

Alfred University inducts new members of Phi Beta Kappa, nation's most prestigious liberal arts and sciences honor society

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Twenty new members were inducted into the Alfred University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and most prestigious honor society for liberal arts and sciences. Fewer than 10 percent of all the colleges of liberal arts and sciences have been awarded Phi Beta Kappa chapters.

The new inductees comprise the 15th class to become members of the Alfred University chapter. They include:

Nellie Burch, a senior majoring in foreign languages and culture studies, as well as global studies. A graduate of The Long Trail School, she is the daughter of Christopher Brayman and Laura Burch of Wells, VT.

Rebecca Lynn Cetta, a senior Spanish and global studies major, who graduated from O'Neill High School. She is the daughter of Joseph and Lori Cetta of Walton, NY.

Sam Craver, a senior psychology major. He is the son of Joseph and Leslie Craver of Great Falls, VA, and is a graduate of The Field School.

Ashey Dressig, a junior communication studies and sociology major. She is a graduate of Wellsville High School and is the daughter of Rebecca Dressig.

Kurtis Eisenhardt, a senior Spanish major and graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School. His parents are James and Margaret Eisenhardt of Alfred.

Elizabeth Estep, a senior majoring in biology. She is a graduate of Horseheads High School and is the daughter of Christine Estep of Binghamton and Matthew Estep of Horseheads.

Elizabeth Finney, a senior who is majoring in interdisciplinary art and physics. A graduate of Dryden High School and is the daughter of Stephen and Barbara Finney of Dryden.

Kassidy L. Hasselman, a senior psychology major. A graduate of Sauquoit Valley Central School and is the daughter of Erin Crowe of Chadwicks.

Astrid Linnea Hunter, a senior art and design major. The daughter of Richard and Nancy Hunter of Titusville, NJ, she is a graduate of Hopewell Valley Central High School.

Theresa Kenney, a senior biology major. She is the daughter of Thomas and Nancy Kenney of Wheatfield, NY, and is a graduate of Niagara-Wheatfield High School.

Joshua Lapham, a senior majoring in biology, he is the son of James and Carol Lapham of Arkport. He is a graduate of Jasper-Troupsburg Central School.

Julie Mulryan, a senior mathematics major who graduated from Olean High School. She is the daughter of John and Laurie Mulryan of Hinsdale.

Haley Ruffner, a senior English major, and graduate of Allegany-Limestone Central School. She is the daughter of Greg Ruffner and Rose Stayer-Ruffner of Allegany.

Zachary Sewilo, a senior biology major and the son of Donald and Kristine Sewilo of Williamson. He is a

graduate of Williamson Senior High School.

Erin Siebert, a senior environmental studies and geology major whose parents are Michael and Erica Siebert of Campbell. Erin is a graduate of Haverling Junior-Senior High School in Bath.

Amber Smith, a senior biomaterials engineering major. She is a graduate of Prattsburgh Center School and is the daughter of Thomas and Cheryl Smith.

Beryl Torte, a senior psychology major from South Africa. She is a graduate of St. Mary's Diocesan School.

Valerie Wach, a junior biology major and the daughter of Donald and Linda Wach of Orchard Park. She is graduate of Orchard Park High School.

Abby Williams, a senior psychology major. She is a graduate of Alfred-Almond Central School and is the daughter of John and Kelly Williams of Alfred.

President of the Alfred University Phi Beta Kappa chapter is Leah Houk &10, who is now the assistant director of Alfred University's Center for Academic Success. She was inducted into the Alfred University chapter as a senior in 2010, and is the first alumna to serve as its president.