

College of Business dean publishes article on wireless capability

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Dr. William Hall, who is associate provost and dean of the College of Business at Alfred University as well as an Allegany County legislator, submitted an article for the fall 2008 edition of the NYS Association of Counties magazine. "Innovative Solution Expands Wireless Network Capabilities" explains the novel solution to the wireless problem that is taking place on the Alfred University campus. Gary Roberts, information technology services (ITS) director, notes in the piece that "Students want and expect wireless access from nearly every point on campus." Therefore, he agreed, AU had to find a way to satisfy the wants and needs of the students. The solution consisted of "using over-the-counter wireless access points and upgrading 'firmware' that runs the devices, using an open source product." These solutions give the "ability to manage the access points as a network rather than having to manage each independently." The article describes the solution in precise detail and the positive effect it has had on the AU campus. Roberts says in the article "he estimates he saved as much as \$90,000 by using the novel solution." To read the complete article go to: <http://www.nysac.org/Comm...>