

## **H/EOP Leadership Conference hosted by University**

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The 2008 Alfred University H/EOP (Higher Education Opportunity Program) Leadership Conference will take place Saturday and Sunday, Feb.16-17, in the Powell Campus Center. The conference will include several leadership workshops held by AU faculty, staff, and students, two dinners from a NYC caterer, and a comedian. This year's keynote speaker will be former AU student leader and University Alum Maurice Myrie. Myrie graduated from Alfred University in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in communication studies and went on to acquire a master's of education degree in administration of higher education at Suffolk University, in Boston, MA, in 2006. Currently, he serves as the senior policy adviser at the Boston Public Health Commission. Several schools from all over the state plan on joining Alfred University students at this years' conference. There is an expected attendance from Utica College; Canisius College, Buffalo; Finger Lakes Community College, Canandaigua; and Genesee Community College, Batavia. Some workshops of note include Diversity in Leadership, conducted by Michele Romanchock, coordinator of Diversity Programming and Diversity educator; Interview Skills and Resume Building, by Mark McFadden, director of the Career Development Center; a Web 2.0 workshop conducted by AU student Nick Garofoli; and a workshop on Money Management in the Real World conducted by Janine Little from the Financial Aid Office. The dinners will be catered and cooked by Myrie's aunt, a caterer from New York City. Both dinners will be served in Susan Howell Hall on the top floor at 6 p.m. on Friday (casual dinner) and Saturday (formal dinner). The cost of the dinners is \$12 for one or \$20 for both and cash will be accepted at the door. Myrie will be speaking immediately after Saturday's dinner in Susan Howell Hall. This year's comedian is Ronnie Jordan. According to Shawn Isaacs, a student working in the H/EOP office and team leader on the student advisory board who is assisting in coordinating the conference, "He is one of those up and comers." Jordan has been an opening act on the Queens of Comedy 12-city tour and the Crown Royal Comedy Soul Fest Tour. When he isn't on stage he is active in his community by participating in the Atlanta Youth Convention and serves as a mentor to at-risk youth. Umoja will be hosting an after-party for the H/EOP Conference following the comedian from 11:30-3 a.m. in the Knight Club at the Powell Campus Center. Umoja, is a multi-cultural club at Alfred University. It produces African Heritage month every February, along with several other multi-cultural and African American events on campus. Students and the public can register online for these events at <http://www.alfred.edu/alf...>.