

Student Affairs presents division awards

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Alfred University's Division of Student Affairs has presented its annual "outstanding performance" awards to division employees. Kathy Woughter, vice president for Student Affairs, announced the following award-winners: Outstanding administrator: Amy Jacobson, director of the Women's Leadership Center (WLC). "In the three years Amy has been working as a director in the Student Affairs division, she has been a model to the rest of us in collaborating with faculty, working with trustees and alumni, and creating wonderful programs," said Woughter. "Since the WLC is a small office, she does this with fewer people than the rest of us, and so has to rely on collaboration with others. This results in stronger programs, more diverse audiences, and innovative approaches to programming and education." In the past year, Jacobson has expanded the Women's Leadership Academy, obtained grant funding from the American Association of University Women to allow students to produce the Dreams to Reality documentary, brought outstanding speakers such to campus as Women of Influence speakers, and more. Outstanding Support Staff Member: Colleen Harvey, secretary for the Athletic Department. "Colleen is always there to make sure everything is done and does so with the Student Affairs mindset in mind of placing the students first," reads her citation. "Colleen will takes of any email/phone request with professionalism." Harvey was also recognized for always having a smile and a positive thing to say. "Never is she too busy to answer a question, do something for you, or just give a word of advice. Colleen goes to athletic events in her off time and enthusiastically keeps up on what our student athletes are achieving." Outstanding Achievement in Program Innovation: Patricia Debertolis, director of New Student Programs, and Andrea Burch, area coordinator, for the Student Success Conference. Debertolis and Burch teamed up with Aubrey Elmore, interim director of Special Academic Services, and the deans to launch a conference day for students who were struggling academically at the start of the Spring 2008 semester. This day-long series of workshops featured sessions on goal-setting, time management and study skills, and featured a panel of Alfred University students who shared their tips for academic success. Debertolis and Burch hope to make this an annual event. Woughter explained the award recipients were selected through a nomination process conducted by the Staff Development Committee of the Student Affairs division, led by Brenda Porter, Ola Bello, Ed Huebner, Tonia Hatter and graduate student Laura LaPierre.