

## **Alfred University art student wins award from SUNY**

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ALFRED -- An Alfred University art student has been cited by the State University of New York for his work in photography. Tom DeLooza, a senior fine arts major from Penn Yan, NY, has won the Patty Ross Memorial Award. The award is given each year to a graduating senior of graduate student at a State University of New York (SUNY) university who shows the potential to pursue a career in art. The School of Art & Design is a statutory unit of the State University of New York, which contracts with Alfred University to administer the School. DeLooza will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, with concentration in photography and video. He was among five finalists from across the state competing in the visual arts category. DeLooza entered two photographs he created using the albumen process, in which paper is coated with egg whites and silver nitrate, making it light sensitive. He used a camera to create negatives for his photos, which were then scanned into a computer, with the images used to make larger film negatives. The negatives were then placed over the albumen-coated paper and exposed to light for about 90 minutes to create the photographic images. DeLooza applied for the Patty Ross Memorial Award by submitting a resume, references, a portfolio with slides of his work, and an outline of his career goals and immediate plans after graduation. On March 17 at SUNY Purchase, he and the four other finalists for the award displayed their work and gave oral presentations to a panel of judges. He learned the next day that he had won the award and the \$1,000 grant that comes with it. DeLooza said he will use the grant award to help finance his exhibit during the upcoming AU School of Art and Design senior show. He has interviewed for a summer internship at the Woodstock Center for Photography in Woodstock, NY. While he aspires to be a studio artist, with a focus on photography, DeLooza wants to spend some time traveling after he graduates from Alfred. "I want to travel and gain some like experiences that will feed my work," he said. "I'd like to go abroad, probably in Europe because it's so culturally strong and diverse." DeLooza is the son of Donald and Diane DeLooza of Penn Yan.