

AU faculty, staff and students to participate in Day of Service

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Some will do yard work for senior citizens. Others will clean up parks, paint apartments, plant flowers or collect used clothing. All will be Alfred University faculty, staff and students volunteering their time to community service agencies as part of the University's first-ever Day of Service, planned for Saturday, April 30. They will gather at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in front of Powell Campus Center and organize into teams of two to 10 people who will participate in a number of community service activities. That evening, they will return to campus, along with representatives of the agencies they helped, for a recognition dinner that begins at 5:30 p.m. in Powell Campus Center. "Many of our students are involved in community service and we wanted to take one day to recognize the good work being done by members of the AU community," said Mark McFadden, assistant director of Career Counseling Services for the University. Those planning to participate are asked to call McFadden at 607.871.2875. The AU teams will be volunteering to help not-for-profit agencies in Allegany and Steuben counties, including: Habitat for Humanity - yard work at a new home in Belmont. AU Habitat for Humanity - Clean and repair the playground at Kenyon Park in the Village of Alfred, and painting at the Alfred Montessori School. Box of Books library - yard work and window washing. Alfred Village clean-up - various projects in the village. Hornell Concern for Youth - projects to be determined. Almond Lions - clean-up Almond Park. Hornell Salvation Army - clothing drive. American Red Cross/American Corps - design and draw safety-themed images for use in a coloring book. Allegany County United Way - projects to be determined. Steuben Churchpeople Against Poverty - Clean apartments in Hornell. ACCORD Corporation - paint picnic tables for the Head Start Program in Friendship and clean vacant apartments in Belmont. Wellness G.I.F.T. Camp - general maintenance at a camp for children with special needs, located in Bath, NY. Allegany County Office for the Aging - help elderly residents in Alfred and Almond with yard work. Area Health Education Center - assist with blood-pressure screening in Hornell. Riverbend Apartments - cleaning and painting. Steuben Arc - plant flowers at a community residence for developmentally disabled adults, located in Hornell. During the dinner, which will be held in the Kenyon-Allen Rooms at Powell Campus Center, AU faculty, staff and students will have an opportunity to network with the representatives of the various agencies to explore future volunteer, internship and employment opportunities, McFadden explained. Representatives from regional not-for-profit and public service agencies who are interested in attending the dinner are asked to contact Mark McFadden, 607.871.2875.