Lower East.

Through Mark’s careful research and keen eye for humor, “Russ & Daughters” tells the story of how “six days a week, ten hours a day, for thirty years” he came to run a family business that had its beginnings in the early 20th century by his immigrant grandfather Joel Russ, and Joel’s three daughters...hence the name.



A portrait of Mark from the 1980s – along with images of many other relatives – is prominently displayed in both the Appetizing Store and the Café.



Interruptions are frequent when Mark lunches at the Russ & Daughters Café, and he enjoys every single one.

As Mark says of his grandfather “he was no feminist, believe me, but he had no sons and he wanted a family business. His decision to name his growing enterprise as such was not just unusual, for that time in New York it was unique!”

Regardless of the reasons, Mark’s grandfather’s decision to establish a feminine presence to his business “brand” was incredibly prescient, and it has served the business very, very well.

One of those three daughters, Ann, was Mark’s mother. Yet, in spite of what may seem like a typical family business legacy that was pre-determined, Mark’s path took a couple of interesting turns before he committed himself to those special and rewarding 30 years at the Store.

From an early age Mark had heard from both his mother and father that the kids should aspire to “do better.” As Mark explained, the romance that people have with food nowadays is nothing like it was when his parents slogged through every day “selling herring, and salmon... you know, cheap protein for Jews,” Mark laughs.

He continued, “So, ‘better’ meant breaking out of that environment, getting a job where you didn’t come home exhausted and smelling like fish. I was told ‘You should go to school, get a job in an office sitting down, be a doctor, be a lawyer.’”

Mark’s high school counselor recommended three liberal arts universities to consider as he began thinking of how to “do better,” one of which was Alfred University.

“(Alfred) was a great place to start to grow up, and even though I went on to Georgetown for my law degree, Alfred is the place I remember fondly.”

Mark Federman ‘66

After what he calls an unpleasant college visit to an institution in the midwest (ironically due to a heavy snowfall), Mark decided that Alfred just sounded “right,” and never having set foot on campus beforehand, he applied, was accepted and enrolled in 1962.

“It was a welcoming environment... cloistered. A beautiful campus, really. It was a great place to start to grow up, and even though I went on to Georgetown for my law degree after graduating from AU, Alfred is the place I remember fondly.”

Mark spent a few years successfully practicing law, yet it was not a fit for him. The lure of the family business that he participated in during his childhood and adolescence proved

irresistible, so he returned to the Lower East Side to immerse himself in building upon the family legacy.

Mark hasn’t been back to Alfred since he left in 1966, and he admits he isn’t really “one who looks back. I tend to always be looking for what’s next.”

Nonetheless, for our luncheon meeting, I had brought along a 1966 Kanakadea yearbook as Mark had requested.

The opened book nearly spanned our tiny lunch table, and he began turning the pages (back to front, since the senior photos are in the last part of the book). The memories started coming back, and Mark began talking about the different friends he knew well, girls he dated, his involvement in ROTC, the classic campus buildings.

When he got to the yearbook’s faculty section, Mark’s page turning slowed and finally stopped. He had reached the pages that had the English faculty.

As an English major, Mark’s recollections of writing classes with David Ohara and Melvin Bernstein were of particular significance. The legacy of those professors spanned decades, and their impact upon thousands of young students, and in particular writers, was immeasurable. Mark acknowledged how even after all those years since Alfred, he drew upon those priceless Alfred influences while writing his memoir.

For Mark, there is a bit of irony that for 30 years he “sold fish,” as he very proudly states it, then found the time to draw upon the lessons learned over a half century ago at AU and to bring forth a wonderful story about family, about history, and about life in general.

Of “Russ & Daughters” and of Mark Federman, Professors Ohara and Bernstein would be proud.



A Vision Fulfilled

After years of planning, the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum opened officially October 28, 2016, completing the vision of Professor Charles Fergus Binns, who began assembling a pottery collection on the campus more than 100 years ago.

With nearly 8,000 ceramic objects in its collection, including an outstanding collection of graduate thesis work by Alfred University-educated ceramic artists, the museum joins a network of western New York art institutions that includes Rochester's Memorial Art Gallery, Buffalo's Burchfield Penney Art Center, The Corning Museum of Glass and Cornell University's Johnson Museum of Art.

"The mission of the museum has to be educational," said Director and Curator Wayne Higby. "But what's significant is how ceramics has a footprint in all areas of education

– business, history, culture. So for me the mission is also about how ceramics is a touchstone for all elements of the mind."

The museum opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by President Mark Zupan and Trustee Marlin Miller, whose financial support made the project possible after years of discussion and planning on the campus.

It was in 1991 – nearly 90 years after Binns assembled the university's first collection of ceramic art – that the Board of Trustees formally established the Museum of Ceramic Art at Alfred. The name changed

to the International Museum of Ceramic Art, then The Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University.

In 2014, with Miller's support, construction of the new building began under the architectural supervision of Kallman, McKinnell and Wood of Boston. The Board of Trustees formally named the new building The Alfred Ceramic Art Museum in 2015.

Higby noted the museum collection includes ceramic art from Binns's original collection, plus works by U.S. and international ceramic artists,



Core Sample, the opening exhibition, featured a wide variety of dynamic ceramic art from alumni, faculty, and current students.



An important component of the new Museum is as an educational venue. Above, assistant Professor of Ceramics Matt Kelleher conducts an informative tour of the history of ceramic art with his junior pottery students.



From left, Wayne Higby, Marlin Miller, Ginger Miller, and AU President Mark Zupan cut the ribbon at the inaugural opening reception for the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum on October 28, 2016.

many trained at Alfred University. “These folks have changed the face of ceramic art in the 21st century,” Higby said. “They represent the arc and evolution of ceramic art – all of these people who have become major names, and teachers, all across America.”

Miller said his interest in supporting the development of a ceramic art museum emerged in part from his business trips as co-founder of Arrow International and co-founder and director of Norwich Ventures. “I could be in any country in the world, and people practicing ceramic art knew all about Alfred,” he said. “We really just needed a place where we could put this collection in the public eye.”

The museum is open from 10am to 5pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 10am to 7pm Thursdays; and 10am to 4pm Saturdays and Sundays. www.ceramicsmuseum.alfred.edu

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Alumni to deliver commencement keynote

Victoria and Richard MacKenzie-Childs, founders of an eponymous luxury home goods firm that is one of the most enduring brands in what can be a mercurial field, will deliver the address at Alfred University's 181st commencement, to be held at 10 a.m. May 13 in the Galanis Family Arena at McLane Center.

As part of the commencement ceremonies, the University will award Victoria and Richard MacKenzie-Childs Doctor of Fine Arts degrees, honoris causa.

Both are graduates of Alfred University's top-ranked Master of Fine Arts program in ceramic art. Victoria received her MFA in 1977 and Richard, who received his BFA degree from Alfred in 1975, earned his MFA a year later.

In 1983, while Richard was teaching ceramic art at Wells College in Aurora, NY, the young couple started selling what they called "sketch pad" platters, designed by Victoria and created by Richard, and the firm MacKenzie-Childs, Ltd., was launched.

"In choosing Richard and Victoria MacKenzie-Childs as our commencement speakers and recipients of honorary degrees from Alfred University, we are paying tribute to their creativity and their vision," said Mark Zupan, president of Alfred University. "Their vision launched a company that over the years has produced thousands of designs, created hundreds of thousands of objects, and established their company as a force in the luxury home goods market."

Since stepping away from their company more than 10 years ago, the two have been immersing themselves in their latest undertaking: restoring and transforming the Yankee Ferry, the last remaining Ellis Island ferryboat, which has been their home, their studio, and now what Victoria calls the armature for their latest work.

Transforming the Yankee Ferry has been a mission for them,

Victoria said. The boat "changed the world," carrying immigrants to and from Ellis Island as they entered the country. She was a troop-carrier in both world wars and an excursion boat that cruised New York harbor to allow the wealthy to "catch the breeze" in the days before air conditioning.



Richard and Victoria MacKenzie-Childs

The metaphor does not escape Victoria and Richard. Just at the Yankee Ferry has adapted and changed, so too have the MacKenzie-Childses during the course of their lifetimes.

Victoria earned her baccalaureate degree from Indiana University and was taking graduate courses at Harvard-Radcliffe when she made the decision she wanted to study with Wayne Higby. Richard was a student at the Massachusetts College of Art & Design prior to entering Alfred University's School of Art & Design.

Higby, professor of ceramic art at Alfred and now director of the Alfred Ceramic Art Museum, has known Victoria and Richard since before they were graduate students.

Together, Victoria and Richard have what Higby calls "an amazing vision," along with "the skill and

ability to make unexpected things... they reinvented the home décor landscape," with objects that were not just hand-made, but had "an artist's magic touch." Their work convinced people not to just buy a functional platter or cup, a footstool or an armoire, but something that went beyond the simply decorative. "They brought to home décor a highly unique, expressive style."

And their success was "embedded in the education they received from Alfred University," said Higby. The faculty in the MFA program impart technical knowledge, certainly, but they also encourage students to find their own way in their work.

Victoria and Richard have a daughter, Heather, who is married to Nils Chaplet, and two grandchildren, Wittika and Felix MacKenzie-Chaplet.



Jamie Smith, women's basketball graduate assistant

New academic programs on the books

Alfred University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences initiated Social Justice Studies as an interdisciplinary minor beginning in the 2016-2017 academic year. The field of study reflects the University's commitment to social justice and honors the University's roots in 19th century social justice movements. The course of study includes a team-taught introductory core course, courses from a variety of disciplines, and a faculty-supervised capstone experience. Students are also strongly encouraged to pursue experiential learning opportunities.

Alfred University's College of Professional Studies has introduced a Coaching minor in the field of Health and Human Performance to meet the interests of students who wish to work in the area of athletics. The Coaching minor includes courses in theory and techniques of coaching, nutrition, conditioning, first aid and CPR, injury prevention, and the role of sports in society. A faculty-supervised practicum is also required. Completion of the coursework meets requirements for coaching certification in New York state schools.

Amore '97 appointed VP for University Relations

Jason Amore, who graduated from Alfred University in 1997 and received a Master's degree from Alfred University in Community Services Administration (1999), has returned to his alma mater as Vice President of University Relations. His appointment became effective March 1.



He succeeds Sue Goetschius, who served as Interim Vice President of University Relations since 2012. Goetschius continues to serve as Director of Communications/Government Relations for the University.

Amore brings a wealth of experience to his position. In addition to his first-hand knowledge of Alfred University, he has a deep understanding of the university relations field through his work at the University of Louisville, the Rochester Institute of Technology, and more recently, the University of Rochester. He has also worked in the communications field for organizations as diverse as General Motors and the University of Buffalo. Over the course of his career, he has developed and closed more than \$185 million in gifts and pledges.

At the University of Louisville, Amore served in several key advancement positions, including Associate Vice President of Development and Director of Major Gifts. At the University of Rochester, he served as Associate Vice President for Arts, Sciences, Engineering and University Advancement. He has developed proven strategies for academic development, prospect management and best practices in major and principal gift fundraising. Amore also oversaw the University of Rochester's innovative and award-winning annual giving program, the George Eastman Circle.

Jason and his wife, Kara, have two children, Julian and Adelynn.

Dobie appointed dean of College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Alfred University Professor of Art Theory Elizabeth Ann Dobie has been appointed Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, effective July 1, succeeding Dean Louis Lichtman, who has served in that capacity for the past three years.



Dobie, a faculty member of the Division of Human Studies, joined Alfred University in 1995. She received her PhD. from the University of Connecticut, where she also received her M.A. She earned her B.A. from Southern Connecticut State University.

Dobie has taught classes in art theory, the philosophy of art, feminist theory and the philosophy of language. She incorporated a portion of her scholarship into a class called "Mirror Mirror," which she taught in the CLAS Honors Program, and she also has taught philosophy as expressed in children's literature.

She has authored numerous academic publications, including the recent "Strengthening the Bridge Between Art and the Humanities," published in *Proceedings, 28th Annual National Conference on Liberal Arts and the Education of Artists* (2014).

Dobie's extensive administrative work has included chairing the Division of Human Studies and Alfred University's self-study for reaccreditation with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. She also has served as a member of the MSCHE Committee on Substantive Change, participating in the evaluation of more than 30 institutions of higher learning. In September 2016, she attended an MSCHE workshop for training on new standards for MSCHE and served as a member of an evaluation team that implemented those standards for the first time at the University of the Virgin Islands.



From left, Kristen Beck '89, President Mark Zupan, Julio Fuentes and Don McPherson '89 Ph.D.

Three receive first 'Fiat Lux!' Awards

Alfred University kicked off its celebration of the inauguration of President Mark Zupan with a moving ceremony Oct 21, 2016 awarding two AU alumni – and one alumnus-to-be -- the newly created Fiat Lux! honor.

Zupan, playing host, presented the award to alumni Don McPherson, the inventor of corrective lenses that allow color blind people to discern individual colors, and Kristin Beck, a Wellsville native and former U.S. Navy Seal whose transgender transformation is the subject of a book, *Warrior Princess*, and a documentary film *Lady Valor*. Both are alumni. McPherson earned a master's degree in glass science engineering in 1984, and a Ph.D. in ceramic engineering in 1989. Beck is a 1989 graduate of AU.

Finally, Julio Fuentes, who as an AU student suffered a paralyzing spinal injury in a 2006 football game, received his own Fiat Lux!, promising the nearly 200 guests attending the dinner he also would accept the AU Board of Trustees' offer to return to AU and complete his undergraduate studies. Fuentes has been undergoing physical rehabilitation for the past 10 years.

"You truly made an impact on my life," Fuentes told Zupan after receiving his Fiat Lux! plaque. "And I know you'll do the same for Alfred."

Noted scientist to receive honorary degree

Alfred University will award an honorary degree this spring to George Beall, a Corporate Fellow in Corning Incorporated's Research Group, for his more than 50 years of exemplary scientific achievement.

"It is so fitting for Alfred University to award an honorary degree to Dr. Beall," said Alfred University President Mark Zupan. "As a glass scientist at Corning Incorporated, Dr. Beall has had an extraordinary impact on the field of glass science. He was a protégé of the renowned Don Stookey, and has gone on to become a legend himself at Corning."

The bond between Alfred University, which offers the nation's only Ph.D. in glass science,

and Corning Incorporated, is strong and deep, said Zupan, noting that Corning employs more than 300 Alfred University alumni.



Beall was nominated for an honorary degree by distinguished glass scientist Dr. L. David Pye, who had served as dean at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University.

Beall, said Pye, "achieved what industrial scientists covet most: successful experimental programs leading to valuable commercialization."

Since joining Corning Incorporated, 54 years ago, Beall has been granted more than 100 U.S. patents, the first Corning employee to reach that milestone.

Rainford, Reed named 2017 Marlin Miller Outstanding Seniors

Alfred University senior students Cheyenne Rainford and Quintin Reed have been named recipients of the 2017 Marlin Miller Outstanding Senior Award. Both students will be honored at Alfred University's spring Commencement ceremony on May 13 and will address the graduating class, as well as Alfred University faculty, administration, trustees, and guests.

Rainford, a resident of Sherburne, N.Y. and described in her nomination as "smart, savvy, accomplished, personable, ethical, and hardworking," is a Communication Studies major and has served as managing editor of Alfred University's *Fiat Lux* since her second year. She loves the "tough stories," according to Professor of Communication Studies Robyn Goodman – stories "that have the promise of helping the Alfred University community deal with real issues in real ways."

Alfred University Vice President of Student Affairs Kathy Woughter seconds Goodman's nomination of Rainford, noting she has accomplished "the trifecta of experiences for students who really love Alfred University: tour guide, orientation guide and resident advisor." Woughter notes Rainford also is a rider on the University's equestrian team and, for her senior capstone project, assisted Woughter in recruiting for the Alpha Kappa Omicron leadership and social change awards.

"I believe Cheyenne is about as well-rounded a student as we have at AU," Woughter says.

Rainford says Alfred University presented her with a huge range of opportunities for an undergraduate education. "AU packs so much opportunity into such little time," she says. "It's like a good story: you get something new every time you come back to it."

She is the daughter of Paul and Laura Rainford, also of Sherburne.



Reed, a resident of Hartford, Conn., is described by Professor of Political Science Robert Stein as "engaged in the subject, open to new perspectives, constantly synthesizing class material with experiences and with his other classes." A Political Science major with a minor in Philosophy, Reed is credited with reviving the Political Science Club and helped cover the 2016 Election returns for WLEA Radio in Hornell. He has served the Alfred University community in myriad additional ways, including working as a resident advisor, serving as peer leader for a First Year Experience course, and even winning a poetry slam contest.

"What makes Quintin so special is how ubiquitous he is, but in an unassuming way," Stein writes. "From the time he arrived at Alfred, Quintin has taken advantage of all that college life has to offer. ... He does not participate in all of these things to pad his resume. He participates out of an interest in the activity itself – in contributing to the community and in growing personally through that process."

Reed is the son of Karin Reed of Harford, Conn., and James Reed of Plainville, Conn.

He says his education at Alfred University was marked by strong individual relationships with professors who encouraged him to develop and follow his own interests.

Winners of the Marlin Miller Outstanding Senior Award are chosen on the basis of scholarship, extracurricular achievement, personal character and conduct and nominated by faculty, students and staff. The award was established to honor Alfred University alumnus Marlin Miller '54, one of Alfred University's most generous supporters. Miller has been a member of Alfred University's Board of Trustees since 1972.



The new outdoor kiln is located behind Harder Hall.

Art and Design dedicates new outdoor kiln building

Alfred University's School of Art and Design formally dedicated its new 3,900-square-foot kiln building in a celebration April 6, 2017.

Presiding over the ceremony, Gerar Edizel, interim dean of the School of Art and Design, noted the new building replaces a decades-old facility that evolved from a simple wooden building constructed in the early 1970s. A photograph of the original kiln showed a structure that looked more like a backyard shed than a modern kiln facility. Edizel singled out Alfred University Kiln Specialist Freddy Fredrickson – “legendary kiln builder Freddy Fredrickson” -- as an advocate through the years for an improved kiln building.

The new facility, constructed in post-and-beam style, shows off the warm reddish hues of Douglas Fir timber shipped to Alfred from Tennessee. The building design allows for the easy flow of air, a critical issue given the chemical reactions taking place within each kiln, while also providing necessary protection from the elements. There are currently four gas-fired kilns in the building and one wood-fired kiln. An additional kiln will be added in the fall, constructed by Alfred University students studying kiln design in the School of Art and Design and supervised by Shawn Murrey, a kiln specialist in SOAD.



From left, William Heaney, representative of State Senator Catharine Young, engineering dean Alastair Cormack, and Alfred University Trustee Tom Hinman '79 at the McMahon Building dedication ceremony.

Alfred University dedicates McMahon Engineering Building addition

Alfred University dedicated an addition to the McMahon Engineering Building that contains some of the most advanced analytical equipment in the nation on April 6, 2017.

Located within the \$9 million “infill” – it was built in the courtyard of the existing building – the addition contains an array of analytical equipment capable of characterizing materials while they are at elevated temperatures, rather than after they’ve cooled, giving researchers better information about how the materials function in at high temperatures. Collectively, the suites of equipment make up the Center for High-Temperature Materials Characterization.

Dedication of the new space and the Center mark the end of a journey that began more than 10 years ago, when representatives from Alfred University and Corning Incorporated approached State Senator Catharine Young with a request for funding, said Thomas Hinman '79, a trustee of Alfred University and a senior vice president at Corning prior to his retirement. The University and Corning believed the Center would have great value for industries in New York State, and for the Inamori School of Engineering, part of the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, where the next generation of scientists and engineers is being educated.

Cohens' gift creates endowed dean's position for School of Art and Design; provides for applied-learning opportunities for students



Marty and Michele Cohen

A \$2 million gift from Michele and Marty Cohen will create an endowed dean's position for the School of Art and Design, and provide immediate funding for an applied learning program for Alfred University students.

An endowment to support a dean's position is a first for Alfred University and helps to advance the University's strategic objective of doubling the number of endowed faculty/staff positions over the next decade.

The gift was announced April 20, 2017.

Alfred University president Mark Zupan says that "We are profoundly grateful to Michele and Marty Cohen for their inspirational gift. Their investment in Alfred University will promote ongoing excellence and leadership at our top-10-rated School of Art and Design through the Michele and Marty Cohen endowed deanship. Furthermore, their generous support will allow us to expand our applied learning program at Alfred University and to ensure that, effective with this fall's entering class, every student at Alfred will be able to benefit from an applied learning opportunity."

Five students join prestigious Saxon Circle

When Mark Zupan became Alfred University's 14th president, he brought with him the vision of enhanced alumni engagement to support the educational mission of the University. One of the results of that vision is the Saxon Circle, a leadership giving society comprised of dedicated alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff and students. These supporters would commit to providing an example of donor leadership, with a five-year philanthropic commitment of discretionary support to Alfred University.

A key target for the Saxon Circle is to recruit 300 charter members by the end of June 2017. And so far, so good, according to Jason Amore, Alfred University's new Vice President for University Relations. As of mid-April, Saxon Circle had grown to 274 members. "We're definitely on track," Amore says, noting five undergraduate

students accepted the initial challenge to support their alma mater over the next five years.

"I fully expect we'll have at least 300 members by June 30," Amore said.

Alfred University historically has encouraged values of community involvement, service and support among its students. Zupan's vision for Saxon Circle builds on that tradition, Amore says.

"The basic idea is simple. Alfred University students and alumni recognize the importance of giving back, whether they choose to support a local community organization, such as a public library, a religious institution, or any other mission-driven charitable organization.

"We want alumni to think of Alfred University when they're making their philanthropic investment decisions regarding what organizations to support. First, we want our alumni to be good citizens. Second, we want their citizenship to include their alma mater."

For alumni who are out of school for ten years or more, membership in the Saxon Circle requires a minimum annual discretionary commitment of \$1,000 (and there are higher annual giving levels beyond that base level). There are lower annual giving levels for younger alums and students.

To learn more about the Saxon Circle, visit www.alfred.edu/alumni/giving/leadership-giving.cfm, or call University Relations at 607-871-2144.



Mark Zupan, center, is surrounded by students displaying their Saxon Circle pins. From left, Justin Cerrato, Justin Fossum, Logan Gee, Beryl Torthé, and Caroline Burgos

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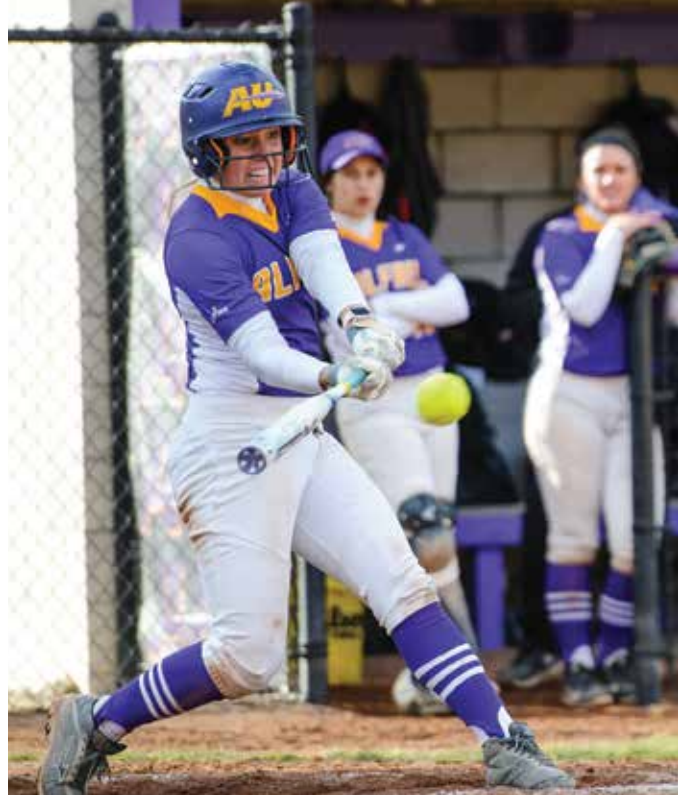
Tyler Johnson helped lead the Saxons to an unbeaten regular season

Saxon football team makes history

The AU football team recorded a year for the ages in 2016, winning a school-record 12 games and hosting three NCAA tournament games before its season ended in the national championship quarterfinals.

The Saxons went 10-0 in the regular season and won their third Empire 8 title, becoming the first team in E8 history to go unbeaten and the first AU team in 35 years to go through a regular season unscathed. AU hosted and defeated Bridgewater State and Western New England to reach the NCAA Elite 8, where they fell to visiting Mount Union in a shootout.

Several Saxons earned All-America nods, led by junior linebacker A.J. LiCata (Empire 8 Defensive Player of the Year) and senior quarterback Tyler Johnson (E8 Offensive Player of the Year), and head coach Bob Rankl, who piloted the Empire 8's Coaching Staff of the Year. The Saxons won the Lambert Cup as the top Division III team in the East, the first time since 1971 an AU team has earned that distinction.



Liz Thompson set the AU career record for homeruns.

Softball team starts strong, eyes Empire 8 title

The AU softball team competed for a berth in the Empire 8 Conference tournament, the winner of which qualifies for the NCAA championships.

The Saxons would finish in fifth place in the league standings, just out of the four-team E8 tournament field. Still, the Saxons turned in a solid season and with several talented players set to return, the team can look ahead with optimism to the 2018 season.

AU began the season by winning seven of 12 games played during a challenging Spring Break trip to Florida. The Saxons would go on to finish with a 7-7 Empire 8 record, with one of the victories coming at then nationally-ranked Stevens. The Saxons also swept E8 doubleheaders against Utica, Elmira and Houghton.

The Saxons' roster boasted a solid mix of veterans – some holdovers from the 2015 team that went to the Division III College World Series in Salem, VA – and talented youngsters. Leading the way was senior third baseman and All-American candidate Liz Thompson. An All-American and E8 Player of the Year as a sophomore in 2015, Thompson set new career records for home runs, hits and stolen bases this year.



Seth Spicer earned All-America track and field honors.

Spicer flexes muscles at NCAA indoor championships

AU junior Seth Spicer, one of the top multi track athletes in the region, became Alfred's first indoor track and field All-American in 22 years.

Spicer earned the accolades with his fourth-place finish in the heptathlon at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships, held in March at North Central College in Naperville, IL. His 4,969 points shattered his previous school record of 4,859, as he became Alfred's first indoor All-American since AU Hall of Fame hurdler Glenn Clinton in 1995.

The NAAs capped an outstanding indoor season for Spicer, who won a New York State championship in the heptathlon and was named Empire 8 Conference Field Athlete of the Year.

Alfred University welcomes two new coaches

AU Director of Athletics Paul Vecchio announced the appointment of a pair of new coaches this year.



Tracy Blake was appointed head men's soccer coach, replacing Matt Smith, and Dakota Pruiss was introduced as head women's volleyball coach, taking over for Amanda Hubbard.

Blake is a veteran assistant, having served on the coaching staffs of women's teams at

SUNY Oswego and SUNY Cortland and the men's team at Cayuga County Community College, and also has several years' experience as a high school and club team coach.



Dakota Pruiss comes to AU from SUNY New Paltz, where she served as an assistant the last three seasons. She has also served as a coach for Iroquois-Empire Volleyball Association (IREVA) High Performance, a regional volleyball program run through USA Volleyball, which covers Eastern New York

and serves some of the top high school players in the state.

Four inducted into AU Athletics Hall of Fame

Four former standout student-athletes were inducted into the Alfred University Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming festivities last fall. The 2016 Hall of Fame class included Chris Tighe '88 (men's basketball), Jesse Hiney '97 (men's lacrosse), Lisa (Valitutto) Rossi '02 (women's basketball) and Brian Gotham '06 (men's swimming).



Tighe was a four-year starter for the Saxons from 1984-88. He played on some of the best teams in the storied history of the men's basketball program, and ranks in the top 25 at AU in career scoring and rebounding. He was on the 1984-85 squad that earned the team's

first-ever berth in the NCAA championship tournament and the 1985-86 team that went 25-3, again qualifying for the NAAs. The 25 wins in 1985-86 represent a school single-season record.



Hiney, one of the most prolific scorers in Saxon men's lacrosse history, played for two NCAA playoff teams: the 1994 team that went 12-3 and the 1997 squad that went 10-4. He was a Second Team USILA All-American his senior season of 1997 and was also a

two-time Super Six First Team All-Star (1996 and 1997). He also played for the 1995 Saxons that went 13-4 and won the ECAC Upstate championship tournament.



Rossi was a starting forward four seasons (1998-02) on the women's basketball team, finishing her career as one of the top post players ever at Alfred University. A two-time Empire 8 Conference All-Star, she finished her career at AU as the school's top scorer,

with 1,368 points. She also pulled down 819 rebounds in her career, third-most in program history, and holds career, single-season and single-game records for free throws made.



Gotham was one of the most talented breaststrokers to ever grace the pool at Alfred University. In four seasons with the Saxons (2002-06) he was a four-time Upper New York State Collegiate Swimming Association (UNYSCSA)/ Empire 8 champion. Gotham was a

freshman on the 2003 Saxon team that won the school's first-ever UNYSCSA/Empire 8 team title, and that season was named the Empire 8 Conference Rookie of the Year.



Dr. K: Taking a walk on the wild side

Sometimes Dr. Susan Kelleher '91 has to be a little bit inventive and creative when it comes to treating her patients, but that's all part of what a wild and exotic animal veterinarian does during the course of a day when her patients can range from a monkey to a macaw, an armadillo to an aardvark, a kinkajou to a kangaroo.

You may recognize her as Dr. K, the star of a hit series on NatGeo Wild channel, "Dr. K's Exotic Animal ER," which began its fourth season in April.

Kelleher laughingly calls herself "a McGyver" when it comes to improvising both the methods and the tools she needs to treat some of her unusual patients. And she credits her Alfred University undergraduate studies with helping her think creatively about how to solve those problems. "Alfred University is extraordinary," said Kelleher, who delivered the Alfred University commencement address in May 2016.

"Medicine is medicine," she said, but learning to think creatively is something she credits to the time spent in Alfred classrooms, with faculty members who were both mentors and friends.

"Wes Bentz (emeritus professor of Chemistry) is just a presence," she said, and so were teachers like the late John Stull, professor of physics. Alfred University allowed her to explore so many areas outside her major, like taking a philosophy course that she said was "just wonderful." Her floor-to-ceiling bookshelves in her office still hold textbooks from her Alfred classes, and she frequently turns to them for reference.

Even before her Dr. K days, Kelleher had a busy practice; she owns Broward Avian and Exotic Animal Hospital in Deerfield, FL, where it is not at all unusual to see any number of wild or exotic animals, although some, she said, are off-limits because they carry diseases that can be harmful to humans.

Her "pet peeve," so to speak, are owners that don't or won't follow instructions for the proper care of the animals in their care. "I won't prescribe treatments unless I am sure the owners will be compliant."

"I love what I do," said Kelleher. "I have the best job in the universe."

Kelleher, who has been practicing since 1995 following her graduation from the University of Tennessee's veterinary medicine program, not only has her own practice and reality show, but shares her unique experience and expertise as a volunteer with a number of wildlife facilities throughout Florida.

Kelleher is originally from Buffalo, and knew growing up that she wanted to be a veterinarian. (She was also one of three Kelleher siblings to attend Alfred. Her sister Amy Kelleher Vennett is a 1990 graduate, and her brother William Kelleher is a member of the class of 1993.)

As a high school student and throughout her years at Alfred University, she volunteered extensively at the Buffalo Zoo. As a veterinary student, she gained experience working at Clinch River Raptor Center as a weekend volunteer. After graduating from veterinary school, Kelleher spent two months in San Diego under the mentorship of Dr. Jeff Jenkins in his private practice devoted solely to the care of avian and exotic pets. Relocating to South Florida, she worked in small animal practices for four years before opening her own practice, pursuing her passion for avian and exotic pets.

Highly regarded in her field, Kelleher has published many articles, written chapters and lectured at meetings extensively throughout the United States and England on avian and exotic animal medicine. Kelleher lives in Loxahatchee, FL, with her husband, Greg Martin and their three children, Elba, Claire and Myles, along with assorted pets, of course.

Transitions: Alfred University Board of Trustees names new members

The Alfred University Board of Trustees appointed three new members, and said farewell to three veteran trustees at its February meeting.

Joining the board are **Christine E. Heckle**, a 1992 alumna of Alfred University, who also earned her master's (1995) and Ph.D. (1998) degrees from Alfred University; Ann Silverman Moskowitz, widow of the late Joel Moskowitz, a 1961 alumnus; and A.N. Sreeram, who received a master's degree from Alfred University in 1990.

Heckle is director of inorganic materials research at Corning, where she has worked since 1997. Prior

to assuming her current position in September 2015, she was the director of crystalline materials research, leading the development of new products to support both the environmental technologies and specialty materials segments.

Heckle is the daughter of fellow Alfred alumni, Pamela Tinnes Lord '68 and Harold W. Lord, Jr. '69. She is married to alumnus Darryl Heckle '96, who graduated with a B.S. in ceramic engineering, a minor in math, and completed a master's in ceramic engineering in 1997. Darryl is a product line manager at Corning. The couple resides in Corning, NY and has two children.

Ann Moskowitz earned a B.A. in economics from Wellesley College in 1962. She was employed by I.B.M. as a programmer/analyst. In 1964 Ann married Alfred alumnus Joel Moskowitz '61. In 1967, Joel co-founded Ceradyne, Inc., an advanced technical ceramic company which manufactured and marketed ceramics for the industrial, aerospace, defense, medical and electronic markets until it was sold to

3M in 2012. Joel served as Ceradyne's company president and chairman of the board.

Joel was elected to Alfred's Board of Trustees in 1983 and served on the board until he passed away in March 2015. Over the years, Ann and Joel have been dedicated to improving student life. Among other initiatives, they created two special interest houses on campus: Joel's House, a 22-bed residence hall constructed in 2004; and Ann's House, a 48-bed residence hall constructed in 2009.

The couple was recognized for their generosity to Alfred when named to the University's Society of Benefactors in 2005. Most recently, Ann has committed support for renovating Reimer Hall, a residence hall on the north end of campus constructed in 1962. In addition to their support of Alfred, their philanthropic priorities include the Ceramic and Glass Industry Foundation, which Joel founded. Ann is a current member of the board of trustees at Chapman University. She has a son, David, and resides in Corona del Mar, CA.

A.N. Sreeram '90 earned a master's degree in glass science from Alfred in 1990 and his doctorate from the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1995. He is a 1989 graduate of the ceramics engineering program from the Indian Institute of Technology – Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi, India.

Sreeram is now the senior vice president and chief technology officer with Dow Chemical Company. He holds over 20 U.S. patents and in October 2016 was one of the first two recipients of the Industrial Leadership Award from the American



Ann Moskowitz



Christine Heckle '92

Ceramic Society; Sreeram was the award recipient for leaders in the Americas.

Sreeram joined Dow in 2006 as vice president of core research and development and is a former global technology director and chief technology officer for DuPont Electronic Technologies. He was also vice president of worldwide technology for Cookson Electronics, and was employed by Sarnoff Corporation early in his career where he led the electronic and flat display department.

Sreeram resides in Midland, MI.

Leaving the board are:

Robert Daggett, a 1981 alumnus

with a degree in ceramic engineering. Rob joined the Alfred University Board of Trustees in 1999, and was integral to the building of the Bromeley-Daggett Equestrian Center at Maris Cuneo Equine Park that led to the growth of Alfred University's equestrian program.

John Gilbertson, former president and chief executive officer of AVX Corporation, a subsidiary of Kyocera Corporation, who joined the board in 2006.

Robert L. "Steve" Stephens, a retired brigadier general in the U.S. Army, who earned his master's degree from Alfred University in 1971 while serving as an instructor in the University Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program. He served as a member of the trustee search committee for the new vice president of University Relations and was vice chair of two board committees. He was granted Life Trustee status at the February board meeting.



A.N. Sreeram '90

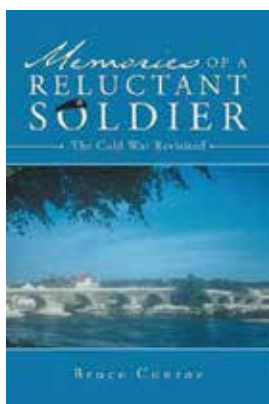
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1951 *Golden Saxons*

An article in the Winter 2015 edition of the *Alfred Magazine* about **Mildred Cooper '42** caused **Robert Hultquist** to reflect on the parallels between his life and hers. "Like Mildred, I was a sports fan. Like Mildred, I especially liked baseball. I played in a semi-pro league after Alfred days. Like Mildred, I majored in math. Like Mildred, I did student teaching at Alfred and I too was intimidated by the student teacher coordinator. Like Mildred, I worked in education," said Robert. "You can see why I read the story with some interest!" Hultquist is a professor emeritus at Penn State.

1953 *Golden Saxons*



Bruce Conroy has released "Memories of a Reluctant Soldier: The Cold War Revisited," a memoir of his military service, growth as a

young man and early family life during the 1950s. The book was published in summer 2015 through www.lulu.com and can be found at amazon.com. It is illustrated with Bruce's photos of Fort

Skelly in Regensburg, Germany, and life with his late wife, Barbara, and first-born child, Scott, in housing off-base. Bruce Conroy graduated with a B.A. in mathematics and was a member of Klan Alpine fraternity. His family includes several Alfred alums; his mother, father, aunt, brother, sister-in-law and grand-niece attended AU, and his father was assistant dean of the faculty at AU when Bruce was born. Bruce completed his master's degree in education from Alfred in 1954, and earned his Ed.D. from SUNY Albany in 1975. He was a high school math teacher and guidance counselor prior to transitioning into higher education at SUNY Potsdam, where he worked as associate dean of students, assistant vice president for academic affairs and retired as vice provost. Bruce joined the Alumni Council in 2014 and resides in Wilton, NY.

1954 *Golden Saxons*

Vern Fitzgerald played four sports while at Alfred University, but football was his favorite and his skills on the field were so outstanding that in 1981, he was named to Alfred University's athletics Hall of Fame. He was able to see his beloved Saxons one last time when the Sharon M. Pepper Wish Upon A Star program at the M.M Ewing Continuing Care Center in Canandaigua made it possible for him to attend the November 2015 games at St. John Fisher. Later, asked about his time at Alfred, Vern smiled and said, "It's a part of me."

1956 *Golden Saxons*

At 81, novelist and Alfred University alumnus **Robert Littell** is back in the limelight with new book, his 19th, published by Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press, New York City.

"The Mayakovsky Tapes" paints a fictional portrait of a real-life Russian poet who was crushed by Stalinism. Told through the eyes of the four women who were Vladimir Mayakovsky's mistresses and muses, the book pieces together what in effect is a series of taped reminiscences of a flamboyant poet and intellectual who had once served as propagandist for the Russian Revolution and later became an enemy of the Soviet State.

Littell, who graduated from Alfred in 1956 with a bachelor's degree in English, is the author of 18 previous novels and the nonfiction "For the Future of Israel," written with the late Shimon Peres, former Israeli president. Littell gave his tapes from the Peres' interview to Herrick Library; they have recently been made available online through the library for scholars and researchers to use.

He has been awarded both the English Gold Dagger and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for his fiction. His spy novel "The Company" was a *New York Times* bestseller later made into a television miniseries. He lives in France.

1957 Golden Saxons

East Islip, NY, watercolor artist **Jeanne Fields Rogers** displayed "beautifully vibrant winter landscapes and scenery from across Long Island and New York state" in a solo exhibition at the Islip Town Hall, part of the "Art in the Hall" series which features the work of local artists. Her work was also featured at the Riverhead Suffolk County Historical Society Museum earlier this year.

1959 Golden Saxons

Cy Berlowitz has published "Sealights," a memoir of the three years, 1967-70, he spent in the U.S. Merchant Marines, sailing under Norwegian, Israeli and Sierra Leonean flags. Some of the ports he recalls are Durban, Massawa, Djibouti, Karachi, Bombay, Melilla, Barcelona, Marseilles and Saigon. These places and the people he met and worked with are vividly described, as it the sea itself.

L. David Pye, dean and professor of glass science, emeritus, received the 2016 Toledo (Ohio) Glass and Ceramic Award, presented annually by the Michigan/Northwest Ohio Section of the American Ceramic Society.



Pye delivered a lecture, "Glass Science, Glass Art: Taking a Look Back," during the annual meeting of the Section. First given in the mid-1950s, the award is considered one of the most prestigious in the international glass community. It recognizes "distinguished scientific, technical, or engineering achievements in the field of glass and ceramics." Pye, an honored teacher, scholar and researcher, has served as president of the International Commission on Glass and the American Ceramic Society. He

First Row: P. Lucas, L. Bird, F. Finnerty, L. Eaton, C. Blanchard, S. Smith. Second Row: J. Conner, B. Harper, J. Kelly, Coach Tuttle, G. Glass, W. Sutton, C. Williams.



Finnerty embodied the 'best of Alfred University'

Carlton Blanchard submitted the following tribute to his classmate and friend, Frank Finnerty, who died in 2015. The photo above is from the 1959 Kanakadea yearbook.

Those were heady and exciting days in the late '50's and early '60's in Alfred University sports. It was a period of extraordinary accomplishment for cross country and track teams. With Frank Finnerty leading the way, those teams had the records to prove excellence. Four undefeated teams in dual meet competition as well as four New York State small college championships (cross country/track combined). Frank Finnerty was the undisputed leader on and off the track. Not only was he the best runner, but the leader who was looked to for his integrity, selflessness and hard work. "Tiny Alfred with Finnerty in 5th placed a creditable 9th (of 21) in the IC4 Meet," wrote nationally published Track and Field News in November 1959.

Opposing college coaches always noticed Frank. A coach from Syracuse commented that Frank not only beat all of his runners, but did so with class. Competing in New York City, Quantico Relays, three NCAA cross country championships all brought national attention to tiny Alfred University and Frank Finnerty was the ambassador. National competition requires a special talent, resilience and a seriousness of purpose. For Alfred University athletes, it was a feeling that they were as good as the big university athletes.

Frank took it all in stride with the tenacity and will to be the best he could be. In fact, he thrived on the national exposure and relished being the underdog. At the IC4A meet at Madison Square Garden in 1959, Frank turned the meet around by finishing second in the 1000-year run, thus disrupting the scoring for a major team (Manhattan) and costing them the championship won by Penn State.

With Doc Tuttle as cross country coach, Frank won the Middle States freshman cross country title and was named most outstanding athlete. In later Alfred years, he ran nationally recognized times in the 880 (1:51.6) and mile (4:12.2), was ranked nationally in the top five for the 880 and he hoped to qualify for the 1960 Olympics in Tokyo.

Frank's greatest thrill in track was the day that Coach McLane's Saxons nosed out Hamilton College by one-seventh of a point for the NYS small college championship in 1959. Frank won the mile, 880 and anchored the winning relay team.

In 1975 Frank was inducted into the Alfred University Athletics Hall of Fame. He was accorded All-American status in 1961 or '62 when the NCAA decided to recognize some of the minor sports.

Frank embodied the highest and best stands of Alfred University as an athlete, as a student and as a man.

has received numerous national and international professional achievement awards and currently serves as founding editor of "The International Journal of Applied Glass Science." He is also chief executive officer of the Empire State Glassworks, LLC, and is an aspiring stained glass artist.

1960 *Golden Saxons*

Robert Meltzer writes the Core Four group continues to gather four times a year for dinner – "usually just the four of us, but sometimes with spouses or invited guests.

The group came together several years ago, when "four Alfred University grads and Kappa Nu fraternity brothers met for dinner and have developed a continuing attachment to each other ever since. Members of the Core four group are Meltzer, who majored in math and played varsity tennis at Alfred University; **Steve Chaleff '61**, a History and Political Science major who served as president of Kappa Nu; **Steve Steinberg '62**, a History and Political Science major who played varsity basketball; and **John Sprung '63**, who majored in English and played varsity tennis.

"Our bonds of friendship were forged at Alfred through Kappa Nu," Bob writes. "And although our fraternity ceases to exist, our attachment to AU endures and our experiences we had there, as does our fondness for each other."

David Matteson has written a memoir of his journey as a bisexual husband. "I Took Both Roads: My Journey as a Bisexual Husband," is described as "both eye-opening and inspiring. It is a timely, sensitive exploration of a topic through a loving and accepting lens." David taught psychology and counseling for almost three decades at Governor's State University, south of Chicago. He has been a practitioner in both the ministry and in secular mental

health. He helped found a psychology department at Marietta College in Ohio, and later was director of Mental Health Services in Washington County, Ohio. His other published works include chapters in several books, research in such journals as "Adolescence," "American Psychologist," "Developmental Psychology," "The Family Psychologist," "Individual Psychology," "Journal of Homosexuality," and "Journal of Sex Research." He has authored or co-authored two previous books, "Adolescence Today: Sex Roles and the Search for Identity," and "Ego Identity: A Handbook for Psychosocial Research."

1962 *Golden Saxons*

Richard Denton and his wife Myra celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer. Rick and Myra were in Alfred for Reunion in June to say farewell to President Charley Edmondson and Dr. Laura Greyson, and to greet AU's 14th president, Mark Zupan. Rick is a former member of the Alumni Council and a former alumni-elected trustee.

The latest book by **Norman Simms** has just been released. "Jews in an Illusion of Paradise: Dust and Ashes Volume One" "focuses on a small group of late 19th and early 20th century European Jewish intellectuals who believed they had entered a new secular and tolerant society in Western Europe, but discovered that there was no escape from their Jewish heritage and way of seeing the world," according to one reviewer. "As psychotherapist and analyst Dr. Joan Jutta Lachkar wrote, 'Although not mentioned but intimated, these artists and playwrights were grandiose in thinking that their talent and creativity alone would offer affirmation and appreciation. Simms outlines the disaster awaiting them.'" His book, published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 1st Unabridged edition (March 1, 2017) is available through Amazon.com. In his message to his 50th Reunion Class in

2012, Simms wrote: "After gaining my BA at Alfred, I went on for an MA and PhD from Washington University in Saint Louis. Aside from a summer work during my undergraduate days, I have always worked as a lecturer: first at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg (1966-1970), then at the University of Waikato in Hamilton, New Zealand (1970-2010). Along the way, I have been a visiting professor for shorter or longer periods at the University of Ottawa, Canada, the Universite de Pau, Ben Gurion University in Be'er-Sheva, Israel, and La Nouvelle Sorbonne in Paris. I probably enjoyed my time teaching and living in Paris the best, followed by interesting months in Israel. A favorite memory from my four years at Alfred would have to be sitting around and talking with friends, often discussing politics in a wild and completely enthusiastic naiveté, and sitting alone at a night in the student union, in the corner, with a hot chocolate and writing bad poetry about being miserable. The pose prepared me for the real world. The best thing I took away from Alfred was a sense of intellectual curiosity and a sense of inner discipline, despite my innocence and dreamy idealism, taught mostly from Prof. David Ohara, the English professor who seemed to see in me something more than the uncouth exterior others perceived and the inchoate ambitions I felt within myself. He was everything I wasn't and everything that I then began to want to be, from his wry wit as he sat cross legged on the desk and fired questions at the class in eighteenth century writers, to his sharp and classical analysis of literature. Though I met my wife at Washington University, Saint Louis, and we began our family when I was teaching in Winnipeg and then we created a meaningful life for ourselves in the long exile of New Zealand, when I think of my emerging youthful ideas and experiences I still think of Alfred. Because of the distance, politics and more these days the toll of years, there are few friends left with whom I can share personal

memories or scholarly interests, those crazy days in Alfred from 1958 to 1962 are as warm and important to me as the earliest years of my life in Brooklyn when my parents, grandparents, and other relatives were still alive. I continue to read, think, and write. At the end of 2011 I brought out the latest in my short stories about growing up in the 40s and 50s: *The Almost Very True Stories of Boro Park. Alfred Dreyfus: Man, Mlieu, Mentality and Midrash*, was published in February 2012. "

1966 *Golden Saxons*

Kenneth L. Govendo tells us he has been retained for his third six-year term as a Superior Court Judge in Saipan, U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1969 *Golden Saxons*

Gary Woodfield writes: "Thought you might find it interesting that two old (his word, not ours!) friends crossed paths recently. I am a 1969 grad, living and practicing law in Palm Beach, FL. I am also chairman of the board of the Palm Beach County Food Bank, a relatively new start-up to address hunger relief in Palm Beach County. In November (2105), the Food Bank sponsored at county-wide seminar regarding ending hunger with **Enid Borden '72** as the special guest speaker. Enid has a lengthy background and experience in numerous hunger relief programs and is the founder, president and CEO of the National Foundation to End Senior Hunger. Little did I know that we overlapped at Alfred until we met. Enid is a special person and has done so much for hunger in America. As a result of our meeting, we are looking into ways that our organizations can work together going forward. Alfred ties go way back!"

1970

Kenneth Campbell was re-elected to the Town Council of New Canaan, CT, last fall, for his third four-year term on the 12-member board. The Town Council is the legislative body of town government. Ken is a 30-year resident of New Canaan, and works as a mortgage loan originator.

1971

Bernard S. Gluckstern, chairman and founder of The Center for Humanistic Global Initiatives, has published "In America's Future: Requiem or Renaissance? An Agenda for the Transformation of Our Nation and Ourselves." It is available on Amazon. Bernard has devoted his career to the mitigation of poverty and the empowerment of the poor, working in Los Angeles, Appalachia, New York City, Newark and Washington, DC, where he now makes his home.

Brian and Elizabeth Rulon Perry have retired from Binghamton University. Brian was director of Academic Advising for 23 years, and Elizabeth was a faculty member in the School of Management and the mathematics department for 15 years. They are now spending time with family, enjoying hobbies and traveling. They have been married since 1969.

1972 *Reunion Year*

Edith Main and her new husband Kenny drove across country on his Harley motorcycle, covering 6,000 miles in five weeks. Edith stayed in Denver to visit a favorite sister-in-law, while Kenny rode on to Oklahoma to ride US Route 66 with a buddy, putting another 2,000 miles on the bike. All went well, Edith says, except for that "traffic jam" as they were crossing the Mojave Desert in 105-degree heat.

Evelyn Halper has written "e. (a split child): penned in 2016," a paperback in the body, mind, and spirit/healing/prayer and spiritual genre which follows the author's "life-long journey to rally and heal from her disease process of schizophrenia...PTSD...grieving...and depressive disorder..."

Book notes read: "...the story is written for those who suffer from mental illness and those schizophrenic type illnesses that plague us...the patients... this is also for those professionals who may find themselves at a loss in how to treat these disorders of the spirit... body...mind...and soul...it is written in the language of the disease for all the children of angst...so that they can understand that in this life...we are not alone...it is written with great love and

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care for those who wish to glean a new understanding and possible process for moving forward into health...and life... the book undertakes the author's own struggles and depths of darkness... and greatest despair...supported and surrounded by two very special strong women, who as mental health professionals, know the meaning of unconditional love and healing...and many other women beings who have graced and touched the author's life... this is written from love...for life...and for those who have a need for a healthy healing process..."

The book is available online at both Amazon.com and wwwcreatespace.com as well as on Evelyn's author Facebook page under the name E.A.Halper. She also wrote that she has "derived and written a channeled spiritual book penned and authored in the years 2005-2015" – "the entire story of biri jeet." The work commemorates in fantasy and spiritual tale the memory of her "deceased life partner, Joan Ripp ... the healing of the earth... the saving of the tiny animals and the graces given to lost children of nethers..."

Evelyn explains "biri jeet represents the collective healing spirit within all of us" and notes "unlike Godot who never shows in 'Waiting for Godot,' biri jeet always arrives to heal a world gone dark

and ultimately she brings the light." Evelyn continues "Some have seen it as a journey through co-dependence/a demonic psychological journey back to sobriety, others have viewed it as it was written as purely a channeled love story. Some see it as a view in critical thinking, while others see it merely as abstract stream of consciousness and psychotic thought processing, some as poetry, and some as a spiritually guided story line. Yet there are those who see nothing at all, you be your own judge." The paperback is available online at Amazon.com.

1975

Harris Kershner is a contributing columnist at the Irvine Community News and Views, a local newspaper in Irvine, CA. His column, "WordsWatch," focuses on words that have been written or spoken – in the distant or sometimes more recent past – that reflect time-tested wisdom, worthy of thoughtful consideration. Copies of the paper may be viewed online, free of charge, at <https://irvinecommunitynewsandviews.org> Kershner is an attorney.

Dr. Wayne D. Rosenfeld recently published "Great Necessities, A Gaucher Memoir" that includes "a few pages

about the role of Alfred University in my life's narrative." Wayne is a psychologist experienced in trauma therapy and emergency assessment. The book is available on Amazon, in paperback and for e-readers.

1976

Barbara J. Gregory has set two milestones during her tenure as the editor-in-chief of the "The Numismatist," the journal of the American Numismatic Association. First, when she was promoted to editor-in-chief in 1988, she became the first woman to hold the position. And now, she has become the longest-tenured editor-in-chief in the publication's 128-year-history. Along the way, she's made significant changes to the venerable publication for stamp collectors, bringing all production in-house; initiating multiple design changes, including the introduction of a large-format, full-color magazine in 2003. Her professional accomplishments earned her an alumni citation from the Alfred University Alumni Association in 2004. Asked what she valued most about her AU experience, Gregory responded, "the sense of community and great friendship."

Joseph P. Baird was ordained to the priesthood in a ceremony held Jan. 22 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Blairsville, Pa.

The Rev. Baird is retired engineer. While working in nearby Latrobe, he says, he "became immersed in the culture of St. Peter's ... inspired by the people, specifically their openness and warmth and unquestioning welcome." Prior to his ordination, he studied at the School for Diaconate formation in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, served internships in churches in Pittsburgh, and also trained as a hospital

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chaplain.

He and his wife, Kathy, are residents of Natrona Heights. They have two daughters, Jessie and Maggie, and a son, Eli.

1977 *Reunion Year*

Author/artist **Wende Esrow** has released her second picture book, "If You Listen to the Trees." The book is available through Barnes and Noble and Amazon, and is also found in several library systems, four major art gallery gift shops and all independent book stores in the Buffalo, NY, area. "After spending so many hours walking through the woods, I am honored to share the spirit of the forest with my readers," said Wende. "After a long day of hiking and drawing, Gwendolyn warmed up by the woodstove," reads an excerpt from the book. "As the logs crackled and sparked, forest secrets unfurled in the colorful flames. Gwendolyn, a young artist, spends a lot of time in the woods that surround the cabin where she lives. She learns to hear the trees share their favorite memories as they burn in the woodstove and release their spirits. An old chestnut tree fondly remembers watching playful otters on moonlit nights slide over his roots, down the snow-covered riverbanks and splash into the water below. Each tree has a beautiful story to tell for those of us ready to listen."

1978

Nancy Falk was one of 94 professionals named as Fellows of The Gerontological Society of America in June 2016. The status of Fellow, the highest class of membership within the Society, is bestowed upon those who demonstrate "outstanding continuing work in gerontology." After receiving her degree in Nursing from AU, Nancy went on to earn MBA and Ph.D. degrees.

1981

Dr. Laura Sulmonte Chesson was recently appointed as Superintendent of the Groton Dunstable Public School system in Groton MA.

1985

Dr. Lauren McIsaac-O'Hare is dean of the School of Nursing at St. Peter's University in Jersey City, NJ. She is responsible for the oversight and program administration of the baccalaureate, RN/BS, master's and doctor of Nursing Practice Programs.

1986

"Chinamania" an exhibition featuring

works by **Walter McConnell**, professor of ceramic art in the School of Art & Design at Alfred University, will be on display at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery at the Freer/Sackler, The Smithsonian's Museum of Asian Art, through June 4, 2017. It opened in July 2016.

The exhibition "explores the West's enduring obsession with Chinese blue-and-white porcelain," according to a release from the gallery. McConnell created two of his floor-to-ceiling, stacked porcelain "Stupa" sculptures on site, and has re-designed the Freer Sackler's collection of blue and white ceramics with his complimentary 3-D printed objects.

McConnell received his BFA from the University of Connecticut in 1974, and his MFA in Ceramic Art from Alfred University in 1986. Well known for his

'Another good story for the books'

It was another one of those "Alfred moments." Nearly four years ago, Robin Mazejka, who works for University Relations, visited Cheryl Blanchard '86 and her husband Ramsey Railsback, at their home near Fort Wayne, IN. During the course of the visit, Robin mentioned two other Alfred University alumni – Benjamin '65 and Sharon Klepper '68 Eisbart – lived less than a mile away.

The two couples met, and "We have not only become friends, but Sharon runs a business that places art with corporate clients, so she and Ramsey have been working together for the past couple of years," said Cheryl. Sharon is also on



From left, Sharon Eisbart '68, Cheryl Blanchard '86 and Benjamin Eisbart '65.

the board of the Fort Wayne Museum of Art. The photo above shows the three Alfred University alumni at a recent gala to benefit the Museum. Ramsey donated art work and Sharon provided framing for two pieces that were auctioned during the event. Ben was vice president of Human Resources and corporate compliance officer for Steel Dynamics, Inc., a Fortune 500 company, until his retirement a couple of years ago.

Cheryl, who was named to the Alfred University Board of Trustees in 2014, lives in Fort Wayne, where their younger son is still in high school, and commutes to the Boston area where she is chief executive officer of MICROChips, start-up company working on implantable drug-delivery systems.

"We cherish our developing friendship with the Eisbarts. It's just another good AU story for the books," Cheryl said.

installations of moist clay and towering assemblages of cast porcelain, he is the recipient of grants from The Joan Mitchell Foundation, The Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation, the New York Foundation for the Arts and the Constance Saltonstall Foundation. McConnell's work was recently featured on the cover of the April issue of *Sculpture Magazine* with an extensive interview with the artist inside. McConnell has exhibited at the Denver Art Museum, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, MASS MoCA, the Daum Museum, the CU Art Museum, Boulder, Colorado and at SOFA, New York. He has exhibited internationally in Sweden, the Netherlands, Taiwan, China and Korea. Represented by Cross-Mackenzie Gallery in Washington DC, essays and reviews on McConnell's work have appeared in *World Sculpture News*, *The New Art Examiner*, *Ceramics: Art and Perception*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *Ceramics Monthly*. McConnell's academic appointments include: The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and The University of Connecticut.

He is currently professor of Ceramic Art at Alfred University, which has the top-ranked MFA program in ceramic art in the nation, according to U.S. News and World Report.

1989

Xylem Inc., Rye Brook, NY named **Colin Sabol** as senior vice president and president for analytics and treatment. In this role, he leads the global operations of the two business divisions.

Colin previously served as senior vice president and president for dewatering. He will continue to serve on the company's senior leadership team.

Colin also serves as chairman of Xylem Watermark, Xylem's corporate citizenship and social investment program.

Xylem's analytics brands deliver precise measurement for water and wastewater, environmental, and multiple industrial applications and the firm's treatment business provides integrated solutions that enable the reuse of water and wastewater.

Xylem is a leading global water technology provider, enabling customers to transport, treat, test, and efficiently use water in public utility, residential, and commercial building services, industrial, and agricultural settings.

1990

For nearly three decades, **John Bisbee** has welded and forged 12-inch spikes under the mantra, "Only nails, always different." His work has recently been featured in several venues. "Branded" was on view at Walker Contemporary, Waitsfield, VT, early this year, and

his work was also featured in the Pennsylvania College of Art & Design show, "Tessellation Phage," where he had a 10-by-21-foot wall installation. John, a Brunswick, ME, artist, became enamored with work with nails while an AU student. He started with tiny finishing nails, and he increased the nail size by half an inch every year until he reached his current medium -- 12-inch spikes, the largest size nail commercially sold.

Teri Bump, a vice president of American Campus Communities, based in Austin, TX, was named a Diamond Honoree for 2016 by the American College Personnel Association. Diamond Honorees are those who are "recognize for their outstanding and sustained contributions to higher education and student affairs." **Kathy Woughter '93**, vice president for Student Affairs at AU, says Teri is "very highly regarded in our profession." Not only has she been honored by the American College Personnel Association, but she was also recognized by NASPA, the association of Student Affairs professionals in higher education.

Matthew McElligott has just published a new children's book, "Mad Scientist Academy: The Weather Disaster," the second in his "Mad Scientist Academy" science picture book series, published by Crown. The "Academy" series combines scientific facts and method with exciting adventures. The first in the series, "Mad Scientist Academy: The Dinosaur Disaster," came out last year. Other recent works include "Even Aliens Need Snacks," a picture book published by Walker & Co.; and "Benjamin Franklin Meets Thomas Edison," a middle-grades novel published by Putnam. His books have been published in six languages on five continents, and have sold over a quarter million copies around the world. A professor at the Sage Colleges, Matt is chair of the Art and Design department. He has been a member of the Sage faculty

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Liberal arts education powers White's career

If you want a testament to the power of a Liberal Arts education, just talk to Kerry White '04. Since she graduated, her peregrinations have taken her all over the globe, and onto a different career path than what she first envisioned.

That path has been "convoluted," she admits. "I worked at a radio station in Ireland, got a master's in creative writing in Northern Ireland, did Teach for America in Baltimore, taught for a few years around [Washington] DC, worked launching test-prep programs in China, and ended up writing proposals for international education programs with a DC-based non-profit."

As she was finishing her second graduate degree, "on a whim I took the Presidential Management Fellowship Test." About 12,200 recent graduates took the test; 1,600 were named semi-finalists and invited to a day-long assessment. The field narrowed to 600, who competed for one of 300 positions.

Kerry had opportunities to do her Fellowship with the Department of Education and USAID (the United States Agency for International Development), both of which would have allowed her to do things similar to what she had been doing to that point, but it was an offer to join the International Media Engagement Team at the Department of State that piqued her interest. "Everyone I talked to said it was an office in which I'd really grow as a leader, and I mean I had created an 'international communications' concentration for my AU comm major waaaay back in the day. So I went for it."

"Our goal is to get U.S. government voices into foreign media. In conjunction with five media hubs around the world, we connect foreign journalists to State Department and other government officials, and coordinated interviews, press briefings and telephonic/virtual conferences."

Another part of her job is to offer "advanced, on-camera training to diplomats who are fluent in regional languages (Arabic, Urdu, Russian, Portuguese, Chinese, Persian and French)



Kerry White '04

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to get them comfortable speaking to media in a local language. We have foreign language social media feeds.... It's different everyday, and never boring."

A recent assignment took Kerry to Tbilisi, Georgia, to take part in the Jackal Stone military exercise. Working with the Embassy, other State Department officials, and Department of Defense colleagues, the team "addressed various public affairs scenarios both within the exercise and in the real world. I did this as part of my volunteer membership in the Fly Away Communications Team, a group of State Department public affairs professionals who get deployed when embassies in crisis request public affairs support," whether it is in response to natural disasters or a terrorist incident. "I am still pretty green, though, and have not yet been on a real-world deployment yet," she said.

Kerry admits her current career path is "kind of hilarious, since I don't think I ever took a political science course in my whole college career... I was too busy with creative writing and journalism courses. I couldn't really say no to the Fellowship, and I've gotten to do some really neat travels, and meeting

some fascinating people."

She recommends the Fellowship Program to anyone who has recently completed graduate school. While the focus is on leadership development, it also includes training and mentoring and short-term "developmental rotations" which allow the Fellows to try out different jobs for a few months.

"Over my two-year program, I got to spend five months as a social media manager at our media hub in Johannesburg, South Africa, and another five months as a political officer at our embassy in Baku, Azerbaijan," she said.

"It's been a pretty non-linear" path since she left Alfred University, she says, "But that kind of flexibility and critical thinking are what you get from a liberal arts education, right?"

since 1998. He teaches illustration, graphic design, and digital multimedia courses. In addition to his AU degree, he earned a degree from the University of Buffalo, and is a former president of the Graphic Artists Guild of Albany. For more on Matt and his work, visit: www.mattmcelligott.com

1991

Bruce Dehnert, head of the Peters



Bruce Dehnert

Valley Ceramics Department, has been elected a member of the International Academy of Ceramics, an organization based in

Geneva, Switzerland, that represents noted artists, gallerists, collectors and museums in the field of ceramics worldwide. The selection recognizes Bruce's contributions as an artist, as well as his teaching, writing and presence in the international arena of ceramic art. A studio potter and sculptor for 35 years, Bruce has taught in New Zealand, on the island of Borneo and for many educational/art centers in the United States. His book, "Simon Leach: A Pottery Handbook," was a bestseller. He is married to the British painter Kulvinder Kaur Dhew. They live in Layton, NJ.

A relationship that began when **Glenn Guzi** was studying abroad in London resulted in his being named an honorary member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, an exclusive membership that rewards contributions in arts, science and public service. In 1990, while studying in London, Glenn had an opportunity to meet Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana, but it was his work as program director for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey that merited the award. Glenn

has been hosting members of the British Royal Family when they visit the World Trade Center for more than 15 years, beginning with Princess Anne, when she asked to tour the World Trade Center site of the 9/11 terrorist attacks during a visit to the United States.

1992 Reunion Year

Michael Vestel is now the chief technology officer at Berkeley, Calif.-based Novasentis, developer of a unique film-based haptic technology that is being designed into various virtual reality products, gaming controllers and wearable devices. Prior to joining Novasentis, Michael worked for 12 years at SRI International in Menlo Park, where his projects for federal agencies and commercial clients included developing wind-powered underwater drones and drug-delivery devices. Michael graduated from Alfred University in 1992 with an undergraduate degree in glass engineering science. He also holds a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley and an M.S. from UCLA, both in materials science and engineering.

1993

Sean McCartney has written "The Search for Excalibur," the third book in his series for middle-school students, "The Treasure Hunters Club." According to Sean's web site (<http://www.sean-mccartney.com>) "Tommy Reed and the Treasure Hunters Club have been on many thrilling treasure hunts, but their latest undertaking will take every amount of their smarts, ingenuity, teamwork, youth and grit. When a secret government agency asks Tommy and the Club to help them search for the first of the mythical Twelve Treasures, they can't resist the temptation to find King Arthur's sword Excalibur." The first in the series, "Secrets of the Magical Medallions," introduces the four teens,

Tommy Reed, Jackson Miller, Shannon McDougal and Chris Henderson. The series combines the history and adventure of Indiana Jones and national treasure with the detective mystery of the Hardy Boys. Volume two is "Breaking the Beale Code." Sean is "replacing the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew adventures with a fresh global approach," says one reviewer.

Paul Sacaridiz was named executive director of the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, located on Deer Isle, ME, in July 2015, becoming only the fourth director in the school's 68-year history. According to his web site, Sacaridiz served as professor and chair of the Department of Art at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 2007-2015, and has extensive experience higher education, administration and leadership in not-for-profit arts organizations. He has been named a fellow with the National Council of Arts Administrators and has most recently served on the board of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA). As a sculptor he is interested in the collision of abstraction, urban planning and utopian systems; and the seemingly impossible task of understanding something in its entirety. Over the past number of years he has produced multiple large-scale projects, designed for specific institutions such as the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Denver Art Museum and the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft among others. He has been the recipient of numerous artist residencies including the Ragdale Foundation, the Vermont Studio Center, the Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts and the Arts/Industry Program at Kohler Company.

Molly Kremers Williams was recently honored by the New York political magazine "City and State" as one of 25 women leaders in public

service, business, non-profits, and the media in New York State. The "Above and Beyond" award recognized Molly's professional career as the director of advocacy and professional relations with Pfizer, as well as her charity work. Molly resides with her husband, Jeff, MPS '75, and their two children, Katie and Tanner, in the Albany area.

1995

Emily Bologna Balcom and her husband Jeffrey relocated to Las Vegas in December 2015. "We are close to my husband's family here, and enjoying the blue skies and lack of snow," Emily wrote. "I would love to connect with any AU alums out here!"

1996

Peter Bergmann is now the president of University Hospital Parma Medical Center in Ohio. Bergmann, who earned his bachelor's degree in business administration/health planning and management at Alfred University, and a Master's of Health Administration from Cornell, was previously president and CEO of Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo for 10 years. A member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Bergmann was president and CEO at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Pottsville, PA., for three years prior to moving to Buffalo.

1998

Greg Griffin, who earned his MBA from Alfred in 1998, recently earned designation as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) from CFRE International, signifying he has met a series of standards in professional development and fund-raising achievement; has passed a written examination and agreed to uphold accountability standards and the

Donor Bill of Rights. Greg has served as director of Congregational Mission Advancement for the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities since July 2010, leading a staff in fund-raising, special events, donor recognition and strategic planning. While at Alfred, Greg was associate director of Annual Giving. He resides in Liverpool, NY, with his wife and their three children.

Alumnae **Adrienne Metzinger** and **Andrea Pinyan**, both members of the Class of '98, performed in the world premiere of the opera "Hannibal," written by Adrienne's husband, composer and conductor Sun Jin Hong. Adrienne and Andrea were members of the 16-member vocal ensemble One World Concertus. Adrienne also stage-directed "Hannibal" and created the "Hannibal" recording trailer.

2001

Jen (Buttaro) Cadwallader recently published her first book, "Spirits and Spirituality in Victorian Fiction" with Palgrave Macmillan. Dr. Allen P. Grove, professor of English at AU, reports that "In her acknowledgements, she gives a shout-out to our Honors Program. I quote: 'My gratitude also goes to Paul Strong, an early mentor and great friend, for all of his wisdom and support over

the years. On that same note, I would also like to thank Allen Grove, in whose undergraduate honors seminar "Mostly Ghostly" I first read many of the stories I discuss in this book. I could not have had a better guide.' "Jen is an associate professor of English at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA. The college's press release announcing her book quotes the author: "In the book, I argue that supernatural encounters in nineteenth-century fiction show Victorians trying to achieve greater spiritual agency by adapting scientific theories to traditional Christianity," explains Cadwallader. "The increasing presence of ghosts across the nineteenth century - in fiction, newspaper accounts, séances, and magic shows - thus highlights a significant countercurrent to the general decline of faith during the period." In the book, Jen also examines ghost encounters in the fiction of Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu, Charles Dickens, Margaret Oliphant, Rhoda Broughton, E. Nesbit, and Rudyard Kipling. "My research demonstrates how the supernatural served as a site where a range of stances toward spirituality could be tested: from ambivalence toward both scientific and religious epistemologies to fascinating instances of spiritual evolution," she says. At Randolph-Macon, Jen teaches Victorian literature and children's

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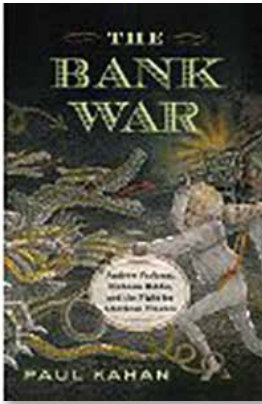


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literature, plus two courses that draw directly on her research: *Midnight Tales*, a survey of the horror genre, and *The Gothic Tradition*, a capstone course for English majors. Jen is married to Michael Cadwallader, also a member of the AU Class of 2001.



Historian **Paul Kahan** has had two new books published in less than a year. "Amiable Scoundrel: Simon Cameron, Lincoln's Scandalous

Secretary of War" is Paul's fifth book, released July 1, 2016. According to Amazon, "Simon Cameron (1799-1889) was one of the nineteenth century's most prominent political figures. In his wake, however, he left a series of questionable political and business dealings and, at the age of eighty, even a sex scandal. "Far more than a biography of Cameron, 'Amiable Scoundrel' is also a portrait of an era that allowed indeed, encouraged a man such as Cameron to seize political control. The political changes of the early nineteenth century enabled him not only to improve his status but also to exert real political authority. The changes caused by the Civil War, in turn, allowed Cameron to consolidate his political authority into a successful, well-oiled political machine. A key figure in designing and implementing the Union's military strategy during the Civil War's crucial first year, Cameron played an essential role in pushing Abraham Lincoln to permit the enlistment of African Americans into the U.S. Army, a stance that eventually led to his forced resignation. Yet his legacy has languished, nearly forgotten save

for the fact that his name has become shorthand for corruption, even though no evidence has ever been presented to prove that Cameron was corrupt." Paul's fourth book, "The Bank War: Andrew Jackson, Nicholas Biddle and the Fight for American Finance," was published in December 2015. In it, Paul explores one of the most important and dramatic events in American political and economic history, from the idea of centralized banking and the First Bank of the United States to Jackson's triumph, the era of "free banking," and the creation of the Federal Reserve System. Relying on a range of primary and secondary source materials, Paul shows how the "Bank War" was a manifestation of the debates that were sparked at the Constitutional Convention over the role of the executive branch and the role of the federal government in American Society, debates that endure to this day as philosophical differences that often divide the United States."

2002 Reunion Year

Kevin Kazmierczak, who received his BS degree in computer science and an MBA from Alfred, authored "Alexa, Is My Food Ready" for the Universal Mind blog. <http://www.universalmind.com/blog/alexa-is-my-food-ready/>

Kevin, a solutions architect with several years' experience in software development, has worked on a variety of technologies touching every aspect of web applications. He has led successful project teams for clients such as Complete Genomics, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, and Ben & Jerry's. Starting as a ColdFusion developer, Kevin moved over to Flex, and is now focused on native iOS and HTML/JS development. Outside of enterprise development, he is interested in indie gaming and has had two games, *Battle Pet Galaxy* and *MadBombz*, published in the Apple App Store. In 2006, he was one of the winners of

the Adobe Flex Development Derby for his SQLAdmin application, which was also recognized as a "Significant Website of 2006" on the Flash Tenth Anniversary Site for how applications might be deployed in the future, mixing functionality of a desktop application with the Web. Prior to Universal Mind, Kevin was a senior software developer at CityNet, where he helped to build a new residential digital phone product widely used in West Virginia. When he's not developing, Kevin is probably playing hockey or trying to promote his iOS games.

Courtney Leonard (Shinnecock Nation) was one five Native American and Alaskan Native artists honored by then-Vice President Joe Biden and his wife, Dr. Jill Biden, at a reception at their home in Washington DC. In addition to honoring the artists, the Bidens displayed a framed print from each of the artists on the walls of their foyer and living room. The reception was also a celebration of a collaboration between the U.S. Department of State's Office of Art in Embassies (AIE) and the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA). The five artists were commissioned by the AIE and IAIA to create 10 pieces of art each that will be exhibited at U.S. diplomatic facilities around the world.

A member of the Shinnecock Nation of Long Island, New York, Courtney's artwork explores the evolution of language, image, and culture through mixed media pieces of video, audio, and tangible objects. Her current work embodies the multiple definitions of *Breach*, an exploration and documentation of historical ties to water, whale, and material sustainability.

She has given lectures and exhibited nationally and internationally, most recently at Toi Ngaphui Northland College (New Zealand), the Museum of Art and Design (New York City), Museum

of Contemporary Native Arts (Santa Fe), Eastern Connecticut University (Willimantic), Tribeca Film Institute (New York City), National Museum of the American Indian (Washington, D.C.), University of the Creative Arts Farnham (England), and the University of Rostock (Germany).

Courtney lives in Santa Fe and works as a professional artist and lecturer.

2004

President of Student Senate while at Alfred, **Matt Washington's** rise to deputy borough president of the Borough of Manhattan may have been inevitable. Matt was named by Borough President Gale Brewer as one of two deputy borough presidents, effective Nov. 2, 2015. Matt's responsibilities include oversight of economic development initiatives for the borough. "I am honored to join Borough President Brewer in tackling the problems facing Manhattan," said Matt when his appointment was announced. "I am proud to join her -- and Aldrin Bonilla -- as deputy borough president. Gale is one of the finest public servants I know, and has built a staff that is solutions-oriented -- and government has never needed solutions more. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting to work." Prior to being named deputy borough president, Matt was deputy director of The Durst Organization. He had served as a member of the board of directors of a number of community organizations.

He also served AU as a member of the Alumni Council from 2010-13.

Jax Deluca joined the National Endowment for the Arts as director of media arts beginning Jan. 11, 2016. Jax manages NEA grant-making in media arts and represent the agency to the media arts field.

She has been executive director of

Squeaky Wheel Film & Media Art Center in Buffalo, NY, a nonprofit serving Western New York State which promotes innovation in media arts through access, education, and exhibition. At Squeaky Wheel, Jax has overseen major expansion efforts, including fundraising, new jobs and media equipment, an updated youth media arts curriculum, and relocation into new, upgraded facilities.

2005

Emma Buckthal received the Carol A. Condon Outstanding New Lawyer award for 2016 from the Western New York chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. The award, presented annually, recognizes outstanding contributions by the next generation of attorneys. It is named in honor of one of the organization's past presidents. Emma co-authored an article, "Finding Protection Under US Immigration Law -- A Guide to Remedies for Undocumented Immigrant Survivors of Violence," for the spring 2016 edition of Criminal Justice magazine.

2006

Kathryn Goetschius earned a Ph.D. in materials science from Missouri University for Science and Technology

(MUST) where her advisor was **Richard K. Brow '80**. She is now a research scientist at Guardian Glass in Michigan, as is her husband Ali Mohammadkhah, who also received his Ph.D. from MUST and is now a research scientist at Guardian. They were married May 24, 2015, in Miller Theater on the Alfred University campus.

2007 Reunion Year

Casey Cutting, who played on the Alfred University women's lacrosse team for four years, is starting a girls' lacrosse team at Salamanca Central School. It's not Casey's first time with a start-up team. As a freshman at Union-Endicott High School, she played on the first women's team in that district.

2008

Chaz Bruce was nominated for the Grammy's Music Educator Award for 2017. He is Western New York director for the New York State Institute of Dance and Education where he is responsible for marketing and promotions that support the activities associated with cultural programs. He is also a music education teacher for the Rochester (NY) City School District, founder of the local improv and comedy team, LOL Superstars, and serves as personal

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mentor to more than a dozen young men who are interested in pursuing the creative arts as a career.

Ironically, in 2015 Chaz worked alongside Kent Knappenburger, the first person to win the Grammy's Educator Award. Knappenburger's choir at

Westfield High School in Westfield, NY followed the creative direction of Chaz for the schools choir festival. Chaz used this as an opportunity to promote diversity and inclusion when he allowed the youth group he manages, Exit Sign, to travel with him to the predominantly white school as a cultural experience.



Shaminda Amarakoon on the steps in front of The Metropolitan Opera.

Amarakoon to chair department at Yale

To say Shaminda Amarakoon has a great deal of drama in his life is not an exaggeration. The 2004 Alfred University theater major spent his time on stage and backstage in several dramatic productions, singing with the Chamber Singers and working with high school students during the University's summer theater camps. Until recently, he was the production manager of the Second Stage Theatre in New York City, overseeing the development of scenery, props, lighting, sound, costumes and video. Working with directors, designers and crews, he made sure opening nights were a success. In addition, he has consulted on the renovation to the new space at Second Stage: the Helen Hayes Theatre. As of July 2017, he will be leaving NYC with his wife, Carole, to head back to his graduate school in New Haven, CT. He was appointed the next Chair of the Technical Design & Production Department at Yale School of Drama and Director of Production of Yale Repertory Theater. In this new dual role, he will oversee recruitment, curriculum development, and alumni engagement in addition to overseeing the technical needs for each of their many productions. The TD&P Department at Yale School of Drama has produced some of the top leaders in technical management, technical design, and consulting for arts and entertainment. Shaminda will look to continue and advance that tradition of excellent teaching and practice in the program.

2016

Erin Ethridge, who received her MFA in sculpture, received the International Sculpture Center's "Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award," which "recognizes young sculptors and encourage their continued commitment to the field." The 16 award winners participated in the Grounds for Sculpture's fall/winter exhibition, which was on view from October 2106 to April 2017. Her work was also featured in the October 2016 issue of *Sculpture* magazine.

Town "Dana" Kang was a 2016 winner in the "Best of SUNY" Student Art Exhibition on view at the New York State Museum in Albany from June-October 2016. She was one of four entrants to receive an honorable mention and a \$500 cash prize. Dana submitted "Fragments of Memory (2015), an earthenware and wood piece, for the exhibition. Two other School of Art & Design students also had work included in the exhibition. **Maxwell Mustardo** submitted a salt-fired stoneware piece, "Qingbai Vase (2016)" and **Margaret Schrecongost** submitted "Self Portrait (2015), an oil-on-linen piece.

Michael LaMarca accepted a job with a Servepro franchise in Rochester; the firm specializes in clean up and restoration of residential and commercial property after a fire that causes smoke or water damage, and can also do mold and mildew mitigation. While he had other offers, Mike told President Zupan in his note to him that the opportunities provided by ServePro attracted him. In the same note to President Zupan, Mike gave credit to "my amazing professors at Alfred, especially Prof. Lewis (Mark Lewis, director of the School of Business). He was there any time with his advice and guidance. One of the main reasons I was so successful at Alfred [is] the high quality professors and how they

focus on the students. I could go to the fourth floor of Olin and walk into any professor's office just to talk!" Mike was one of the students recognized last June by the Rochester chapter of the Financial Executives International for their work with Alfred University's student-managed investment fund.

Births

2002

Bridgette (Henne) Elston and Michael, a daughter, Brooke, April 2015

2007

Michelle (Antzak) Butzgy and **John F. Butzgy**, a son, Henry Michael Butzgy, Dec. 22, 2015

2009

Ralph Jackson and **Abbey Jackson**, a daughter, Lila Ann Jackson, Dec. 30, 2016.

Marriages

1962

Grace (Bookheim) Burns and **Capt. William J. Burns**, U.S. Navy, RET, May 27, 2016

1970

Barbara (Englert) Easterbrook and **Frank Easterbrook**, May 12, 2013

1992

Thomas P. Rock and **Terry Consentine**, Nov. 12, 2016

1997

Mathieu J. Cama and **Jennifer A. Otenti '96**, March 14, 2015

2007

Michelle (Antzak) Butzgy and **John F. Butzgy**, Dec. 2010

Deaths

1935

Virginia M. Bardeen Bartlett, June 3, 2016

James L. "Jim" Knapp, II, Nov. 5, 2015

1936

Marguerite J. Hyde Blundred, Sept. 9, 2016

1938

John A. Schake, Dec. 4, 2015

1939

Evalyn J. Jacobson Paulson, April 11, 2016

Dr. Robert B. Sloane, D.D.S., May 10, 2016

1941

Wendell V. Cleveland, Nov. 19, 2016

Alan J. Friedlander, June 14, 2015

Kathleen M. "Kay" Kastner

Hackett, March 19, 2016

Betty (Elizabeth) Kaiser Wheeler, Sept. 6, 2016

1942

Margaret W. "Peggy" Pitman

Wingate Rase, Oct. 3, 2016

Laur Don Wheaton, May 21, 2014

Alan B. Williams, Oct. 7, 2016

1943

Robert B. Burdick, Dec. 18, 2011

Richard L. Galusha, Dec. 19, 2015

Dr. Guy E. Rindone, Oct. 4, 2015

Murray A. Schwartz, July 31, 2015

Victor W. Skaggs, March 15, 2017

Eugenie G. Stanislaw, April 4, 2017

1944

Leo Pozefsky, Aug 20, 2016

Margaret "Peg" Lord Wood, July 7, 2016

1945

Jean M. Gardner Brady, May 27, 2010

1946

Cora M. Carson Burdick, Oct. 30, 2013

Dr. Thomas B. Hill, June 1, 2013

Ada Egbert Rossin, Nov. 17, 2015

1947

Jack E. Phillips Sr., Oct. 14, 2016

Jeanne K. Forscey Seamans, Aug. 28, 2016

1947

Anne Garside Spratt, Aug. 16, 2016

1948

Ruth A. Galloway Farr, Sept. 13, 2015

Ernest H. Faust Jr., Nov. 12, 2016

Dr. Edwin A. Gere, Jr., May 15, 2016

Dr. Harley D. Lindquist, Feb. 4, 2017

Clara E. Worden McCann, June 5, 2016

Rodney E. Penny, Feb. 20, 2016

Miriam Louise Tooke Vogwill Polan, Dec. 25, 2015

Mae P. Harper VonPless, Feb. 29, 2016

1949

Dr. Victor H. Burdick, M.D., Nov. 7, 2015

Frances "Elaine" Gardiner Decker, Oct. 28, 2015

Dr. Frank N. Elliot, Sept. 23, 2015

Bernice Garber Harris, Aug. 17, 2016

Donna H. Wattengel Irwin, Oct. 1, 2016

Barbara J. Hansen McCall, Sept. 21, 2016

William E. "Bill" Naum, April 16, 2016

Madge A. Evans Smith, Oct. 21, 2016

Constance E. Snyder, Feb. 10, 2015

1950

Ivan Gerald Angel, April 27, 2016

Edna M. Dimon Boyd, Aug. 29, 2016

Burton A. "Burt" Corbett, Jan. 23, 2017

Floyd W. English, Jr., Dec. 28, 2015

Knowlton W. Farr, Aug. 25, 2016

Daniel E. Foster, July 1, 2016

Lawrence Kopell, Feb. 20, 2016

June A. Petri LaForge, Aug. 13, 2016

James A. "Jim" Parson, March 14, 2016

Robert Prokopec, Dec. 25, 2016

Charles G. VanWiggerer, Feb. 4, 2016

1951

Richard Alan Alliegro, Nov. 26, 2016

Robert P. Arnstein, May 21, 2015

John D. Bradley, July 25, 2016

Eleanor C. Lockhardt Byrne, Aug. 18, 2015

Teresa A. Basso Clark, May 9, 2016

Philip S. Hessinger, Aug. 4, 2016

Norma B. Miller Higgins, Dec. 24, 2015

Gordon L. Martz, Nov. 25, 2015
 Robert A. "Bob" Miller Sr., Aug. 16, 2016
 Lois M. Murdock, April 20, 2015
 Marc A. Nerenstone, March 21, 2016
 Barbara J. Hurlburt Spateholts, Dec. 26, 2015
 David L. Swartz, Oct. 11, 2016

1952

John P. Behrenberg, Dec. 9, 2016
 Oscar P. Binder, July 1, 2016
 Anne K. Yunevich Hurd, July 5, 2016
 Judith C. "Judy" Leondar, Dec. 18, 2015
 Duane J. Matterson, April 20, 2016
 John M. Morgan, Aug. 17, 2016
 Burton R. Shirey, March 22, 2016
 Dorothy D. Brion Warne, Jan. 2017
 Russell K. Wood, Feb. 27, 2014

1953

Martha M. Shelton LePrell, Dec. 10, 2015
 David J. McCormick, Sept. 28, 2016
 Dr. Charles "Buddy" Rabiner, M.D., Jan. 2, 2017
 Barbara E. "Bobbie" Zelikofsky Rapp, Aug. 20, 2016
 Philip C. Saunders, Sept. 1, 2014
 James E. Sherry, Feb. 21, 2016

1954

George M. Brummer, Sept. 6, 2015
 Jane B. Conningham, July 4, 2016
 Peter D. Grever, Feb. 1, 2016
 John L. House, Aug. 4, 2016
 Morton Pincks, Feb. 21, 2016
 Jerrold "Jerry" Richardson Stone, July 23, 2016

1955

Dr. Burton Jay, Dec. 13, 2015
 M. Winston Jones Lata, June 18, 2016
 Lewis A. Krevolin, Jan. 30, 2017
 Frederick H. Ogden, April 20, 2016
 Floyd Edward Pettengill, Jan. 12, 2017
 John P. Storer-Folt, March 8, 2016
 1956
 Alberta "Berta" Ormsby Brown, Feb. 20, 2017
 Jenny Goldberg Krevolin, Nov. 17, 2016

Reed D. Lowrey, Sept. 6, 2016
 Dr. Alan I. Posner, MD, July 23, 2016
 Ralph E. Siebach, May 3, 2016

1957

Shirley A. Brand Adams, Feb. 2, 2017
 Ann Hopkins Boulton, Nov. 18, 2016
 Dr. Dantan H. Clayton, Jan. 12, 2016
 Nathan M. Lyons, Aug. 31, 2016
 Dr. Eugene C. Muehleisen, Nov. 8, 2016
 Dudley B. Phillips, July 6, 2016
 Edward P. Schwenkler, July 14, 2016
 Philip W. Stein, Dec. 23, 2016
 Dorbert A. "Dorby" Hughes Thomas, Nov. 11, 2016

1958

LaVerne F. Arnold, March 28, 2017
 Suzanne Koster Clayton, March 5, 2016
 Don P. Hazlett, Nov. 30, 2015
 Joanne M. "Jo" Muhlbauser Houghton, Jan. 14, 2016
 Dr. Samuel F. Hulbert, Jan. 29, 2016
 Barbara Jane Kane, Mar. 13, 2016
 Rodman F. "Fran" Tatnall, May 28, 2016

1959

James R. "Jim" Brown Jr., July 29, 2016
 Joseph J. Cameron, Dec. 24, 2016
 Robert L. Cranston, Nov. 24, 2016
 James R. "Jim" Cross, Dec. 25, 2015
 George C. Hoffner, May 15, 2016
 4, Jan. 27, 2017
 Nancy L. Wennerstrom, Jan. 24, 2017
 Donald C. Wilklow, June 19, 2016

1960

Richard D. "Dick" Cooney, Feb. 10, 2016
 Evelyn Telvitie Ehrlich, Oct. 29, 2015
 Gordon A. "Alan" Feather, April 5, 2016
 Joy E. Hulbert, July 23, 2015
 Thomas W. Ingle, Dec. 26, 2016
 Vernon B. Palen Sr., Nov. 21, 2016
 Robert J. "Bob" Rink, Oct. 1, 2016
 Louis Michael Thrasher, Aug. 19, 2016

1961

Dr. Michael A. Grund, Jan. 30, 2017
 John R. Hale, Nov. 26, 2016

Ralph S. Verity, Sept. 2012
 Joseph E. Vollers Jr., Feb. 17, 2016
 1962
 Rev. Fredric F. Leach, June 27, 2016
 Ravish C. Varshnei, Dec. 28, 2016

1963

Robert W. Gottlieb, March 29, 2016
 L. George Houpt, March 1, 2016
 Clyde D. McCarty, March 3, 2016
 Bruce H. Neuman, Feb. 26, 2017
 Edward L. Shaw, Dec. 13, 2014

1964

Sara E. "Betty" Culver Arcangeli, April 25, 2016
 Dr. Alton M. "Al" Lacy, Aug. 25, 2016
 Catherine L. "Cathy" Perkins, Oct. 15, 2016
 Norman H. Pfeiffer, Dec. 13, 2015
 Norman J. Strobel, May 20, 2016
 Margaret A. Frazier Walrod, July 26, 2016
 David C. Young, Jan. 9, 2017

1965

Robert C. Biswanger, Feb. 2, 2016
 John A. Dudley, July 23, 2016
 Kenneth G. Wissmann, Sept. 15, 2015
 Charles E. Wright, Nov. 29, 2016

1966

Robert J. Hayes, Oct. 9, 2015
 Roger P. Olney, June 23, 2016
 Patricia S. Andrews Spade, May 7, 2016
 Kathy J. Kinsey Wilcox, May 15, 2016

1967

Elaine M. Bishop-Jetter, April 5, 2016
 Thomas A. Gizara, Feb. 23, 2017
 Wayne E. Lemoine, May 31, 2016
 Christine A. Jost Merryman, July 22, 2016

Merrijane Pierce, Dec. 21, 2016

1968

Dr. Harvey W. Berlin, Aug. 15, 2015
 Wayne E. "Satch" Gary, Dec. 29, 2016

1969

William E. Assenheimer, March 25, 2017
 Susan Cornell Ayers, Feb. 19, 2017
 Karen L. Duncan Green, Aug. 30, 2015
 Lennard L. Hunter, Oct. 4, 2014

Janis G. Powers Manger, Jan. 31, 2016

John P. Walk, Dec. 26, 2016

1970

David L. Godwin, Jan. 29, 2017

Joyce C. Denlinger Jelinek, Oct. 14, 2015

Craig R. Johnson, March 16, 2017

Rosemary Jermain Lanshe, Feb. 26, 2017

George K. Ross, March 3, 2016

Loretta Miller Smith, May 29, 2016
1971

Charles E. "Charley" Bercow, Feb. 5, 2016

Dr. Frank Goetz, Jul. 27, 2016

John E. Rogers, March 1, 2016

Matthew H. Young, March 23, 2017

1972

LTC Lewis M. Lawrence, (Ret), Feb. 6, 2015

William J. Reilly, III, Sept. 19, 2016

Barbara R. Shipman, March 25, 2017

Neil R. Wahl, Jan. 2, 2015 (Attended)

1973

Arthur J. Haney, March 30, 2017

LTC Richard G. Kamakaris, (Ret), Jan. 7, 2016

William C. "Bill" Levensalor, Nov. 18, 2015

Lt. Col. Michael W. Moore (Ret.), Dec. 20, 2016

1974

David T. Benware, Oct. 18, 2015

Catherine C. Daly, Feb. 13, 2016

Alan W. Hobart, Feb. 20, 2017

1974

Mary M. Sheedy Lynch, Oct. 22, 2015

1975

Robert L. Chaffee, June 12, 2016

Patricia A. Ilgren Kapp, Aug. 22, 2016

Bruce A. Keller, March 29, 2017

Richard W. Milczarski, Feb. 25, 2016

Richard J. "Dick" Schieder, May 8, 2016

Joan Carol Tweedy, Dec. 31, 2014

1976

Lawrence B. "Laurie" Vaningen III, Nov. 30, 2016

1977

Clark B. Averill, Jan. 10, 2016

Kathleen A. "Kate" Stella

Leackfeldt, Nov. 20, 2016

Howard A. Lockhart, Feb. 14, 2016

Helen L. Terry, Feb. 28, 2016

1978

Linda R. Ellett, Jan. 23, 2016

Debra Ann Hvolbeck, Nov. 29, 2016

Akio Takamori, Jan. 11, 2017

1979

Jeremiah J. Fitzgibbon, April 2, 2017

Arthur W. Mustico, Feb. 16, 2017

1980

Jeffrey D. Rosenberg, Jan. 3, 2016

1981

Capt. John F. Walter, USMC (Ret.), Dec. 7, 2015

1982

Elizabeth J. Embser Wattenberg, March 11, 2016

1982

John A. Schubmehl, Oct. 5, 2016

1983

Jeffrey D. D'Aurizio, Aug. 26, 2015

Janet M. Johnson Hoxie, Nov. 25, 2015

1984

Bernard "Dean" Bessey, July 23, 2016

1985

Paula M. DePasquale Benham, Nov. 15, 2013

Gary A. Erickson, May 18, 2016

1986

James D. Josephson, Jan. 9, 2017

Henry D. Lefcourt, Jan. 21, 2017

1988

Christopher C. Franklin, Dec. 20, 2015

1989

Karen L. Gangawer Johnson, Sept. 23, 2016

1991

Heidi A. Holbrook Campbell, Nov. 11, 2009

Elisa B. Hughey, June 15, 2016

1992

John R. Oshetski, March 5, 2016

1993

Shawn M. McLaughlin, March 23, 2017

1994

Amelia Ramsey Gill, Nov. 1, 2014

Mary L. Hilborn LaBarron, Jan. 11, 2017

Vincent E. Maione, Feb. 7, 2016

1995

Karen E. Gringhuis, Sept. 8, 2015

1998

Michael J. Taylor, Aug. 22, 2016

Daniel P. Yeager, July 26, 2016

2004

David A. Vail, July 1, 2016

2008

Kasmira L. (Kassie) Barrett, Sept. 20, 2016

Zachary D. Sotman, Oct. 31, 2015

2013

Helene F. Lumia, June 8, 2016

Friends

Dr. Virginia L. Barker, Nov. 6, 2015

Richard S. "Rick" Chamberlin, July 26, 2016

Mary N. "Betty" Elliot, July 3, 2016

Marcia G. Good, Dec. 11, 2015

Linda Hardy, May 21, 2016

John R. "Jack" Hutchins III, Oct. 28, 2015

Karen Karnes, July 12, 2016

Donald I. MacKenzie, Nov. 27, 2016

Donald E. Martin, Dec. 27, 2016

Dr. Leland W. Miles 'H74, Aug. 4, 2016

Theodore L. "Ted" Morgan, Dec. 7, 2016

Toni P. Olshan, April 1, 2016

Dr. Richard Sands, Aug. 31, 2016

Eve T. Crittenden Seward, May 25, 2016

Kathleen Chalker Sherman, June 9, 2016

Richard Simington, March 30, 2016

Harold A. "Bus" Still, Jan. 7, 2017,

Dorothy M. "Dot" Tinklepaugh, April 22, 2016

Leland Miles, ninth Alfred University president

Dr. Leland Miles, who served as president of two American universities for two decades, first Alfred University and then University of Bridgeport, died at his home in Sarasota, FL on August 4, 2016 after a period of declining health.

Dr. Miles was Alfred University president from 1967-74. As the Vietnam War escalated and a period of student unrest began at Alfred and college campuses nationwide, he became the only college president to take a legal case to one of the nation's highest courts that addressed the right of faculty and students to demonstrate. The U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals was regarded at that time as the nation's most intellectually formidable appeals court. He won. The issue became a moot case at law schools nationally.

Dr. Miles was born in Baltimore in 1924. He attended Juniata College, where his studies were interrupted by World War II, during which he was a celestial navigator on a B-24 bomber with General Chennault's Flying Tigers in China. While completing his B.A. at Juniata, he met his wife, Virginia Geyer Miles, and went on to earn a Masters and Ph.D from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, thanks to the G.I. bill.

He became Alfred University president in 1967 and returned to Bridgeport as president in 1974.

Dr. Miles is survived by his wife of 69 years, Virginia Geyer Miles, a cellist and pianist, who actively promoted international student programs and played a central role during Dr. Miles' 20 years as a University President. He's also survived by a daughter, Christine Miles Kelliher; a son, Gregory Miles; as well as many nieces, nephews and many grandnieces and grandnephews on the East and West Coasts.

Richard Alliegro '51, former trustee

Former Trustee Richard Alliegro '51, who died Nov. 26, 2016, served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1978-90, and again from 1993-97.

Dick had a distinguished career as a ceramic engineer, retiring from the former Norton Company as corporate vice president of the High-Performance Ceramics Division after 37 years of service. Developer

of 13 patents for the company, Dick is credited with developing the first military ceramic armor used to protect personnel in helicopters and ground forces; the system he helped to develop is still in use by the U.S. military.

After retirement from Norton, Dick joined Lanxide Manufacturing Co. in Newark, DE, and served as its president until 1993, when he formed Alltec Consulting, Inc., based in Northborough, MA, where he and his wife Barbara made their home. He was a member of the American Ceramic Society for more than 50 years and received numerous awards from the Society for his professional accomplishments. Surviving, in addition to his wife, are six children and seven grandchildren.

Judith Leondar '52, benefactor

Judith C. Leondar, one of Alfred University's most loyal alumni, attending Reunions and other AU events until ill health prevented her from doing so, died on December 18, 2015, in Princeton, NJ.

She was a generous supporter as well, creating the Ralph E. Bennett and Judith C. Leondar Endowed Scholarship Fund in 1992 in gratitude for the scholarship she received that allowed her to attend Alfred. Judy took a personal interest in "her" scholarship recipients, and delighted in meeting and corresponding with them, maintaining friendships that extended beyond their graduation from AU.

Judy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from Alfred in 1952, and a Master's degree in library science from Rutgers in 1960. Following graduation from Alfred, Judy worked briefly for the Bureau of Information Sciences Research at Rutgers University as a research associate and professor. She then worked in agricultural research for American Cyanamid Company as manager of technical information services, from which she retired in 1991 to spend more time with her husband, Ralph Bennett. She continued to work as a part-time consultant and volunteered extensively.

In 2007, Alfred University dedicated the Leondar Learning Commons in Herrick Library, in Judy's honor, in recognition of her contributions to the library renovation project. She has bequeathed her estate to Alfred University, and was inducted into the

Society of Benefactors, which recognizes those whose lifetime giving is over \$1 million.

Theodore "Ted" L. Morgan, professor emeritus

Theodore "Ted" L. Morgan, 64, a member of the faculty at the Alfred University School of Art & Design for 35 years until his retirement in 2014 as a professor emeritus of Printmaking, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016, at Admiral's Pointe Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Huron, OH, surrounded by his family.

Ted began his teaching career at Alfred University in 1979. In addition to teaching printmaking, Morgan was a mainstay in the Foundations program for the School of Art & Design for a number of years.

Virginia Barker, former dean of the School of Nursing

Virginia Lee Adams Barker, 85, died Nov. 6, 2015 at Waterford at Dillon Pointe in South Carolina. She was an educator and dean at several schools, including Alfred University, where she was dean of Nursing from 1969-78.

Rich Simington, former director of Planned Giving

Rich Simington, 71, passed away on March 30, 2016, at Cottingham House, Seneca, SC.

Rich's professional career was composed of two halves. In the first half he was a dedicated social worker and was the executive director of the Sandusky County (Ohio) Department of Human Services for 15 years. In the second half he spent 23 years as a fundraiser and development officer at Bowling Green State University, the Salvation Army Area Services of Syracuse, and at Alfred University.

Dorothy Tinklepaugh, worked in College of Ceramics business office

Dorothy 'Dot' Tinklepaugh, 95, wife of the late James Tinklepaugh '43, professor emeritus of ceramic engineering in the College of Ceramics at AU, died April 22, 2016. For several years, she worked in the business office for the College of Ceramics, retiring at age 83.



Alfred University is hosting a golf scramble as part of Reunion Weekend to benefit its intercollegiate athletic program.

The 2017 ADPRO Sports Saxon Golf Classic will be held Friday, June 9, at the Wellsville Country Club. All alumni are welcome to participate. Proceeds from the four-person scramble tournament will directly benefit all 19 AU intercollegiate athletic teams.

There will be a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Cost for the event is \$100 per person and includes greens fees and cart, a tee gift, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, and post-event food. There will be course prizes (closest to the pin, longest drive, hole in one) as well as prize drawings afterward and a 50/50 raffle of competing for Empire 8 championships.

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