

'Women of Influence' speaker series welcomes college president

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Alfred University's Women's Leadership Center (WLC) brings back the Women of Influence Speaker series this spring. On Thursday, Feb. 19 at 4:30 p.m., the WLC will host the president of Herkimer County Community College (HCCC), Ann Marie Murray, at the Center. She titles her talk "Unlocking Your Leadership Opportunities: Keys to Getting There." The speaker series is open to the public free of charge. Murray will share some of her empowering concepts picked up along the way in her day-to-day interactions. The discussion will focus on the keys that can unlock doors to becoming a leader. She will also touch upon the ways to capitalize on available opportunities. Before becoming president of HCCC, Murray spent 20 years teaching mathematics at the community college level and 10 years in higher education administration. Murray holds several degrees from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Albany including a doctorate degree in curriculum and instruction; a master's degree in advanced classroom teaching; and a master's degree in instructional technology. She also earned a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from Mount Saint Mary College. Murray also holds a certificate of advanced study in education theory and practice from SUNY Albany. Murray has a variety of memberships with organizations including the American Association of University Women, the American Educational Research Association and the Mathematical Association of America. Refreshments will be served following the program. Programs take place in the WLC on the corner of Ford and Sayles streets, Alfred, next to the Openhym Residence Hall. The Women of Influence program brings powerful female role models to campus, providing opportunities for inspiration and guidance through lectures and small-group discussions. Past speakers have included a NYS Supreme Court judge, a dean of a medical college, and a lobbyist from Albany. The WLC builds on Alfred University's heritage as the first truly coeducational institution in the nation. The center offers students and others the opportunity to explore and fulfill their leadership potential personally, professionally, and in the community.