

Alfred University trustee honored by alumni association

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Michele Cohen of New York City, a member of the Alfred University Board of Trustees since 2002, was recently presented with the Alfred University Honorary Alumnus/a Recognition Award during the annual Alumni Weekend, June 9-11. The honor, presented by the AU Alumni Association, is given to a non-graduate in recognition of interest, allegiance, and service to Alfred University and its alumni. Cohen has been very active on behalf of the University and has shown tremendous commitment to the improvement of the student experience academically, socially, and culturally, said alumni nominators. In addition to her service as a trustee, she and her husband, Martin, made a gift to the University that created the Cohen Art Studio and Gallery. The gift enabled AU to renovate the former Zeta Beta Tau fraternity house on Main Street, Alfred. New studio space was built to the rear of the house for School of Art & Design Freshman Foundation. The first floor of the Victorian-era house is being remodeled as a gallery where work by student artists will be exhibited. Running the gallery - from planning the shows to staffing the gallery - will be a joint effort by students in the School of Art & Design and the College of Business. The Cohens' son, Adam, earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Alfred University in 2003.