

## **AU trustees honor charter members of Phi Beta Kappa chapter**

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Alfred University will formally establish a Phi Beta Kappa chapter to recognize its top students in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences in a ceremony to be held during the spring semester. In order to establish the chapter, 16 current members of the faculty and staff and the two emeriti professors who had earned Phi Beta Kappa status at their own undergraduate institutions became the charter members of the AU chapter. They were honored by the Alfred University Board of Trustees at its fall meeting on campus. The installation ceremony will be the culmination of a process that began several years ago and required hours of research and writing an application that was submitted to the Phi Beta Kappa Society and approved at its August 2003 meeting. "We cannot underestimate the importance of this effort for the University and in particular for our College of Liberal Arts & Sciences," said President Charles M. Edmondson. "Phi Beta Kappa represents affirmation from a highly credible, independent source that our College of Liberal Arts & Sciences truly is a high-quality academic institution." He thanked Dr. Susan Strong, associate provost, and Dr. Lewis Greiff, professor of English, for their efforts to prepare and present the application. Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa has only 270 chapters nationwide; there are nearly 4,000 colleges and universities nationwide. This year, Alfred University was one of only eight granted a chapter. The Alfred University charter members of Phi Beta Kappa, with their undergraduate institutions, are: Dr. Cecelia Beach, associate professor of French and director of the Women's Studies Program, Pomona College. Abby Brody, who was web marketing coordinator, University of Washington. Dr. Addison Frey, associate professor of mathematics and director of the mathematics program, Ohio University. Greiff, professor of English and chair of the English Department, New York University. Dr. Larry L. Greil, professor of sociology and chair of the Division of Social Sciences, Syracuse University. Dr. Ben Howard, professor of English and lecturer in music, Drake University. Michael Hyde, vice president of university relations, University of Missouri - Columbia. Dr. Mary Drach McInnes, associate professor of art history, University of California at Berkeley. Lana Meissner, associate vice president for information services and director of information technology services, Ripon College. Dr. Robert A. Myers, professor of anthropology and public health and program director for Comparative Cultures, Davidson College. Margaret Rasmussen, director of the Paul Vickers Gardner Glass Center, University of South Carolina. Dr. Sandra Singer, associate professor of German and chair of the Modern Languages Division, Michigan State University. Strong, University of Wisconsin. Dr. Fiona Tolhurst, associate professor of English, Rice University. Kathleen Torrey, associate director of admissions, Skidmore College. Dr. Debra Waugh, assistant professor of mathematics, Michigan State University. And the two emeriti faculty: Dr. Roger Douglass, professor emeritus of mathematics, University of Kansas in Lawrence. Dr. Daniel Sass, professor emeritus of geology, University of Rochester.