

## Alfred University professor receives distinguished ACE fellowship

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- Dr. Nancy J. Evangelista, professor and chair of the Division of Counseling and School Psychology at Alfred University, has been chosen to participate in the American Council on Education Fellows Program for 2009-10. The ACE Fellows Program, established in 1965, is designed to "strengthen institutions and leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing promising senior faculty and administrators for responsible positions in college and university administration," explained Molly Corbett Broad, president of the American Council on Education. Evangelista, who has taught in Alfred University's School Psychology programs since 1997, is one of only 44 educators selected from a nationwide pool of candidates to participate in this year's ACE Fellowship Program. Each was nominated by the president or chancellor of his or her home institution; Evangelista as nominated by Alfred University President Charles M. Edmondson. The Program, established in 1965, is designed to "strengthen institutions and leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing promising senior faculty and administrators for responsible positions in college and university administrations." Long involved in the University and the community, Evangelista said she has become more interested in academic leadership as co-chair of the University's student learning assessment committee and chair of the provost search committee in addition to her duties as division chair. She also serves as the faculty resource person for the Academic Affairs Committee of the Alfred University Board of Trustees. Other current University assignments include serving as a member of the Task Force on Evaluation of Administrators, a member of the advisory council for the Writing Center. Prior to coming to Alfred, Evangelista was a senior psychologist at the Developmental Evaluation Center at the Health Science Center in Syracuse and an adjunct professor at Syracuse University. "I came to Alfred University because I was looking for a challenge - and I found one," Evangelista said. "I knew that teaching would provide a new set of challenges but also the rewards of having a positive impact on my graduate students and their future professional careers. My faculty position also brings the challenges and rewards of working with my colleagues within my division, within my profession and across campus on shared projects and goals." She sought the ACE Fellowship to expand her administrative experience by learning through a mentorship arrangement at another institution. The ACE Fellowship can take three forms: the Fellows may choose to spend an entire year at a host institution; a semester at the host school; or make periodic visits while still maintaining some of their duties at their home institution. The periodic visit model is the one Evangelista has chosen; matching with a host institution and mentor is the next step in the process. Evangelista is a member of the American Psychological Association Division 16 for School Psychology; the National Association of School Psychologists; the New York Association of School Psychologists; the School Psychology Educators' Council of New York and "Zero to Three," the National Center for Clinical Infant Programs. She maintains a private psychology practice in Alfred, specializing in child and family therapy, developmental evaluations, consultation and program evaluations. She has also worked as a consultant on inclusive education and students with disabilities at The Al-Falah School in Jakarta, Indonesia. Individually and with her colleagues in the Division of School Psychology, Evangelista has been awarded numerous grants. She is also the author or co-author of numerous publications and has been called upon to present at several conferences and workshops. Evangelista is a member of Phi Kappa Phi national scholastic honor society; received the Legislative Leadership Certificate from the National Association of School Psychologists; is a two-time winner of the Presidential Service Award from the New York Association of School Psychologists; and also received

the Ted Bernstein Award from the New York Association of School Psychologists. A summa cum laude graduate of Western Michigan University with a B.S. degree in special education, Evangelista earned both her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in School Psychology from Syracuse University.