

Alfred University honors employees at Recognition Reception

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Nadine Shardlow, left, and
Tricia Debertolis

ALFRED, NY – Alfred University held its first annual All Employee Recognition Reception on Tuesday (May 8), honoring retirees as well as employees for years of service to the University.

The University also recognized recipients of three new awards. Cathy Schnurle, secretary in the Financial Aid office, won the Cathy Johnson Service Award; Tricia Debertolis, associate dean of students, received the Saxon Service Award; and Nadine Shardlow, director of opportunity programs, won the Bob Condrate Lifelong Learner Award.

The Cathy Johnson Service Award recognizes high standards of professionalism; proactive engagement with tasks; and attention to detail and the utmost care for quality in presentation while completing tasks. In offering her name for consideration of the award, nominators said this of Schnurle:

“To watch Cathy in action is like a master’s class in how to represent Alfred University,” and “Cathy has always remained, to me, a beacon of how it should be done. I am a better person for having worked with Cathy.”

The award is named for the late Cathy Johnson, assistant to the Dean of the School of Art and Design, who passed away last November at the age of 53. Gerar Edizel, dean of the School of Art and Design at Alfred University, offered some words about Johnson.

“She was super thoughtful. She was kind and caring toward the students, fellow staff members, and the faculty. She was supremely organized; she would not let me near the files,” Edizel said. “She was a model (employee) and this award fits her well. I miss her very much.”

Other nominees for the Cathy Johnson Service Award were: Dan Napolitano, assistant dean of the School of Art and Design; Jill Crandall, assistant director of the Career Development Center; Valerie Daciw, employer relations coordinator, Career Development Center; and Linda Sootheran, technical processes manager, Herrick Memorial

Library.

The Saxon Service Award honors fostering a positive attitude; demonstrating initiative and standing out among the Alfred University community; and exemplifying the purple and gold Saxon spirit.

Some of the comments made about Debertolis in her nominations:

“Tricia has worked tirelessly for so many years to advance the learning and leadership of students in our community as well as cultivating leaders of all gender identities. In addition, she contributes to the local community in so many ways,” and “Tricia is Alfred University and no one wears purple and gold like she does.”

Other nominees for the Saxon Service Award were: Debra Campbell, mail clerk, Office and Procurement Services; Brian Striker, head men’s and women’s swimming and diving coach; and Bethany Stiller, secretary, College of Professional Studies.

Criteria for the Bob Condrate Lifelong Learner Award include: continually seeking further education/professional development to enhance his/her growth; demonstrating a passion for gaining knowledge over a sustained period of time; and proactively shares their knowledge and/or expertise with campus community. The award is named for Bob Condrate, retired professor of spectroscopy in the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University. Condrate has exemplified lifelong learning by continuing in education, having taken more than 250 credit hours of coursework since his retirement nearly two decades ago.

Shardlow earned a bachelor’s degree in clinical psychology from Alfred University in 1986 and has been director of the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) and Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at Alfred University since 2000. In 2017, she earned a master’s degree in college student development, completing her journey toward a graduate degree that began years ago, but was put aside so she could focus on work and family.

“Nadine has been hungry for new knowledge that she can apply in her constant focus on learning and the student experience,” one colleague wrote in nominating Shardlow for the honor. Another noted her efforts to continue her training and education by attending workshops and joining professional organizations.

Each of the awards came with a \$1,000 prize. The awards program is funded by William Holley, a 1951 Alfred University graduate, as well as an anonymous donor.

The following retirees were honored: Nancy Evangelista, dean, College of Professional Studies, 20 years of service; Nancy Frelove, secretary, Division of Performing Arts, 22 years; Mark Fugate, professor of psychology, 25 years; Rodney Warner, groundskeeper/landscaper, 30 years; Rosalie DiRaimondo, secretary, electrical/mechanical engineering, 30 years; Donna Sturdevant, director of procurement services, 32 years; Andrea Gill, professor of ceramic art, 33 years; Judy Scott, secretary, School of Business, 38 years; and Larry Greil, professor of sociology, 41 years.

The following employees were recognized for years of service:

Forty years: Colleen Harvey, secretary, Department of Athletics; Stephen Crandall, director, Herrick Library, dean of libraries.

Thirty-five years: Nancy Furlong, professor of psychology; Susan Mayberry, professor of English; Otto Muller, professor of geology; Robert Maiden, professor of psychology; Wilfred Huang, director, Confucius Institute.

Thirty years: Kathleen Torrey, associate director of admissions; Marilyn Saxton, secretary, Division of Human Studies; Billie Burns, administrative assistant, graduate programs, School of Art and Design; Robert Myers, professor of anthropology, public health; Peer Bode, professor of video art; William Carlson, professor of systems engineering; Ronald Mulhollen, principles store clerk, mail room.

Twenty-five years: Frank DiRaimondo, administrative assistant, Office of the Provost; Linda Travers, database manager; Luanne Crosby, professor of voice and chorus; David De Graff, associate professor of astronomy; Mark Fugate, professor of psychology; Becky Prophet, professor of theater; Pamela Schultz, professor of communication studies.

Twenty years: Victoria Westacott, director, Writing Center; Walter McConnell, professor of ceramic art; Mary McInnes, professor of art history; Linda Sikora, professor of ceramic art; Kevin Wixted, professor of painting; Janet Marble, alumni engagement officer; Cecilia Beach, professor of French; Allen Grove, professor of English; Lisa Lantz, professor of music; Garrett McGowan, professor of chemistry.

Fifteen years: Emilie Carney, assistant dean, Inamori School of Engineering; Elena Wallace, financial aid/enrollment specialist; John Dougherty, chief of public safety; Michelle Pomeroy, associate director of admissions; Susan Benson, custodian; Brett Hunter, associate professor of sculpture; Angie To, associate professor of foundations; D. Chase Angier, professor of dance; Roger Loucks, professor of physics; Brian Striker, head swimming and diving coach; Ronald Latham, custodian.

Ten years: Jennifer Posener, assistant dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Brett Arno, library system support specialist; William Riefer, multi-trades maintenance; Melanie Auman, assistant director residence life; Coral Lambert, associate professor of sculpture; Zachary Hamm, clinical associate professor/technical director, Division of Performing Arts; John D'Angelo, associate professor of chemistry; Christopher Foster, associate professor of music; Dale Inglett, associate professor of art; John Hosford, art librarian Scholes Library of Ceramics; Eric Feenaughty, maintenance supervisor; Jill Crandall, assistant director, career development.

Five years: Richard Stephens, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs; Dale Watson, multi-trades, maintenance; Joshua Knight, assistant mechanic; Natalie Skwarek, library secretary/archives assistant, Herrick Library; Jessica Hurlbut, assistant athletic director; Bethany Stiller, secretary, College of Professional Studies; Cassandra Yanda, custodian; Lydia McCarthy, assistant professor of photography; Joseph Kirtland, assistant professor of physics; David Crenshaw, director of fabrications center, College of Ceramics; Paul Vecchio, director of athletics.

One year: Brian Dalton, vice president of Enrollment Management; Tamara Schweigart, secretary, health and human performance; Abigail Griffith, director, Judson Leadership Center; Andrew Crowner, boiler tender/night watchman; Linda Houle, secretary, University Advancement; Carole-Lynn French, front desk clerk/night auditor, Saxon Inn; Monica Morrison, custodian; Trina Cook, administrative assistant, Business and Finance Office; Jason Amore, vice president of University Relations; Andrew Makasziw, desktop technician, Information Technology Services; Tracy Blake, head men's soccer coach; Dakota Pruiss, head women's volleyball coach; Tracy Waters, custodian; Amber Lewis, administrative aid, maintenance, College of Ceramics; Alexandra Argentieri, associate director, Annual Fund; Heidi Hahn, assistant professor of painting; Brenda Gertzen, custodian; Roger Johnson, multi trades/bus driver; Alice Hallaran, associate director of residence life; Martin Vossler, administrative systems support specialist, Information Technology Services; David Gottfried, deputy director of business development, Center for Advanced Ceramic Technology; Lindsey Gertin, admissions operation specialist; Monica Reginio, secretary, Powell Institute; Del Rey Honeycutt, director of the Wellness Center; Allison Grossman, field experience coordinator, external programs; April Heckman, secretary, Career Development Center; Bambi Learn, custodian; Whitney Hubbs, assistant professor of photography; Jaime Castillo, assistant professor of counseling; Fred Farley, assistant professor of management; David Marsh, assistant professor of chemistry; Cole Racho, clinical assistant professor of marketing; Rachel Roth, assistant professor of school psychology; Nicholas Schlegel, assistant professor of communication studies; Rebecca Stewart, custodian; Roy LaFleur, network system administrator, Information Technology Services; Mark Zupan, University president.