

## Hyde to leave AU for post at Jackson Laboratory

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Michael E. Hyde, vice president for University Relations for Alfred University since September 1997, has resigned, effective June 1, 2006, to accept the position of vice president for Advancement at The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, ME. In his new role, Hyde will oversee fund-raising, public relations, marketing and governmental relations. The Jackson Laboratory, founded in 1929, is the world's largest mammalian genetics research facility. Additionally, it serves the global scientific community as the key provider of critical genetic resources and is a center for training present and future scientists. It has a staff of nearly 1,300, making it one of the top 10 employers in Maine, and has an annual budget of more than \$140 million. "It has been a privilege to serve Alfred University," said Hyde. "My family and I will miss this community and the many wonderful people here." "We will miss Mike as a colleague, a leader, and a friend," said AU President Charles M. Edmondson. "We wish him every success in his new appointment. His nine years of outstanding service to Alfred University and the surrounding area deserve our appreciation and gratitude." Jackson Laboratory Director Rick Woychik, Ph.D., cited Hyde's outstanding record of accomplishments as a development executive. "All of us who were on the team who recruited him are delighted that he will be bringing his extraordinary skill, energy and vision to The Jackson Laboratory." The recruitment effort to appoint the new vice president was directed by Woychik, with support from a committee composed of members of the Laboratory's board of governing trustees. Donald A. Stern, chair of the board, said, "We were deeply impressed with Mike's energy, creativity and successful track record. As the Laboratory continues to grow in both size and national stature, so does the need for private philanthropy, and Mike is the right person to lead the Laboratory's advancement initiatives." When Hyde joined Alfred University in the fall of 1997, he was charged with completing The New Millennium Campaign by June 2000. The University not only met its \$70 million goal, but exceeded it by nearly 20 percent, raising \$82,610,316.39. Under Hyde's guidance, the University's Building on Excellence Campaign has already raised more than \$139 million toward a \$150 million goal with two years to go before completion. During Hyde's tenure, the University has reached several development milestones: received its largest-ever gift, \$35 million from Marlin Miller, a 1954 alumnus, as well as a member and former chairman of the Board of Trustees, and his wife, Ginger. The gift includes \$10 million for the construction of a 500-seat proscenium theater at the Miller Performing Arts Center and \$25 million to create an endowment for the School of Art & Design. New York State has committed \$10 million to match the Millers' gift to provide additional facilities for the School of Art & Design. secured a \$10 million gift from the Kyocera Corporation to endow the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering and to create a nanotechnology research center. has received several other significant gifts that are allowing Alfred University to renovate Allen Hall and Herrick Library, create the Fasano Welcome Center at the former Delta Sigma Phi fraternity house, transform the former Sigma Alpha Mu and Sigma Chi houses into special interest housing for students, and build the Cohen Art Studio and Center in the former Zeta Beta Tau fraternity house. recorded its best-ever fund-raising year in 2004-2005, collecting \$19 million in cash and securing \$52 million in pledges. That \$71 million total placed the University within the top echelons of higher education fund-raising for that year. Hyde has also been responsible for the University's alumni and community relations and public relations. Under Hyde's leadership, the University has seen increased attendance at alumni events, particularly Reunion, and greater visibility for the University through our public relations initiatives. "As a member of the University's senior administration, Mr. Hyde has been integrally involved in our strategic planning initiatives, and has guided our state government relations efforts," noted Edmondson. "We can credit him with securing more than \$20 million in state funding for initiatives on our campus." In the community, Hyde has been a member of the joint Alfred Town-Village committee that developed a master plan; a member of the board of the Alfred Community Corporation; and been involved with Boy Scouts. He has been involved in community theater, the annual holiday pantomimes. Hyde came to Alfred University from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA, where he had been vice president for development and alumni affairs for nine years. Formerly Hyde held fund raising positions at Oberlin (Ohio) College (senior development officer, director of planned giving, and director of annual fund) and Adrian (Mich.) College (associate vice president for development and college planning coordinator). He holds a M.Ed. degree in counseling and personnel services and an A.B. degree in history, both from Missouri-Columbia.