

Five earn top academic recognition for college careers at Alfred University

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Five graduating seniors were honored during Alfred University's 174th Commencement exercises Saturday (May 15) morning at the McLane Center on campus. At the top of her class and outstanding academic senior in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences is Kristine Elise Diesslin from Brooklyn. Diesslin earned a 3.99 (out of a possible 4.0) grade point average (GPA) as a biology major. She is a daughter of Craig and Martha Diesslin of Brooklyn and a graduate of Polytech Prep Country Day School, Brooklyn. Two accounting majors in the College of Business tied for high honors, each with a GPA of 3.94. They are Hannah Rae Meier of Rochester and Timothy Carl Warner of Avoca. Meier is a daughter of Dale and Susan Meier of Rochester and a graduate of Odyssey Academy, Rochester. Warner is a son of Kathleen Warner and the late Douglas Warner of Avoca. He is a graduate of Avoca Central School. Kodi Mae Tidd of Arcade is the high honors student from the School of Art & Design with a 3.84 GPA. A fine arts major, she is a daughter of Jeffrey and Julie Tidd of Arcade and a graduate of Pioneer Senior High School, Yorkshire. Also earning a 3.84 GPA is Krista Renee Kalac of Spencer, Ohio, a materials science and engineering major in the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering. She is a daughter of Kenneth and Marsha Kalac of Spencer and a graduate of Cloverleaf High School, Lodi, Ohio. All five students were seated on the Commencement platform and recognized during the ceremony. Top students are selected by the University Registrar, Larry Casey, based upon a minimum of 60 "GPA hours." Any courses transferred into AU are included in the calculation. Double-degree candidates may be honored for their work in either college or school. Founded in 1836, Alfred University became the first coeducational institution in New York State and the second in the nation. About 2,000 full-time undergraduate and 400 graduate students work and live in 52 buildings on a scenic 232-acre hillside campus adjoining the village of Alfred. The nonsectarian University is comprised of the privately endowed AACSB-accredited (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) College of Business and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, as well as the NYS College of Ceramics (Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering and the School of Art and Design). Bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees are awarded.