

## State Senate passes resolution congratulating Alfred Rugby

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ALFRED, NY – Members of the nationally-ranked Alfred men’s rugby team last week received personalized certificates of a New York State Senate resolution congratulating the team on its success during the 2017-18 season.

The [resolution](#), sponsored by state Sen. Catherine Young (R-57th), whose legislative district includes Alfred, was adopted on Feb. 28. It recognized the Alfred men’s rugby’s achievements, which included winning a National Small College Rugby Organization (NSCRO) Upstate Championship and ascending to 18th in the NSCRO Top 40 national poll. Members of the team received personalized copies of the resolution on Thursday, May 17.

The Alfred men’s rugby team made up of students from Alfred University and Alfred State College. The team was founded in 1985 by William Pulos, a 1977 Alfred University graduate, who also coached the team from 1985-90 and again from 2009-12, serving as a consultant for the 2017-18 season. He thanked Young for supporting the team with the Senate resolution.

“For 33 years the Alfred rugby club has been a model of intercollegiate cooperation between Alfred University and Alfred State College, bringing together the talents of so many exceptional student-athletes from both institutions for all these years. The club overcomes every challenge and has always been a bridge between the two schools serving as a testament to the heart and spirit of the Alfred community,” Pulos said.

“On behalf of Alfred University and our rugby club, thank you to Senator Cathy Young and to the New York State Senate for their wonderful support of Alfred’s rugby team and this marvelous recognition. All of us in Alfred are extremely grateful for Senator Young’s generous support and the initiative she brought to honor this tremendous group of athletes. For years, Senator Young has played a pivotal part in the success enjoyed at Alfred University and Alfred State College. We wish her and her staff the best in all her endeavors to make Western New York a better place to

live”.

The Alfred men’s rugby team has enjoyed one of the most successful seasons in program’s 33-year history, finishing the 2017-18 season with a 9-2 record and claiming the program’s first-ever NSCRO Upstate championship.

After claiming a regional qualifying matchup against SUNY Maritime on Nov. 11, Alfred advanced to the four-team Northeast Regional Championships Nov. 18-19 in North Adams, MA. Alfred was looking to win a regional crown and thus earn its first-ever berth in the NSCRO National Championships, held in the spring. However, the team lost to Maine-Farmington in the first round of regional play before ending the year with the loss to Paul Smith’s in the third-place match.

The team has been active in the Alfred community. In the fall of 2009, the Main Street business block was damaged by fire and the following February, the team helped move The Collegiate, the iconic Alfred restaurant destroyed in the blaze, to its current location on North Main Street.