

## **Bergren Forum: Alfred University faculty, students to recap Water for Haiti project**

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Just a year ago, Alfred University students and faculty took on an ambitious goal: to raise \$15,000 by December to fund the installation of a well in Haiti.

Through numerous fund-raisers and with the help of the entire community, the students achieved their goal, and in March 2017, six Alfred University students and three faculty members travelled to Haiti to participate in the Haiti Outreach community wells project, a trip capped by the installation of “their” well.

Dr. Cecelia Beach, professor of Modern Languages, and Dr. Nancy Evangelista, associate provost and dean of the College of Professional Studies, along with some of the students will share their experiences at the Sept. 14 Bergren Forum, “Water for Haiti: Observations from the Field.”

The Bergren Forum will be held at 12:10 p.m. in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, on the Alfred University campus. It is open to the public, free of charge. Those attending may bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

“The lessons learned were not just about water, but also about social justice, community and opportunity,” according to organizers. They will share photos, stories, and personal reflections on their journey.

Haiti Outreach, although based in Hopkins, MN, has a local tie. Neil VanDine, a former resident of nearby Wellsville, NY, has lived and worked in Haiti since 1989, is the country director for Haiti Outreach.