

22 students, alumnus initiated into Phi Beta Kappa

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Alfred University initiated 22 students and an alumnus into the Alpha Gamma of New York Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa this spring. The ceremony marked the third "class" of members since the University chapter was chartered on March 19, 2004. Alfred University received the chapter in recognition of its historical dedication to liberal arts education and its rigorous curriculum today. Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest honor society in the United States, has been dedicated from its found in 1776 to the ideal of excellence in scholarship in the liberal arts and sciences. Those initiated include Jodi Andersen, an English major from Berkshire; Amy Batman, fine arts major, Clifton Park; Christopher Broderick, biology major, Johnstown; Nicole Dittrich, English, Manlius; Denis Eagan, environmental studies and geology, Maplewood, NJ; Leslie Emery, biology, Lansing, MI; Karen Finnemore, psychology, Genesee Valley Central School, Belmont; Jeffrey Golden, history, Newfield; John Kalish Jr., mathematics, Newburgh; Gary Kelleher, history, Hornell; Tara Ketterer, industry/business psychology and business administration, Philadelphia, PA; Michael Miller, psychology, psychology, Campbell; Stephanie Morris, glass science engineering and French, East Aurora; Ashley Paddock, communication studies, Mayville; Rachel Parker, psychology, Machias; Cassidy Randle, biology/pre-med, League City, TX; Edgard Rivera-Valentine, mathematics and physics, Lebanon, PA; Amy Stern, English, Cortlandt Manor; Brenda Szalc, history and English, Alfred Station; Rachel Teall, political science, Herkimer; Marie Tran, biology and chemistry, Vietnam; Jaclyn Tyson, sociology, Fairport. Alumnus Alexis Diamond, class of 1997 from Washington, D.C., was also initiated.