

Four veteran faculty members honored for 25 years of service

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Four members of the Alfred University (AU) faculty Peer Bode, William B. Carlson, Gordon Godshalk, and Robert A. Myers were honored for their 25 years of service to AU with certificates and gifts at the University's spring Honors Convocation.

Professor of Video Arts and Co-Director of the Institute for Electronic Arts Peer Bode of the School of Art and Design is an internationally exhibited artist who is known for expanding the periphery of arts and academia. In citing Bode for his service, Provost Dr. William Hall noted that "Since joining the faculty in 1987, Professor Bode's contributions to teaching and service have been numerous and significant. His leadership within the field of video, performance, and sonic art has strengthened the reputation of Alfred University and the School of Art and Design."

Professor of Systems Engineering Carlson of the Inamori School of Engineering has been "one of the faculty members to truly bridge art and engineering," and was instrumental in helping establish the Institute of Electronic Arts and the current first-year curriculum," said Hall.

Two professors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences were recognized for their long-standing commitments to Alfred University.

Professor of Biology Godshalk helped to build the environmental studies program before stepping in as chairman to help rebuild the Division of Biology.

"Throughout his career, Gordon Godshalk has taught numerous classes in both the biology and environmental studies programs, published widely, and has made important contributions to his field as an educator, as chair of the Education Section of the Ecology Society of America, and as an expert in aquatic ecology," said Hall.

Professor of Anthropology and Public Health Myers has "books on Dominica, Nigeria, and Ghana that are standard reference works in the nation's libraries. His numerous op-ed pieces appearing in major newspapers around the country demonstrate his ability to bring an anthropological perspective out of the classroom and into cultural commentary for a wider, popular audience," noted Hall. But "perhaps Bob's most important contribution to Alfred has been the stability and integrity that he has brought to our offerings in anthropology ... efforts leading to the addition of the comparative cultures and global studies majors to the curriculum."