

## **Villone receives SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence**

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Janelle Villone, who completed her B.S. degree in Materials Science and Engineering at the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering at Alfred University in December '05 and who is now a doctoral student at the University of Arizona, is a recipient of a State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. She is among the 270 students from 62 campuses who were honored today in Albany by John R. Ryan, chancellor of the State University of New York. The awards are given out annually to students who earn a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.78 or higher and record a significant contribution to their campus or local community. Alfred University administers the School of Art & Design, as well as the ceramic engineering, biomedical materials engineering science, glass science engineering and materials science programs in the Inamori School of Engineering under a contract with SUNY, making students enrolled in those programs eligible for the Chancellor's Awards. "Recipients of this year's awards have excelled academically and, in many cases, far exceeded even their own expectations in their pursuit of higher education and community involvement," said Chancellor Ryan. "The Chancellor's Award for Excellence is given to the best and the brightest students across the SUNY System. I am pleased to see so many recipients this year from nearly all of our campuses. I commend the campus presidents and their faculty and staff for discovering and enhancing student excellence throughout the year." That describes Villone perfectly, noted Dr. Walter Schulze, Villone's advisor while she was at AU. He noted she was not only an excellent student, but an athlete as well, and was very involved in extracurricular activities. The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence was created to recognize students who have best demonstrated, and been recognized, for the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts or career achievement. Villone completed two Center for Environmental and Energy Research (CEER) summer research internships, and received the McMahon Co-op Achievement Award for her research work at Sandia National Laboratories. She is a member of the Alfred chapters of Tau Beta Pi, which is a national honor society for all engineering disciplines, and Keramos, which is an honorary society for ceramic engineers, and served as vice president of both. She was also inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Kappa Phi, which are University-wide national honor societies. Villone received faculty recognition awards for her academic performance in 2004 and 2005, and also received the outstanding tutor award in 2005. In addition, she was a member and co-captain of the AU softball team, as well as a peer mentor, Alfred University tour guide and a participant in the Science on Wheels program. A graduate of Honeoye Central School, Villone is the daughter of Michael and Angela Villone of County Road 33, Honeoye, NY.