

More than 450 alumni to attend Alfred University Reunion this weekend

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ALFRED, NY More than 450 Alfred University alumni will be on campus this weekend as the University hosts its 119th annual Reunion Friday, Saturday and Sunday. One alumna, Annette Fox Johnson '30, of Pittsburgh, PA, will be at AU for her class's 75th Reunion, while two others from the class of 1935 Janet LaDue Prentice Skinner of Palm Bay, FL, and Hilda Crandall Rowley of North Port, FL will be celebrating their 70th reunion. Alumni of the Division of Performing Arts will be on hand as well, with several reprising their roles in the popular Pirate Theater. The University has planned a weekend full of events and activities sure to keep everyone entertained as they renew acquaintances and reminisce about their time spent at AU. The University will host the annual "Flavors of Alfred" inside the large tent on the village bandstand lawn from 5-9 p.m. Friday. The event is open to AU alumni as well as members of the University and local communities. Those attending can sample food from local restaurants, chat with friends and enjoy musical entertainment. Alumni will gather at the Knight Club Friday evening for the Welcome Back Party, which will include music and a performance of Pirate Theater. Saturday's events begin with a 5K run and walk, which starts at the bandstand at 8:15 a.m. and winds its way through campus. The all-class procession will lead members of honored classes from Kanakadea Hall to the bandstand lawn, where a picnic and awards ceremony will be held under the tent at noon. Saturday afternoon's activities include a tennis tournament at the University courts at 2 p.m.; deans' receptions from 2 to 3:30 p.m.; and class dinners from 6 to 8 p.m., followed by the popular "Dessert Extravaganza" at Alumni Hall. A Performing Arts Variety Show will be held beginning at 8:30 p.m. at Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall. There will be dancing to Big Band tunes in the Knight Club beginning at 8:30 p.m. For those alumni who wish to show off their own singing voices, Karaoke will be held starting at 9 p.m. in front of Alumni Hall. The weekend concludes Sunday morning with the Service of Remembrance at 8 a.m. at the Gothic Chapel, followed by breakfast at the Knight Club. Some alumni got a head start on the weekend's activities, as a group participated in a tour of the wineries around the Finger Lakes Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The tour, which includes stops on scenic Cayuga, Seneca and Keuka lakes, concludes with dinner Thursday night on campus.