

Provost Szczerbacki accepts new job at College of St. Rose

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Dr. David Szczerbacki, provost and vice president of academic and statutory affairs for Alfred University since 2001, has resigned, effective August 9, 2004, to accept the position of provost and vice president of academic affairs at the College of St. Rose in Albany, NY. "Alfred University is a special place," said Szczerbacki. "I have been privileged to be part of this community as a faculty member and administrator. While I am excited about new challenges and opportunities as I start another life chapter, I will miss AU's dedicated faculty and staff and our talented students. I look forward to following Alfred's progress in sustaining its place as a premier institution of higher education." "I accepted Dr. Szczerbacki's resignation with a great deal of regret," said President Charles M. Edmondson. "We will miss his leadership and experience, but I understand his desire to advance professionally, and the appointment at College of St. Rose offers him that. His years of outstanding service to Alfred University and the surrounding area in a variety of roles deserve our appreciation." "The College of St. Rose has 2,500 undergraduate students, compared to Alfred University's 2,000, but its graduate programs, with nearly 2,000 students, are far larger than AU's, which enroll about 400. Because of its city location, College of St. Rose has a much larger commuter population than Alfred University. Szczerbacki has been at AU for 22 years, advancing from a professor in the College of Business, to dean of the College, and then provost. He also served as acting dean of the College of Engineering and Professional Studies for several years while he was dean of Business. As dean of the College of Business, Szczerbacki led the efforts to secure accreditation from the AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), and to implement the Master's of Business Administration degree program. He was twice recognized as an outstanding teacher by the University, and was a frequent contributor to scholarly journals, a presenter at national conferences and an active consultant to several not-for-profits and municipalities in the areas of management and public policy. As a consultant, he was successful in securing several state and federal grants for various municipalities and agencies in the Southern Tier. While he was acting dean of the College of Engineering and Professional Studies, Szczerbacki was very involved in the accreditation process of the engineering programs by ABET (Accreditation board for Engineering and Technology). Since becoming provost three years ago, Szczerbacki has been instrumental in the creation of a single School of Engineering; developing new initiatives in undergraduate research, service learning, freshman orientation, faculty development and academic program review. He was heavily involved in AU's successful site visit by the Middle States re-accreditation team this spring and has been responsible for redesigning the University's strategic plan.