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TODAY	TOMORROW	SATURDAY
11:20 School of Engineering McMahon Lecture	6:00 Cinco de Noviembre	1:00 Football Game
SOE Graduate Seminar - McMahon Lecture	8:00 Festifall	7:00 AIDS Charity Basketball
12:10 Bergren Forum - In Search of an Authentic Relationship to the Natural World	· Siblings Weekend	8:00 Team Trivia at Herrick Library
1:00 Walk-In Hours - Career Development Center		· IHS Western Horse Show at Alfred
		· Siblings Weekend

### Open Enrollment for 2011 Benefits:

The open enrollment period for Alfred University benefits will begin Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010 and extend through Friday, Dec. 3, 2010.

The benefits elected during this time will be effective Jan. 1, 2011 for the calendar year. We will hold informational meetings in the Nevins Theater on Thursday, Nov. 18 and Friday, Nov. 19. The schedule

for these meetings will be posted in Alfred Today and on the HR Web site once finalized.

A special session will be held during this time for employees who do not participate in the University Medical Plans but do participate in, or are interested in learning more about, the supplemental plans offered by the University (Dental, Life, Accident, Travel Insurance, Long-Term Disability, Flexible Spending Accounts, etc.).

There will also be a session devoted to eligible retirees to discuss their coverage options.

We have worked diligently with our brokers and providers in the design of the 2011 plan options. We have enhanced our plan offerings to cover dependents up to age 26, to offer preventative care to the employee and their dependents, and to provide for a third-party dispute resolution system. These enhancements to our medical plans are very reasonable, with a nominal increase in premium (less than 2% on average). We are pleased to offer an enhanced vision plan at a reduced rate. Additionally, we have worked with our dental provider to waive the waiting period for services, previously imposed by the plan, to allow for immediate coverage. The dental plan has been incredibly successful for preventative care.

Facts and answers to your questions about these plan changes and offerings will be provided at the upcoming meetings. Please plan to attend so that you will have the information needed to make the best choices for yourself and your family.

Submitted by: Mark Guinan

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### **Familiarize Yourself with Safety Tips**

The Alfred Police Department has reported an increased number of assaults within the village. While no one has been seriously injured, the Office of Public Safety would like you to take a moment to review the following safety tips.

If you see any suspicious activities please report it to 607.871.2108 or 911. Public Safety also provides a campus escort service. To request an escort call 607.871.2108

While in the Village of Alfred:

\* Alfred University students are statistically safer than the average residents, who in Alfred, with its relatively low crime rate, are safer than residents in most other villages. However, this community is not without some incidents.

- \* Students need to be aware of their surroundings.
- \* Travel in groups of two or more (the buddy system).
- \* Let a roommate or friend know where you are going and when you plan on returning.
- \* Carry wallets in front pants pocket.
- \* Use bags, pocketbooks etc. that zipper well. Avoid placing your bag on backs of chairs or under the table; carry your bag close to your body, tucked in the bend of your elbow. Avoid bags that clasp or snap shut.
- \* The best time to use ATMs is during the daylight hours. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Minimize the number of credit cards carried.

Safety if you're going out to a bar or party:

- \* Do not go out alone. Always go out in groups of 2 or more and travel in well-lit and populated streets.
- \* Tell your friends/roommates if you're leaving, with whom, where you're planning to go and when you plan to return to your room.
- \* Do not accept open drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) from others who you do not know or do not trust; this includes drinks that come in a glass.
- \* At parties, only accept drinks in closed containers: bottles, cans or tetra packs.

- \* Never leave your drink unattended or turn your back on your table.
- \* Do not drink from open beverage sources like punch bowls, pitchers or tubs.
- \* Keep your eyes and ears open; if friends appear to be "too intoxicated" for what they have consumed, leave the party or bar immediately, and return to your room or seek medical attention. Do not return to the bar or party!
- \* Be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times.
- \* Know where you need to go and the safest way to get there.
- \* Trust your instincts! If you sense something is wrong, get away from the situation.

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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### **CYLI EVENT: Pumpkin Chunkin Tonight**

Do you want a rewarding volunteer experience? Do you want to make a difference in children's lives? Why not volunteer with the Children and Youth Learning Initiative tonight?

CYLI is bringing local students on campus for fun programming tonight and they need your help! All programs begin at 3:30 p.m. and go to about 6:30 p.m.; e-mail [CYLI@alfred.edu](mailto:CYLI@alfred.edu) with any questions or to sign up for an event.

Description of tonight's event:

Starting in 357 McMahan

Students will arrive on campus and learn about mechanics and aerodynamics and then practice with some small-scale ballistics before decorating a pumpkin and guess where they will land when launched before taking their fruit to the test field and having it launched from CYLI's full-scale trebuchet.

Submitted by: Christopher Romanchock

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### **Off-Campus Living Forums**

FOR STUDENTS WHO WILL HAVE MET THE SIX-SEMESTER RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO MOVING OFF CAMPUS.

Mark your calendars! The following Off-Campus Living Forums have been scheduled:

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010-Olin 302, 5-6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010-Olin 302, 5-6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010-Olin 302, 5-6:15 p.m.

If you want to live off-campus in the 2011-12 academic year, you must attend an Off-Campus Living Forum to be released from on-campus housing. The forum will explain the rights and responsibilities of student living in the local community.

Even if you are just considering living off campus, you should plan on attending as approval won't be given without your attendance at a forum.

Applications will be handed out at the end of the meeting. To be approved to live off-campus you must attend a forum, be in good academic standing, complete the residency requirement, have no outstanding judicial sanctions, complete an on-line educator module, and submit an application to live off-campus.

Submitted by: Valerie Mettler

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### **Bergren Forum - In Search of an Authentic Relationship**

The Bergren Forum sponsored by the Division of Human Studies will be meeting at 12:10 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 4 in the Nevins Theatre, Powell Campus Center.

Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea are complimentary.

Speaker: Melissa Ryan

Topic: "Enskymment, Enwildment, Emplacement: In Search of an Authentic Relationship to the Natural World"

Submitted by: Marilyn Saxton

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### **Video Happy Society (VHS)**

VHS will be meeting Thursday, Nov. 4, at 5 p.m. in the Harder Hall, 4th floor, Junior/Senior Video Studio.

Have an interest or curiosity in video? Then come join us!

If you have any questions please contact me at [zjg1@alfred.edu](mailto:zjg1@alfred.edu)

Submitted by: Zachary Grosser

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### **Team Trivia at Herrick Library**

Put on your thinking caps and bring your friends to Herrick Library on Saturday night for Team Trivia!

Team Trivia is a friendly competition, with music and entertainment by our host, Mike Allen, and prizes for the winning teams.

When: Saturday, Nov. 6, 8 - 10 p.m.

Where: Herrick Library BookEnd

Submitted by: Ellen Bahr

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### **Concert: FESTIFALL!**

Join us this Friday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m. for our annual Festifall concert! This will be in the NEW Miller Theater. Listen to performances by the AU Chorus, Chamber Singers, and Alfred Volunteer Choir Company, under the direction of Luanne Crosby, and the AU Jazz Band under the direction of Chris Foster.

The choirs will present music by Burt Bacharach and the Beatles while the Jazz Band will perform modern swing, funk, Latin and rock charts.

Submitted by: Christopher Foster

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### **Alfred University Blood Drive**

Sponsored by APO and the Biology Club  
Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010  
The Knight Club  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Please schedule your life-saving appointment at [www.alfred.givesblood.org](http://www.alfred.givesblood.org)  
All presenting donors will receive a Red Cross and Alfred University T-Shirt.

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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### **Student Flu Vaccinations**

Get your flu shot! The AU student rate is only \$20 and this year the vaccine covers you for H1N1 and seasonal flu.

If you were vaccinated for H1N1 last year, you need another for the 2010-11 flu season. Remember, flu viruses change each year.

Call Health Services and make an appointment, 607.871.2400.

Attachment: [Student Flu Vaccinations Flyer](#)

Submitted by: Pamela Schu

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### **Extended Dates for the Herrick Food for Fines Program!**

Due to the encouraging results of our Food for Fines program, Herrick has decided to extend the program through Thanksgiving.

Alfred Food Pantry is in need of donations and this is a good way to be involved in the community, especially during this time of year.

It's super easy to donate! If you have fines, one can of non-perishable food will forgive \$5 of fines! Simply bring your cans of food to Herrick and the desk worker will get it sorted out for you.

If you don't have any fines, feel free to bring items in anyway!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call us at 871.2792. Thanks!

Submitted by: Erinnae Baker

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### **Documentary Tuesdays Film: 'War on Democracy'**

Documentary Tuesdays with SAFE (Students Acting for Equality)

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Holmes Auditorium  
"War On Democracy" Directed by John Pilger

John Pilger reports that, in spite of a history of repeated U.S.-backed suppression, popular democratic movements are gaining ground in Latin America.

Submitted by: Sondra Perry

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### **Last days to submit your Wit and Wisdom!**

This Friday, Nov. 5, is the deadline to submit Your Wit and Wisdom!

Phi Beta Kappa at Alfred University is now accepting submissions to the Wit and Wisdom Student Competition. The contest is open to full-time undergraduates, who should submit their best written work (scholarly or creative), suitable for a general audience.

The winner will receive a \$250 prize, present his or her work at a Bergren Forum, and be honored at a special dinner. The deadline for submissions is THIS FRIDAY, Nov. 5.

See the attached guidelines, and e-mail Dr. Juliana Gray ([gray@alfred.edu](mailto:gray@alfred.edu)) with any questions.

Attachment: [W&WGuidelines101.doc](#)

Submitted by: Juliana Gray

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### **National Collegiate CPR DAY & EMS Week**

Starting Nov. 8 and continuing through Nov. 14 Alfred University Rescue Squad will be giving information about CPR and other useful EMS tricks that can help you save lives of your fellow college students.

AURS can be found online at the link below and we're on Facebook & Twitter.

Link: [AURS Website \(Links & Info on EMS\)](#)

Submitted by: AU Rescue Squad

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### **Be a Part of the AU Alma Mater Video!**

"Nestled away 'mid the Empire State hills..."

Imagine that in bluegrass style, or played on chromatic harmonica, or sung by an a cappella duet, or even shredded on heavy metal guitar.

The Alfred University Communications Office would like to produce a compilation video with various clips of people playing the AU Alma Mater. We will post it on YouTube as well as in the online Alfred magazine in early December.

What gave us the idea was a homemade video that was sent to us by Steve Levine of '58, in which he's playing the alma mater on clawhammer-style banjo.

We know that there are lots of other very talented alumni, faculty, and current students, and we want your video submissions! The more creative and entertaining your ideas are, the better.

All we ask is that the alma mater be recognizable during parts of the performance, and that the audio is not so loud that it overloads the microphone on your video camera. The camera can be stationary (on a tripod), or you can do a handheld approach provided it isn't too shaky. As for cameras, you can use pretty much anything from a Flip Video to a high quality HD camera. Formats we can work with

are: AVI, MOV, and WMV. Submissions can be mailed on a CD (or uploaded via YouSendIt or similar online upload/download service)

Your submission can be in any key. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Nov. 12, 2010. Feel free to contact Rick McLay '89 in the Alfred University Communications Office (607.871.2103) if you have any questions or suggestions!

See the Link for more information.

Link: [AU Alma Mater Video Details](#)

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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### **Alumni Association Seeks Award Nominations for 2011**

Attention AU Alumni, Faculty, Administration - Please ACT NOW to submit nominations for AU Awards for fellow alums and colleagues!

The Alumni Association presents awards annually at Reunion to alumni and friends of the University who have contributed to Alfred, their workplace, and society in general. Please help us recognize those individuals for their efforts and achievements by nominating them for an Alumni Association Award.

Nomination forms are available for download at <http://www.alfred.edu/alu...> Nominations are due by Jan. 1, 2011.

Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement - given to honor alumni whose achievements in their profession, career or avocational pursuits, or service to society bring honor and distinction to AU.

Alumni Award for Distinguished Service - given to alumni in recognition of loyalty and commitment in service to Alfred University.

Abigail Allen Award for Service to Women - given to honor an Alfred alumnus/a in recognition of distinctive career achievement, community service, or avocational pursuits that have improved the quality of women's lives.

Lillian T. Nevins Award for Lifetime Service to Alfred University - given to honor alumni who have rendered outstanding service to Alfred University.

Honorary Alumnus/a Recognition Award - given to a non-graduate in recognition of interest, allegiance and service to Alfred University and alumni, that the recipient may be evermore one of us.

Nominations may be forwarded to the Alumni Relations Office, Welcome Center, One Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802. You may also Email nominations or fax your information to 607.871.2391. Please contact us with any questions at 607.871.2144. We thank you for your support and assistance!

Link: [Alumni Association Award Nomination Form](#)

Submitted by: Audrea Sirianni

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### **Appalachia Lecture: In Search of Northern Appalachia**

Speaker: Dr. Penny Messinger, Associate Professor, Daemen College

Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m.  
Nancy Howe Auditorium  
David A. Howe Public Library  
155 N. Main St., Wellsville  
585.593.3410

Where - and what - is Appalachia? Why should Appalachia be considered a distinct region within the United States? This lecture traces the changing understanding of the Appalachian region by exploring

the region's geographic, economic, and cultural characteristics, highlighting the place that Northern Appalachia occupies with its regional history.

This program is supported by the Allegany County Area Foundation. The program is free and open to the general public.

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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### **Allegany County Fall Caregiver Educational Series**

Join the Allegany County Caregiver Coalition, the Allegany County Office for the Aging, and the Allegany/Western Steuben Rural Health Network for this fall's Caregiver Educational Series, Wednesday evenings beginning Sept. 29 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Whitney Cafe, Schuyler Street (Route 19) Belmont.

The six-week series is free and includes a complimentary dinner, guest speakers and program materials to help family caregivers in their roles of caring for a loved one.

You may choose to attend an individual program or all of them. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

For more information, or to register, please contact the Allegany County Office for the Aging at 585.268.9390 or toll-free at 1.800.268.9390.

Attached is the list of programs and descriptions.

Attachment: [Caregivers Series](#)

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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