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St. Bona opening new multicultural center

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St. Bonaventure University will open a new university multicultural center this August.

The Damietta Center will serve as a place of community, collaboration and proactive problem solving for students, faculty and staff who seek a multicultural anchor for social, intellectual and personal development. The center will provide programs, services and facilities designed to enhance and create a community environment that recognizes the university's desire to learn and appreciate cultural similarities and differences while cultivating a campuswide environment for cross-cultural interaction.

It will be located in the building currently identified as the Thomas More House, with plans to equip the site with a kitchen, dining room, living room and meeting space.

Alfred U. center's focus on women's leadership

Alfred University has dedicated its new Women's Leadership Center.

The mission of the center is to provide women on campus with the opportunity to explore and fulfill their leadership potential personally, professionally and within the community.

Other resources and services include a library of publications and resource material, workshops and discussion groups, computer access, a lounge, meeting space and a lending closet of women's professional clothing.

The center was funded with an anonymous challenge grant with supplemental gifts from three of its former sororities: Alpha Kappa Omicron, Sigma Chi Nu and Theta Theta Chi.

NCCC looks to update student housing list

Niagara County Community College is looking for participants from the community for its student housing list.

The college is updating its list of houses, apartments and rooms for rent for students coming to the college from out of the area.

Landlords currently listed are also asked to contact the college with updated information.

Call 614-6240.

Biotechnology program

offered at Genesee C.C.

Genesee Community College will launch a new associate's degree program in biotechnology in September 2007.

The program, which must first be approved by the State University of New York and then by the state Education Department, would prepare students for bachelor's degree programs in the field, including programs at Rochester Institute of Technology, Brockport State College, the University at Buffalo and Cobleskill State College.

Individuals with academic backgrounds in biotechnology will be prepared to work in a variety of laboratory, medical and scientific settings.

Although the program is geared toward students looking to earn bachelor's degrees, it will also be appropriate for students who want to begin work as laboratory assistants or technicians immediately after graduating.

37 business leaders complete UB program

Thirty-seven business owners, operators and high-level managers completed a 10-month program for experienced entrepreneurs and business leaders, graduating from the Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership Core Program at the University at Buffalo School of Management.

Graduates focused on improving their business skills, such as strategic relations, capital acquisition and marketing.

"The Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership provides a crucial link between these businesses and the School of Management. The relationship building and sharing of expertise that takes place in the core program are invaluable to both the school and participants,"

said Althea Luehrsen, executive director of the CEL.

The graduates are:

Philip Basinski, president, Sweeney's Garage, Inc., Buffalo; Joseph Battin, owner/optician, Battin Opticians LLC, Buffalo; Louise Cadwalader, president/CEO, Trek Inc., Medina; MJ Caliendo, president/CEO, Grayton Company, Amherst; Richard Corica, executive vice president/COO, Elite Recovery Services Inc., Buffalo; Domenic Cortese, president/CEO, Cortese Brothers, Depew; Denise Davison, president, The Dock at the Bay, Blasdell; Renee DiFlavio, vice president education & employment, The Olmstead Center for the Visually Impaired, Buffalo; John Eberl, sales & marketing manager, Eberl Iron Works Inc., Buffalo; Robert Friedman, president, Friedman & Ranzenhofer, P.C., Akron; Emanuel Gambacorta, dentist, Dr. Gambacorta & Dental Associates, Cheektowaga; Kevin Gregory, president, Neuman Claim Administrators Inc., Buffalo; Rudy Hein, director of customer service, William S. Hein Co., Buffalo; Brian Hutton, vice president/owner, Service Office Supply, Amherst; Nancy Irwin, vice president of operations, CJ Irwin Company, Buffalo; David Johnson, president, Corfu Machine Co. Inc., Corfu; Jeffrey Kohlhas, COO, Leisure Craft Pools, Lancaster; Marion Kopin, president, Bechtel, Kopin & Co., CPA, PC, Buffalo; Susan Kryszak, owner, Comfort Keepers, Orchard Park; Keith Kuehlewind, president, Audax Business Solutions Inc., Williamsville; Jerold Lewandowski, president, J&M Instrument Service Inc., Orchard Park; Paul Maher, president, D&M Plywood, Buffalo; James Maloney, president/owner, Buffalo Hardwood LLC, Depew; Stephen Metschl, owner, Metschl & Associates, Buffalo; Larissa Myshaskiw, president, Fitness Village, Williamsville; Kathleen Olenick, technical manufacturing manager, ENrG Inc., Buffalo; Benjamin Pearce, president/owner, ACP Technologies, West Seneca; Thomas Saia, president, Iroquois Bar Corp., Lackawanna; Stephen Sanders, president, Jos. A. Sanders & Sons Inc., Buffalo; Andy Severson, president, Armstrong Brands Inc., West Seneca; William Sherman, vice president/COO, Northern Customs Services Inc., Niagara Falls; Aaron Shiah, owner, Sign*A*Rama, Niagara Falls; Diana Southall, vice president, Botanicus Inc., Amherst; Michael Story, vice president, Boncraft Inc., Orchard Park; Krista Van Wagner, vice president, Curly's Inc., Lackawanna; Wayne Watson, president, Auburn & Watson Corp., Buffalo; and Jonathan Weir, principal, Weir Financial Resources LLC, Buffalo.

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