

'Change and Thrive' is title of alumna's Reunion talk

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Dr. Susan M. Rogers, a 1975 graduate of Alfred University who is now executive vice president of WXXI Public Broadcasting Council in Rochester, will speak at 4 p.m. Friday, June 8, in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center. Her talk, "Change and Thrive," is part of the Reunion Weekend activities at the University, and is open to the public, free of charge. A reception will follow her presentation. "Finding the positive opportunities presented by new opportunities can be an effective approach to functioning in a rapidly changing world," Rogers said, explaining the idea behind her talk. Through personal experience and the stories of others, Rogers will share her insights about the ability of women to respond and adapt to change without losing sight of the things they cherish most. Prior to joining WXXI, Rogers was the director of the Educational Technology Center at the Rochester Institute of Technology where she was involved in distance learning and the use of technology to extend and enhance education. She received her BFA degree from the School of Art & Design at Alfred University in 1975 and returned to Alfred in 1977 for her M.S. in education. Through collaborative projects with Alfred State College, Rogers became interested in new opportunities to use electronic communication techniques for education. She received her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Rochester where she studied the evolving learning environments of on-line communities. She continues a special interest in the analysis, design and delivery of instructional programs for learners with special needs and she is dedicated to furthering the mission of public media to meet the informational and educational needs of the wider community. Rogers has been married for 25 years to Scott Regan and has two sons, Greg and Kit.