

## **Alfred University student receives Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship**

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Nicole Tate, a junior in the School of Art & Design at Alfred University, is one of 18 New York State residents to receive a Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship this year. Tate, a graduate of Grand Island Senior High School, is a daughter of Robert and Amy Tate of Grand Island. "Thanks to The Coca-Cola Foundation, students like Nicole at our member colleges and universities have the opportunity to be the first in their families to achieve a higher education," said Joseph Curtin, president of the Independent College Fund of New York (ICFNY). The Coca-Cola Foundation awarded the scholarships in partnership with ICFNY. Through ICFNY, The Coca-Cola Foundation has awarded almost \$1 million in scholarships to New York residents since 2000. The Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship program supports students who are the first in their families to attend a college or university. Nationally, the Coca-Cola First Generation Scholarship program has awarded more than \$14 million to more than 1,000 students on almost 400 campuses in 32 states since 1993. "The Coca-Cola Foundation is pleased to help deserving students who without this scholarship might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend college. It is especially rewarding for us to play a part in supporting students who are the first in their families to attend college and to invest in their education," said Ingrid Saunders Jones, chair, The Coca-Cola Foundation. The grants provide one student scholarship of \$5,000 per member school for four years. To be eligible for the program, qualifying students, who are selected by their schools, must have a demonstrated financial need, be the first in their immediate families to go to college, be enrolled as full-time students and attain and maintain a 3.0 or greater academic average. The School of Art & Design is part of the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University and is one of the premier art schools in the country. Its Master of Fine Arts program is consistently ranked number one in the nation for ceramic art and sixth overall by US News and World Report. For more: <http://art.alfred.edu/Alfr...> Alfred University, founded in 1836, is a top-rated master's level institution offering nearly 60 undergraduate majors through its College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, College of Business, School of Art & Design and School of Engineering. It enrolls approximately 2,000 undergraduate and 300 graduate students. For more: <http://www.alfred.edu> The Independent College Fund of New York, founded in 1952, represents 18 small to mid-size private colleges located throughout the Empire State. Its primary goal is to secure support for its member colleges from corporations, foundations and individuals. The Coca-Cola Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life in the community and to enhance individual opportunity through education. The Foundation supports educational programs primarily within three main areas: higher education, classroom teaching and learning, and international education. Its programs support scholarships for aspiring students; encourage and motivate young people to stay in school; and foster cultural understanding. Over the last 10 years, The Coca-Cola Foundation has contributed more than \$155 million in support of education.