

## **Trustees Vote to Honor AU's First Lady With an Honorary Degree**

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Alfred, NY -- Alfred University will award an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree to Carole Lee Hulse Coll, its first "First Lady" to be so honored. The AU Board of Trustees voted to award the honorary degree to Mrs. Coll, wife of President Edward G. Coll, Jr. "We voted unanimously to award an honorary degree to Carole Coll because we believe she has been an outstanding diplomat for the University, traveling throughout the country to initiate and/or strengthen alumni ties to their alma mater," said Dr. Gene Bernstein, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "She has been an immeasurable help during the extraordinary tenure of her husband, President Edward G. Coll, Jr." added Bernstein. "She has gracefully and charmingly contributed an enormous amount of time and energy to furthering the goals of the University. Without her efforts, it is doubtful that we would have realized the successes we have been able to accomplish." The Colls arrived in Alfred in 1982 when Ed Coll became president of the University. In addition to her role as an ambassador for the University, Mrs. Coll has been active as chair of the Alfred University Area Scholarship Committee, and as a member of the Alfred University Women's Club, and the Campus Beautification Committee. Mrs. Coll has played an active role in the University's Alumni Association, and has hosted virtually every major reception and dinner on the campus for the past 17 years. She enjoys meeting and socializing with students, and frequently meets with students in the residence halls for informal chats, as well as hosting student-related dinners at the President's House. She has taken a personal interest in refurbishing The Brick, the oldest residence hall on campus and the second-oldest building still in use. The Alfred University Alumni Council recognized her efforts in 1992 when it named her an honorary alumna of the University. Mrs. Coll has served as a member of the Bethesda Foundation Board of Directors. She also serves as on the Alfred-Almond Scholarship Committee and is a driver for Interfaith Volunteers of Hornell. She is a graduate of Miami-Dade Community College with an AA degree, and received a BA degree in art history from Geneseo College. The Colls are parents of five children, and have seven grandchildren. President Coll has announced that he will retire as AU's president at the close of the 1999-2000 academic year.