

AU Appoints New Director for Corporation and Foundation Relations

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Alfred, NY -- Dr. Sylvia Bryant has been appointed director of Corporation and Foundation Relations for Alfred University, Michael E. Hyde, vice president for University Relations, announced. She succeeds Dr. Carol Wittmeyer, who was promoted to associate vice president of University Relations last month. "This is a critical position for the University because our relationships with corporations and foundations is very important to us, and I am pleased that Dr. Bryant has accepted this appointment," said Hyde. He noted that Bryant brings to the position strong writing skills and a knowledge of fund-raising, gained through serving from 1997-98 as executive director of the Allegany County United Way. She also has extensive knowledge of the University, he said, as an adjunct faculty member in English, Women's Studies and the Educational Opportunity Programs since 1993. For the past year, she also was a writer and editor for the New York State Center for Advanced Ceramic Technology at Alfred, responsible for producing its quarterly newsletter, *Advances*, and assisting with other public relations efforts. Bryant also served as director of the AU Writing Center, 1996-97. She previously had been assistant director for expository writing at the University of Washington. A graduate of the University of Missouri-Rolla with a B.A. degree in English, Bryant earned a master's degree in English from the University of Kansas in 1988, and a Ph.D. degree in English from the University of Washington in 1992. Active in the community, Bryant has served on the Alfred University Area Scholarship Committee since 1996; been a United Way volunteer since 1997; served as network coordinator for the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program in Hornell for the past three years; and been a six-year volunteer for the Literacy Volunteers of America. Bryant resides in Alfred Station with her husband, Dr. William Carty, and their son Parker.