University welcomes alumni to Reunion Weekend '07

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A fun-filled weekend is planned for more than 400 Alfred University Alumni at Reunion Weekend 2007, Friday through Sunday, June 8-10, during which friends and families will gather to celebrate this annual event. The weekend is packed with lots of exciting activities. Some notable events are:~ Alumni Golf Scramble; Friday June 8, noon, at Wellsville Country Club.~Book Signing by AU Alumnus and Author, Alan Littell '53, Friday June 8, in the AU Bookstore (2nd floor lobby in the Powell Campus Center) from 3:30-5 p.m. ~Women's Leadership Guest Speaker, Susan Rogers '75, Friday June 8, at 4 p.m., reception immediately following at the Knight Club in Powell Campus Center.~ Seventh Annual Flavors of Alfred Alumni/Community Carnival: Picnic style meal for the entire family (you pay as you go) at the Village Bandstand, Friday June 8, from 5-9 p.m.-Welcome Back Party, Friday June 8, from 9 p.m.-Midnight at the Powell Campus Center Knight Club~Stull Observatory is open, Friday June 8, 10 p.m.-Midnight~5K Run/Walk, Saturday June 9, at the Village Bandstand. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m., race begins at 9 a.m.~Local Artisans Craft Sale and Show, Saturday June 9, on Carnegie Lawn from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.~All Class Reunion Awards Picnic, Saturday June 9, 12:15 p.m., at the Village Bandstand. Classes sit together. Immediately following picnic, photo sessions for Classes of: Golden Saxons, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, and 1997.~Cohen Center Art Gallery Exhibit, Saturday June 9, 2-5 p.m. at 11 N. Main Street. The Grand Opening Show will feature works by AU Faculty. ~Performing Arts Variety Show, Saturday June 9, 9-10:30 p.m. in Harder Hall, Holmes Auditorium.~ Eclipse featuring Terrance Bruce '77, Saturday June 9, 9- 12:30 a.m., at Powell Campus Center, Knight Club. One of the highlights of the three-day reunion is Saturday's luncheon during which the Alumni Association presents its annual awards. Four awards are being given this year. Terry Galanis Sr., a 1940 graduate, is the recipient of the Lillian T. Nevins Award for Lifetime Service to Alfred University. This award is given to an alumnus who, over many years, has shown devotion to Alfred University and through service promoted Alfred University's best interest for the alumni and students. Galanis graduated with a B.A. in ceramic engineering. Following his graduation he founded the Board of Sealing Devices, Inc., a family-run business in Lancaster, NY. He has served as a campaign evaluator and a regional evaluation coordinator and has attended many alumni events. Terry Jr. (Galanis's son) is a seven-year member of the Alfred University Board of Trustees, who took the position after being advised to do so by his father. The Galanis family also helped make the JV football program possible at AU. The Distinguished Achievement Award is given to alumni whose excellence in their occupation brings honor to Alfred University. This year's recipient is Mark Dillon a member of the class of 1987 with a degree in ceramic art. Dillon formed the company Bio Med Sciences and invented Silon TSR which to this day is used by cosmetic surgeons and burn units to prevent scaring in skin tissue. The Distinguished Service Award is given to alumni who show loyalty and commitment to Alfred University. This year's receipient is: Jim Lasky, who graduated in 1974 with a B.A. in history, is now a government affairs representative in Albany. Lasky has recommended Alfred University to students whom he feels would be a good fit for the University. The Abigail Allen Award is given to a graduate to recognize a distinctive career achievement, or community service that has improved the quality of women's lives. This year the recipient is Elizabeth Sidar Hall from the class of 1970. Hall is currently the executive director of Homeless Solutions in Morristown, NJ, which is a nonprofit organization which provides independent living for the homeless in Morris County, NJ. Not only is she an advocate for women but for other underserved populations.