

Jacobson joins University's fund-raising efforts as gift planning director

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Amy Jacobson of Alfred, most recently director of the Women's Leadership Center (WLC) at Alfred University, has become director of gift planning in the University Relations Division. Stanley Colla, vice president for University Relations, said, "Amy is a strong addition to the team of professionals we are building in University Relations, just as she has been for the Division of Student Affairs." In her new position, Jacobson will manage a portfolio of planned giving and major gifts prospects and donors, creating cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship strategies for each. Jacobson received a bachelor of arts degree in political science, cum laude, from Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA. She subsequently earned a juris doctorate from the New York University School of Law and is a member of the New York, Pennsylvania, and federal bars. Prior to her appointment as director of the WLC in 2005, Jacobson was a practicing lawyer for 10 years, most recently as a supervising attorney for Southern Tier Legal Services, where she assisted low-income clients with civil legal problems. Jacobson, and husband Dr. Allen Grove, professor of English at AU, and their children Nathan and Abigail, reside in Alfred where she has been active on the Board of Directors of the Alfred Montessori School and the Village of Alfred Housing Task Force. She also sits on the Village of Alfred Zoning Board of Appeals and is a member of the Board of Directors for Legal Assistance of Western New York. She has taught courses in various fields at the University as well as within the Women's Leadership Academy, and has participated in the Careers in the Common Good Program offered by the Alfred University Career Development Center.