

McFadden tapped to lead Career Development Center

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F. Mark McFadden of Alfred Station has been named director of the Career Development Center (CDC) at Alfred University. A five-year member of the staff, McFadden served as acting director of the center since April 2006. Prior to that he was assistant director of career counseling services. "It's a pleasure to appoint Mark as my successor in the CDC," said Kathy Woughter, now vice president for Student Affairs. "Mark has developed an outstanding rapport with students, alumni and faculty, and he is the right person to supervise the terrific staff we have at the CDC. "As we continue to find ways to bring employers and graduate schools to our campus, help students decide on majors and career paths, and increase awareness of our internship and co-op programs, Mark will continue to lead the CDC in bringing forward the innovative ideas that it has always been known for," Woughter continued. "Last year, the CDC provided over 1,500 individual advising sessions to almost 800 students, conducted about 500 resume critiques, brought 111 companies to campus, and worked with over 450 students during walk-in hours," she noted. "Our students deserve the best quality career resources in order to make sound career decisions and transition to their post-AU lives, and I am thrilled that Mark has accepted the responsibility of continuing to move the CDC forward," she added. In the past year, McFadden was elected president of the Middle Atlantic Career Counseling Association (MACCA). MACCA also selected him as Outstanding Member of the Year in 2003 and 2004, and he won the Ross Narghang Award for Outstanding Dedication and Continued Commitment to MACCA in 2005. Regionally, McFadden has served as secretary to the Rochester Area Career Development Association. Alfred University students selected McFadden for the Alfie Award for outstanding staff contribution to student life in 2004, and he was selected the outstanding administrator in the Student Affairs Division that same year. McFadden also coordinates and administers the Children's Learning Initiative, a cooperative effort involving many faculty, staff and students across campus to facilitate educational and peer-mentored opportunities for disadvantaged area middle-school children. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh (PA) at Johnstown, McFadden earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. He then attended the Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC, completing 30 credit hours toward a master's degree in divinity. He also earned a master's degree in profession studies in community service administration from Alfred University. He joined the Career Counseling Services staff at AU in August 2001.