Alfred University and Civic Engagement

The mission of Alfred University is to “prepare well educated, independent thinkers ready for lives of continuous intellectual and personal growth.” Service learning provides volunteer opportunities for our students to collaborate with community members and organizations. These cooperative opportunities address needs within the Alfred community while encouraging student growth.

The Legacy of Dr. Gary S. Horowitz

Dr. Gary Horowitz served Alfred University for 28 years, first as a member of the History faculty, then director of Alumni and Parent programs, and finally as a Senior Development Officer. Additionally, Dr. Horowitz was active in the community, serving as mayor of the Village of Alfred and a member of the Community Chest Board of Directors, as well as other civic and cultural groups. He was also a publisher of the Alfred Sun, the community’s weekly newspaper.

Dr. Horowitz was an advocate for civic involvement as well as a participant. He urged his students to become active participants in the Alfred community, especially in ways that tied civic engagement to their academic studies and career aspirations. To continue this work and to honor Dr. Horowitz’ dedication to the Village of Alfred, his former students worked with Alfred University to create the Gary Horowitz Service Learning Program.

The goal of the Horowitz Service Learning Program is to foster an environment of social responsibility and community engagement, and to prepare students for their roles as citizens of the communities in which they live and work.

Gary Horowitz Service Learning Program Mission

The Horowitz Service Learning Program mission is to assist in the development of meaningful service learning opportunities for Alfred University students. These opportunities will foster a sense of civic responsibility, provide workforce applicable experiences and skills, and develop an extended sense of mutually beneficial community among students, faculty, and community partners.

The Service Learning Coordinator is working toward the following goals:

1. Assist faculty with developing new courses that incorporate a service learning component
2. Develop the Service Learning Office into a service “hub” on campus
3. Capitalize on what is already being done and increase faculty and student involvement
4. Brand the term “service learning” across campus