

Cheryl's Closet helps students make a good first impression

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The Career Development Center is always offering new programs and resources to students, and Cheryl's Closet is our newest addition. Alfred University Trustee Dr. Cheryl R. Blanchard (&86, CEO of MicroCHIPS, Inc.) generously donated funds to the Career Development Center to support a career closet. Since Dr. Blanchard's donation, the CDC has received more than 35 donations of professional clothing from Alfred alumni, faculty, staff, and community members. The community contributions have stocked the closet with over five hundred articles of clothing, ranging from brand new to gently used. Our selection includes options of all sizes and styles, as well as accessories like shoes, belts, ties, and purses.

As an intern at the Career Development Center, I have had the pleasure of working directly with Cheryl's Closet by sorting the donations and creating our professional clothing inventory. Recently I was able to experience the transformative power of Cheryl's Closet myself, along with some fellow interns. I now understand how crucial this closet will be for students on campus: finding a professional outfit may help students gain the sense of confidence and strength they need to be successful in an interview. In my Cheryl's Closet outfit, I felt more confident in the way I looked, and sensed that I would be more comfortable entering an interview setting.

Students can access Cheryl's Closet by making an appointment with the Career Development Center. CDC staff will aid students in choosing a professional ensemble appropriate for professional events. We encourage students to take a look at the assortment of clothes that we have to offer! Feel free to visit our website <https://www.alfred.edu/student-life/career-development-center/cheryls-closet.cfm> and check out the CDC website for more information on our services. <https://www.alfred.edu/student-life/career-development-center/>

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