

## **Women's Leadership Center releases 2006-07 activity report**

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In its 2006-07 report to the campus community, the Alfred University Women's Leadership Center (WLC) notes it made a "huge impact" on the campus in 2006-07, its second year, by establishing many new programs and events that helped to spread its message across campus and the community. One event that always draws attention to the WLC is the long list of speakers who have visited. During the past year, several influential women came to Alfred University to share their success stories and to inspire and guide other young women to follow their dreams and. Jessica Gogglieb, a '98 Alfred University graduate, shared her experience of finding a challenging and rewarding profession, connecting with a network of supportive women professionals, and choosing a work environment that suits her personality and lifestyle. She is an attorney at Hoffman-La Roche, Inc. in New Jersey. NYS Sen. Catharine M. Young, R-Olean, also visited to share the story of her path of public service and the mentors who inspired her. She urged students to pursue leadership through service to others. The WLC also held eight skill-building workshops that provided effective training while encouraging personal and professional growth. One workshop focused on minimizing debt, maximizing savings and investing money wisely, while another workshop concentrated on self-defense. Sensei Elise Flynn and a team of instructors presented the basic elements of self-defense for women. Students then practiced their techniques on a padded "Red Man." The Woman's Leadership Center also provided many opportunities for women outside of workshops and speakers. Last year Jessica Webster, a senior in the College of Business, was selected as the winner of the second annual Women's Excellence in Leadership Award. Also last year, the WLC conducted a survey project on campus sexual harassment which was funded by the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Members went on tour with the results and participated in ongoing campus efforts aimed at preventing and redressing incidents of sexual harassment. After the academic year, the WLC continued to spread knowledge to young women through a Women Leaders of Tomorrow Summer Institute for high school students. Fourteen young women participated in a five-day program that focused on building skills and boosting self-esteem.