

AU junior awarded mechanical engineering scholarship

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Max Berg Feeman, a junior mechanical engineering major at Alfred University, received the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) International, Olean Section 2009 Scholarship this spring. The presentation was made at the AU and Alfred State College Engineering Project presentation contest. The \$750 scholarship is awarded to a deserving college student in mechanical engineering or mechanical technology with a minimum of 30 credit hours who is a student member of ASME International. Selection criteria are also heavily based on a brief essay relating to the field of engineering. Feeman's topic was "Engineering's Crucial Role in the Economy." The essay supported his thesis: "New innovations have to be made in order to meet the world's changing demands. Recently we witnessed our powerful economy falter and wilt. While there are many reasons for this sudden economic collapse, there is one element that can take responsibility for turning an economic crisis into a period of growth and prosperity. That one element is engineering." Feeman, from Ardmore, PA, has been an ASME student member since 2007. His future plans include attending a graduate program in automotive technologies with a career goal to revolutionize how an automobile engine intakes its fuel and how it uses the fuel to produce energy in the form of propulsion. Outside the classroom, Feeman's primary activity is in the world of music ranging from the classics to jazz and rock. He plays guitar in a band and trained on the cello. A graduate of Haverford High School, Feeman is a son of Timothy Feeman and Tracy Berg of Ardmore. Founded in 1836, Alfred University became the first coeducational institution in New York State and the second in the nation. About 2,000 full-time undergraduate and 400 graduate students work and live in 52 buildings on a scenic 232-acre hillside campus adjoining the village of Alfred. The nonsectarian University is comprised of the privately endowed AACSB-accredited (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) College of Business and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, as well as the NYS College of Ceramics (Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering and the School of Art and Design). AU's art school is ranked number one in the nation for ceramic art, and second in the nation for glass art. The University awards bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.