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5:00 Educators; Networking Reception	11:30 Spring Wellness Fair	8:00 School of Engineering First Year Students' Corning Incorporated Field Day
7:00 Working Nonprofit	1:20 Right to Know, Bloodborne Pathogen and Fire Exting	9:20 Skill-Building Workshops for Students, Faculty, and Staff
8:30 International Folk Dancing	6:00 Language Placement Exam	12:10 Bergren Forum - 'Diversity in the Workplace'
	Roasting Bad Writing-- Contest and Conflagration	2:20 Becoming Visible in the Workplace
		4:30 "from the permanent

collection" museum  
reception

7:00 GLBT Issues in the  
Workplace: Career  
converstions with Mark  
Brostoff

### On-campus interviews scheduled as part of routine investigation

Alfred University has been notified by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights that it will be conducting a series of on-campus interviews in April as part of a routine investigation into a complaint the University has violated Title IX requirements. The complaint alleges unfair and disparate treatment of women student-athletes in comparison to men student-athletes, which Alfred University categorically denies.

An attorney representing an anonymous group of "parents of Alfred University female student-athletes" initially made allegations of "noncompliance with Title IX in the programming, facilities and services of the Athletic Department" in a letter to the University in June 2008. We answered the allegations, asserting our belief that we are in compliance. The response from the parents' attorney was to serve the University with an extensive, and expensive, list of demands for improvements in the facilities, staffing and coaching staff and salaries for one women's sport. These demands by one sport, if granted, would have negatively affected the rest of the student-athletes, men and women, and student life in general. The University chose to continue with the formal Office of Civil Rights investigation process initiated by the parents.

I want to stress the University believes we are not in violation of Title IX. To treat women athletes in a discriminatory manner would be counter to the University's long history and tradition of support for equal treatment, regardless of gender. We were the first institution in the nation to educate women in the same curricula as men, and we recently opened a Women's Leadership Center to give women students valuable lifetime skills. We welcome the Office of Civil Rights' investigation and believe it will find we are in compliance with the requirements. The investigator has asked to meet with our coaches as well as student-athletes, and we encourage coaches and students alike to cooperate fully and courteously.

-- Dr. Charles M. Edmondson, president

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### Run Windows Update to Prevent Confickr Worm

Please run your Windows Updates today to help prevent the Confickr Worm. Please Note: Windows machines that are patched with the KB958644 update are not affected by this threat. This patch was released October 2008 and your computer would have been updated if you have Automatic Updates turned on. If you do not know if your Windows machine has received this update go to Internet Explorer>Tools>Windows Update and run all new updates today.

The worm is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, April 1, 2009. We don't know if the worm will cause problems on our campus but updating your computer using Windows Update will help prevent any possible threats.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the ITS Helpdesk at x2222.

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### First Aid with CPR-AED Training - Pre-registration Required

First Aid with CPR-AED Training:

1) Wednesday - April 22, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Knight Club-Powell Campus Center.

Fee: Cost to faculty and staff is \$7 for the American Red Cross certification card; for students it is \$14 for the face mask and certification card. If you already have a face mask, and bring it to the class there will be no charge for the mask.

Limit: 6 participants per session.

We are inviting volunteers to attend and become certified in adult and child CPR and AED use. If you would also like First Aid certification, we are offering a class which covers both. Bring a pillow or blanket to kneel on.

We also encourage those on campus who already have their certification to re-certify if it has been more than a year since your last training.

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### **Tonight - Educators' Networking Reception**

It is not too late!

Even if you did not request a name tag in advance, you are still welcome to attend tonight's event.

The Career Development Center is happy to be hosting the second annual Educators' Networking Reception. This event is open to all students interested in careers in education (teachers, counselors, psychologists).

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Location: Powell Campus Center, Knight Club

Time: 5 - 7 p.m.

Suggested Dress: Business casual/professional

Schedule for the evening:

5 - 5:15 p.m. Arrive and pick up name tag and begin networking with local school administrators.

5:15 p.m. Introductions of guest local school administrators.

5:20 p.m. Panel Presentation covering topics of "What are Administrators Looking For" "What does the application process involve and how does it work" and "How to make yourself stand out as a candidate"

5:35 p.m. Q&A

6 p.m. More networking and enjoyment of light refreshments.

6:15 p.m. Resume reviews by local school principals, superintendents, teachers, counselors available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

6:50 p.m. Closing remarks

We recommend you bring at least one copy of your resume if you wish to have it reviewed on-site.

Walk away with valuable information on the education career process along with hard copy information regarding up-coming off-campus recruiting events and career handouts for your career development.

Questions? Contact the Career Development Center at 607.871.2164 or [cdc@alfred.edu](mailto:cdc@alfred.edu).

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### **Undergraduate Research Forum**

AU's annual Undergraduate Research Forum will be held from 5:30-7:50 p.m. on Thursday, April 23 in McLane. All undergraduates engaged in scholarly activity are encouraged to present at this campuswide event. Abstracts for the forum are required and are due Wednesday, April 15. Information about submitting abstracts can be found at <http://my.alfred.edu/inde...> Additional information can be obtained from Michele Hluchy at [fhluchy@alfred.edu](mailto:fhluchy@alfred.edu).

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### Spring Wellness Fair - Wednesday, April 1

It's back to reality! AU students are learning how to make it in the career world, but what about the world of wellness?

Come to the Spring Wellness Fair, Wednesday, April 1, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., The Knight Club, Powell Campus Center

Find the answers for caring for yourself now and in the future. Exhibitors include Peer Educators and SAMs, Athletic Training Club, other clubs, AU staff, and community vendors.

How do we know what you need to know? We use National College Health Assessment data from our 2007 AU survey. The data will be displayed at the Fair. Find out all about the health behaviors of AU students. You may be surprised!

Come and get some free information and free stuff!

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### Online Security and the AU Campus

The next installment of ITS's Topics in Information Technology and Digital Media series will be Tuesday, March 31 from 12:20 to 1:10 p.m. in the Banner Training Center in Howell Hall.

The workshop will focus on the security measures that should be taken while using the Internet, as well as the consequences of not doing so.

Come join us and learn how to avoid spam and viruses, and protect your personal information and your computer. This session will be presented by Adrian Morling, AU's Network Services Manager.

All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, contact Meghanne Freivald at 871.2363.

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### Art Therapist to Speak and Run Workshop

Art Therapist, Amy Loblaw will run a workshop for Art Therapy Club Members and give a public lecture on Tuesday, March 31. The workshop will be held in Kenyon-Allen at 5:30 p.m.; the lecture will be given in Holmes at 7 p.m.

If you're wondering about Art Therapy--what it is--how it works--how one becomes an Art Therapist--come and find out some answers! The public lecture--The Healing Power of Art--Holmes Auditorium, 7 p.m.

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### Skill-Building Workshops for Students, Faculty, and Staff

Thursday, April 2, At the WLC. Everyone welcome.

Sign up for one, two, or all three. You must register no later than Monday, March 30 for the Conflict Management workshop. Register for all at [wlc@alfred.edu](mailto:wlc@alfred.edu).

\*9:20 - 11:10 a.m. Conflict Management - When Arm Wrestling & Rock, Paper, Scissors won't do: Handling Disagreements in Purple and Gold Fashion. Learn how to listen for common ground, ask

probing questions, & summarize to get at the root of the conflict.

\*12:20 - 2:10 p.m. Time Management - Putting Out Fires: Managing Your Time without Going Up in Smoke. This program will focus on developing good habits for effective time management techniques.

\*3:20 - 5:10 p.m. Meeting Management - How to Apprehend Meeting 'Robbers': Managing Meetings the Saxon Way. Learn meeting management techniques such as defining roles, summarizing decisions, managing discussions and planning for the next steps.

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### **Right to Know, Bloodborne Pathogen and Fire Extinguisher Training**

Right-to-Know (Hazcom) training is mandatory for all employees - each year.

The next training session will be held Wednesday, April 1 from 1:20 - 3:10 p.m., Nevins Theater/Powell Campus Center.

Immediately following, from 3:20 to 4:10 p.m., will be a Bloodborne Pathogen and Fire Extinguisher training session for employees whose job require this training.

Don't forget to pre-register via e-mail: [cartella@alfred.edu](mailto:cartella@alfred.edu) or [perrydr@alfred.edu](mailto:perrydr@alfred.edu) or telephone 2196 (Beth) or 3020 (Dean).

A document containing all of our training classes for the Spring 2009 semester may be downloaded from our Web site.

Link: [EHS Training](#)

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### **Student Recital Sunday, April 5**

On Sunday, April 5, in Howell Hall, a student recital will feature singers Anna Kowalczyk, Melanie Baker, Adam Fiegl, Renee Lopez, Britny Lee, Gail Keefer, Sara Egan, Amanda Holland, Michelle Courter and Ned Allen, performing a variety of musical styles.

Violinists Thomas Moran and Jorg Pomplun will perform the Bach "Double Violin Concerto" with accompaniment by University Carillonneur Laurel Buckwalter.

Pianists Rick Engels, Ashley Lysiak, and Sarah Gross will present works by Chopin, Debussy, and Joplin.

All are invited to this free event which begins at 3 p.m.

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### **Invitation to Network with Ameriprise Financial Advisers**

Ameriprise Financial Services Networking/Informational Luncheon

Friday, April 24, 2009

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Powell Campus Center - Kenyon/Allen/Davis Rooms - 2nd floor of PCC

Suggested dress - business professional preferred, business casual acceptable if student does not own business professional (no jeans, ripped/destressed clothing, t-shirts or sneakers)

Cost: None to students

Presenter: Donald Weaver, Group Vice President, Ameriprise Financial Services, AU Alum

Students should plan on arriving as close to on time as class schedule allows. It will be open seating at round tables of eight.

Students interested in either an internship or permanent employment opportunity should bring a resume.

Food will be served buffet style with the presentation beginning at approximately Noon. There will be opportunity for Q&A at the end of the presentation.

Menu is in line with all dietary concerns in mind.

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### Roasting Bad Writing on April Fool's Day!

Join the staff of the Writing Center and the folks from the Honors Program in celebrating terrifically terrible writing.

We're setting up a contest (with prizes!) for the best of the worst sample of writing you can find. Prizes will be awarded for the worst examples of metaphors, fiction writing, and academic writing.

Flip through your (least) favorite textbooks, journals, novels, and stories to find the best example of the worst, most twisted, ugly sentence (or two) you can find. Please submit bad writing only from sources other than yourself. (Have your own malignant writing? Keep reading.) The length of the submissions should be no more than one paragraph.

Bring your fantastic submissions to the Writing Center (in the basement of Seidlin) on or before Wednesday, April 1, at 6 p.m. We will read the submissions aloud, and all present will be free to vote on their favorite examples of revolting writing. Pizza will be provided.

After the judging/pizza party, we will migrate to the Honors House (8 Park St.) for the Official Weenie Roast/Writing Roast Awards Celebration at 9 p.m. The winners of the bad writing contest will be announced (and rewarded), and their winning entries will be reverently tossed into a bonfire, which will also be available for you to destroy your own bad writing in a flashy and quite permanent way. Hot dogs and marshmallows will be provided.

Questions? Contact Dr. Vicky Westacott, Writing Center Director at [fcobb@alfred.edu](mailto:fcobb@alfred.edu) or at 871.2245 or Gordon Atlas at [Atlas@Alfred.Edu](mailto:Atlas@Alfred.Edu) or 871.2859.

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### Last Chance to Sign Up for Relay For Life

Alfred's Relay For Life is this Friday! You can still sign up all the way till the day of the event. Let's make this year's relay even bigger than last's. Join us in the fight against cancer!

Link: <http://www.relayforlife.org/alfreduniversity>

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### Consider Taking Summer Classes!

Consider taking classes here on campus this summer! Summer School registration is now under way.

The summer schedule includes a variety of popular undergraduate and graduate classes. Some are offered in a short-term, focused-study format so you can complete a whole course in just two or three weeks! Or, if you prefer a somewhat more relaxed pace, there are many 6-week courses being offered as well.

Please check BannerWeb for the most up-to-date course information.

The Summer School Schedule Booklet with course details, tuition rates, registration instructions, housing contract and other information is accessible at [www.alfred.edu/summer/sch....](http://www.alfred.edu/summer/sch...) Printed copies of the Booklet are available at the Student Service Center, the Mail Room and the Office of Summer Programs.

General questions about Summer School may be directed to the Office of Summer Programs (871.2612 or [summerpro@alfred.edu](mailto:summerpro@alfred.edu)). If you have questions about art courses, please contact Cathy Johnson (871-2412 or [johnsonc@alfred.edu](mailto:johnsonc@alfred.edu).)  
Link: [Summer School Website](#)

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### Hot Off the Press! The Write Issues, Spring 2009

The Writing Center's spring newsletter is attached in PDF form, with articles on writing personal essays, technical communication and reading writing assignments, plus a full description of Roasting Bad Writing. Enjoy.

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### Child Abuse & S.A.V.E. Workshops

In order to meet NYS Education Department requirements for certification, all Education major and minor students must attend a Safe Schools Against Violence In Education (SAVE) Workshop and a Child Abuse Identification & Reporting Workshop. The Division of Education will offer these workshops as follows:

Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Workshop:  
April 6 & April 8 -- 9:20-10:35 a.m. -- 336 Myers Hall  
(must attend both days to complete the workshop)

AND AGAIN ON

April 6 & April 8 -- 11:20 a.m.-12:35 p.m. -- 336 Myers Hall  
(must attend both days to complete the workshop)

Child Abuse Identification & Reporting Workshop:  
May 4 -- 4:10- 6:50 p.m. -- 227 Myers Hall

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### Washington Semester Program for Fall 2009

Dr. Heineman of the Social Sciences Division is now taking applications for the Washington Semester Program for Fall 2009.

The Washington Semester Program is sponsored by American University and enables students to spend a semester in Washington, D.C., studying public policy in a variety of areas.

Students who have participated in the program have used their experience and contacts to obtain excellent positions in Washington and elsewhere.

In addition to taking coursework, students will meet with government officials and political leaders in seminar sessions and will participate in an internship of their choosing. In addition to its major focus on American national government, the program also has a number of options utilizing non-governmental resources in the Washington area, including working with interest groups and art and cultural institutions. Some of these are: journalism, law enforcement, public law, economics, international business, international organizations, and women and politics.

Course credits and grades are fully transferable to the student's transcript. Students can obtain additional information on the program at [www.washingtonsemester.co....](http://www.washingtonsemester.co...)

Juniors or seniors are eligible to participate, and scholarships are available. Over the past year, Kalyn Follmer and Kristin Rubisch attended the program. Those interested should contact Dr. Heineman in room 209 of the Olin Building. Applications should be completed by April 6, 2009.

Link: <http://www.washingtonsemester.com>

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### Reunion 2009 -- Save the Date

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Details: Faculty & Staff please join us for Alfred University Reunion June 12-14, 2009!

Everyone is welcome with a special invitation being extended to - Alfred's Golden Saxons and the classes of: 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004.

Contact us at the Office of Alumni and Community Relations 607.871.2144 or visit us on the Web.

Hope you can join us!

Link: [Track Reunion plans on the web site.](#)

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### Town of Wellsville Youth Theater Program: 'Snow White'

Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m.

Nancy Howe Auditorium at the David A. Howe Public library in Wellsville

Community children perform this classic fairy tale. The program is free and open to everyone. Sponsored by the Allegany County Youth Bureau and the Office of Children and Family Services.

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### 'NYS's Freedom Trail'

Speakers in the Humanities Lecture by Dr. Milton C. Sernett: "North Star Shining: NYS's Freedom Trail - An Illustrated Journey Along the Underground Railroad"

Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m.

Nancy Howe Auditorium at the David A. Howe Public Library in Wellsville

Join us as Dr. Milton C. Sernett traces the Underground Railroad in the pre-Civil War period. The audience is encouraged to share local stories of the "Freedom Trail."

Dr. Sernett is a retired Professor of History at Syracuse University. This library-sponsored program is free and open to the general public.

Funding for this Speakers in the Humanities program is from the NY Council for the Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and CHG Insurance Agency.

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