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TODAY	TOMORROW	WEDNESDAY
9:30 WNY Student Leadership Conference	12:00 Alfred Today Training Session	12:00 Alfred Today Training Session
7:30 Journey to Africa	5:30 Language Placement Test	

Message from President Edmondson on Study Abroad

I am writing to advise you of news story that will probably become public today. Late on Thursday, Alfred University received a subpoena from the Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York. The subpoena requires that Alfred University submit the bulk of our records of international educational programs for 2005 and 2006. The subpoena was dated January 15, 2008, and we had received no prior communication from the Attorney General's office about these matters. The subpoena

gave no reason for the investigation and cited no specific acts or policies that may have precipitated an investigation. The University's attorney will contact the Attorney General's Office for more information, but because today is a legal holiday we do not expect any communication before Tuesday.

Early Saturday evening we received a phone call from the New York Times about the investigation, leading us to believe the Attorney General's Office notified the news media of the subpoena. We do not believe that it signifies any special concentration on Alfred University. We have not yet been able to learn how many other institutions may also have been subpoenaed, but we have reason to believe that several others, both in New York State and elsewhere, have received subpoenas identical to the one delivered to us. We will make every effort to comply with the Attorney General's request.

The genesis of this matter seems to have no specific connection to Alfred University. As some of you may be aware, in August of 2007, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo announced his intention to investigate the financial relationships between college and university officials and individuals and companies that provide services in support of Study Abroad programs. Evidently, he believed that some of these relationships involved undisclosed and possibly illegal payments from Study Abroad providers to employees of colleges and universities. In a recent issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education (see link below), questions were raised about the progress of the investigation.

It is important to note that no one has even alleged any illegal actions involving international programs by Alfred employees. It is also important to emphasize that the subpoena identified no individuals, no practices or acts, and no specific programs that might be under scrutiny.

As more information arrives, we will share it with you.

Link: [Chronicle of Higher Education op-ed](#)

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Alfred Today Training Sessions Please Attend

The Alfred Today administrators will host two training sessions for all users - Tuesday, Jan. 22 and Wednesday, Jan. 23. Both sessions will be at noon in the Staff Training Center, Howell Hall.

You will learn how to:

- 1) Eliminate confusion of what is an "event" and what is an "announcement"
- 2) How to determine whether to include students in your message
- 3) Understand the difference between an Alfred Today announcement and an Our.alfred.edu announcement
- 4) Place things on the calendar, months in advance

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Notice to CWS Employers for Spring 2008

If you are planning on hiring CWS students for the Spring 2008 semester and have not previously completed a Federal College Work-Study Position Request/Job Description, please click on the link below to access the form and instructions. The completed forms are due at the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible.

If you wish to re-post a position on the Job Board, please contact Elena Wallace, via e-mail, with your request. Be sure to include in your e-mail the Job Title, FOAP, and Job ID#, if known.

Contact Elena Wallace (x2159) at the Financial Aid Office if you have any questions regarding this announcement.

Attachment: [2007-08 CWS Position form and instructions](#)

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Student Undergrads Doing Web Time Entry!

You are probably aware that throughout the fall semester, Human Resources has systematically set up the undergrad students for Web-time entry of their timesheets. The goal is to have all undergrads doing their timesheets through BannerWeb Self Service when the students return from break.

If you are an approver and have not been contacted or not yet responded concerning the students you have working for you please contact costello@alfred.edu. We need to get the rest of the students set up and the approvers trained for this new functionality.

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PCC Mailroom Package Notification

The PCC Mailroom has a new package scanning system. Once the packages are scanned into the system an e-mail will automatically be sent to your Alfred e-mail address. There will no longer be any package pickup cards put in your mailboxes. The e-mail will ask you to print the page or write down the package information and bring it along with your Alfred identification to the PCC Mailroom.

All this information is required to pick up your package(s). You will receive an e-mail for each package that you receive.

Please make sure you bring all the information for all of your packages with you to the mailroom.

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Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was born in Atlanta in 1929. The leader of the Civil Rights Movement, King was a powerful speaker and one of the greatest leaders in American History.

In 1955, King led the Montgomery Bus Boycott, sparked by Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat on one of that city's buses.

For the next 13 years, King worked to peacefully end segregation. In 1963, he joined other civil rights leaders in the March on Washington where he gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

In 1964, the Civil Rights Act was passed, and King earned the Nobel Prize for Peace. In his acceptance speech for that prize he said, "I accept this award today with an abiding faith in America and an audacious faith in the future of mankind."

Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis in 1968. The night before his death, in a speech to sanitation workers, he said: "I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the promised land."

Click on the link to listen to an excerpt from Dr. King's speech, "The Drum Major Instinct."

Link: <http://www.thekingcenter.org/>

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Save 25% on Used Textbooks

Go to www.whywaitforbooks.com to order your textbooks and save 25% on USED books. We will have your books boxed & ready for your pick up. Hurry USED books are going fast!

Link: www.whywaitforbooks.com

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Minimizing Waste in Dining Halls

Dining Halls are going 'tray-less'

Upon the recommendations of Green Alfred, the Environmental Studies Program, and the Student Dining Advisory Board, Dining Services will be removing trays from Ade and Powell Dining Halls.

How the process began

A new trend in college dining halls across the country has begun for the purpose of significantly reducing the amount of post consumer waste. After seeing evidence of this trend, the groups mentioned above got together to study the potential waste reduction that Alfred might experience if trays were removed. The groups' findings were consistent with those of the other schools; such as Middlebury College, San Diego State University, San Francisco State University, and Skidmore College to mention a few.

Results

It was discovered that approximately 30 to 50% less food and beverage is wasted when trays were removed from service. This equates to approximately 1,000 pounds of solid waste and 112 gallons of liquid waste weekly that could be saved here at Alfred.

Other Benefits

Without trays to wash and sanitize, chemical and water use will be minimized. We will measure how much is saved and report our findings by Spring Break. Dining Services should see a reduction in food/beverage purchasing, if this is true you will begin seeing more specialty items on the regular menu, such as; shrimp/scallop dishes, steak sandwiches, and roast lamb to name a few. New vegetarian dishes will include tempeh and seitan.

Convenience

We understand that without trays collecting your food and beverages will be a bit more challenging. We will be setting up extra silverware stations in the dining areas to help reduce the items that have to be carried to your table. You still have the ability to eat all you want when you enter the dining halls.

Other Environmental Efforts

Dining Services is committed to the University's desire to become more Environmentally Friendly - we are currently working with the Environmental Studies Program to compost pre-consumer waste, we have been recycling cardboard, glass, plastic, and tin for many years, and we are launching a new Focus on Alfred reusable travel mug program on Jan. 31.

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AU Dance Team Tryouts

Tryouts will be held for the basketball semester on Jan. 23 and 25 at 5 p.m. in Miller Performing Arts on the 3rd floor. Please wear comfortable clothes. If you have any questions please e-mail the team account at audanceteam@alfred.edu

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Language Placement Exam

Language Placement Exams for Spanish, French and German will be given on Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 5:30 p.m. in Perlman (formerly Allen) 218.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS SUGGESTED. Please e-mail the division secretary to register (engle@alfred.edu)

You must take this exam if:

- (1) you want to place out of the language requirement;
- (2) you want/need to take a class in one of those languages and have not already taken a language

class in Alfred.

You do not have to take this exam if you have never had a class in the language before. You may not take the placement exam twice in the same language.

For more information, please contact Dr. Cecilia Beach (fbeach@alfred.edu).

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NY Times Newspaper Subscription Available

Get the NY Times newspaper Monday-Friday for just \$.45 daily! Spring semester subscriptions for \$30.60 are now available at the AU Bookstore. Papers arrive daily for pick up @ the bookstore after 2 p.m. SIGN UP today. Subscription runs Jan. 23-May 2

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Want to Play Baseball This Spring?

The Alfred Club Baseball Team plays in the National Club Baseball Association and plans on playing 11+ games this spring. If you are interested in playing on the team or helping out with the team please e-mail Baseball@alfred.edu for more details.

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LAS Dean Candidates -- Save the Dates

The LAS Dean Search Committee and Provost Buckley will be bringing dean candidates to the campus between Feb. 20 and Feb. 29. If you are in or have connections with LAS please keep those dates in mind. More details later.

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2008 Leadership Conference Lots More Info

This year's H/EOP Leadership Conference will take place the weekend of Feb. 15-17. AU's Faculty, Staff and Students will be presenting various workshops on leadership success skills.

This year's Keynote Speaker will be former AU student leader, University Alum Maurice Myrie. (Will be speaking after the dinner on Sat., Feb 16, 7-7:15 p.m.)

The H/EOP Conference is open to any and all AU Students who wish to participate. Participation in the workshops is free to all AU Students.

There will be two dinners catered by a cook from NYC on Friday, Feb. 15 @ 6 p.m. and Saturday Feb. 16 @ 6 p.m., both in Susan Howell Hall. These dinners will be \$12 apiece or \$20 for both.

There will also be an after-party on Saturday night in the Knight Club from 11 p.m.-1 a.m.

TO ALL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: If you are planning on having any type of event, planning your event for the weekend of the conference would be most beneficial for you. The H/EOP Leadership conference brings in students from colleges all over New York State. We are hoping to attract a fair number of schools this year. It would also be nice for these students and faculty to have some kind of entertainment in the evening. Lets show some school spirit and not only represent our clubs and organizations but represent our school as well!

If you would like to PRESENT a workshop focused around any aspect of leadership you feel would be beneficial to students, please e-mail Shawn Isaacs at smi4@alfred.edu to get a workshop proposal.

If you do not want to present but would still like to HELP in any way, we could definitely use it. Please send an e-mail of interest to Shawn Isaacs at smi4@alfred.edu.

Registration forms for PARTICIPATION in the conference will be available at the Information Desk in the Powell Campus Center when we return for Spring Semester. If you wish to participate in the H/EOP Leadership Conference, please fill out a registration form and return it either by campus mail or in person to:

H/EOP Office
Myers Hall

Thank you! Hope you've all been enjoying the break!

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NEED TO EARN \$\$- WANT FREE MOUNTAIN DEW??

Check out the PHONATHON JOB "DEW" tables this week in *ADE Hall Lobby(lunch & dinner hrs)
*McLane Fitness Center(2-7pm)
& *Powell - 2nd Floor(9am-4pm).

Receive a FREE can of Mountain Dew just for joining. Find out for yourself why more & more students join us every semester.

PHONATHON- it's not just a job- it's skills to last a lifetime! Contact Susan Gorman, Assistant Director-gorman@alfred.edu, 607-871-2144.

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Spring 2008 WORK STUDY POSITION AVAILABLE

JOIN OUR TEAM AS A ...
PUBLICITY INTERN

The Women's Leadership Center (WLC) seeks a dynamic and self-motivated intern to assist with writing, designing, and posting publicity materials for the WLC including flyers, newsletters, and reports. The intern will also perform general office duties such as creating/updating Excel spreadsheets, performing internet research, and assisting with event planning. The intern will work with the Director, Office Manager, and Intern staff as part of a team.

The successful candidate will have strong writing skills, an interest in women's issues, good attention to detail, and professional etiquette. Design experience and/or familiarity with Publisher a plus. The Women's Leadership Center follows the Alfred University equal opportunity employment policy.

This position requires a commitment of approximately 6 hours per week, and is paid at minimum wage.

Deadline to apply: Tuesday, Feb. 5. Position will remain open until filled. Resumes may be submitted electronically to wlc@alfred.edu, or in person. Please submit a cover letter, resume and the name of one reference (preferably faculty). For more information, contact the WLC: (607) 871-2971.

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Women's Studies Roundtable

You are invited to the first Women's Studies Roundtable of the semester Friday, Jan. 25, from 12:20-1:10 p.m. in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center. The presenters will be Dan Napolitano, director of student activities, and Mechele Romanchock, coordinator of diversity programming. The topic will be

"The Portrayal of Women in Comic Books."

The Roundtables are free and open to the public.

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Journey To Africa

Join the Baker's Bridge Historical Society for its latest program on Monday, Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. at the meeting house on Hamilton Hill Road (1/2 mile from the Alfred Station Fire Hall).

After a short business meeting, the evening's speaker, Laurie McFadden, will give a presentation on her Rotary-sponsored trip to Africa last May.

All programs are free and the everyone is welcome.

Link: [Baker's Bridge Historical Assoc. of Alfred Station](#)

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Myers Hall

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Watch E-mail for 'Excellence in Teaching Awards'

Watch e-mail for "Excellence in Teaching Awards" voting

On Monday, Jan. 28, e-mails will be sent opening nominations for you to confirm your support for our best and most distinguished faculty.

Please make your nominations after consideration of all professors during you time here at Alfred. Popularity, academic advising, friendliness and participation in student organizations should not be considered. Likewise, your own individual performance in courses should not influence your choice.

Vote for teachers whose passion, enthusiasm, preparation, and presentation forced you to think and to expand your horizons, even if you did so reluctantly at the time.

Your vote is crucial to a successful voting process. The deadline for voting will be Monday, Feb. 11.

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Alfred in Florence

Drawing Florence: City as subject

This course will invite you to investigate the historic background and contemporary significance of Florence in relation to its art, architecture and culture. This five-week, mixed-media drawing course will teach students how to explore this extraordinary location as a subject, placing themselves simultaneously in a historical, geographic, and experiential context, through sensory observation and the development of a visual and written travelogue. Each student will engage in the production of a series of drawings that will reflect their individual experiences and research of Florence.

Instructor: Angie To

This study abroad opportunity can be used as studio credit to fulfill your Upper-level drawing requirement.

Application Deadline: March 1

Study Art in Florence

May 15-June 26

Alfred University and American University In cooperation with SACI

For applications or more information e-mail: pvisscher@alfred.edu

Coursework includes a three-credit studio elective

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H/EOP Leadership Conference Proposals (Electronic form included)

If you are interested in or have already committed to conducting a workshop for the H/EOP Leadership Conference (the weekend of Feb. 15, 2008) please send in your proposals as soon as possible. Workshops may consist of anything you feel students may benefit from.

Please send proposals to Shawn Isaacs via e-mail at smi4@alfred.edu.

Thank you very much for your time!

Attachment: [Leadership Conference Proposal](#)

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Club Time at the Equestrian Center

THERE WILL BE CLUB TIME FOR BOARDERS AND TEAM MEMBERS TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT FROM 7:30-9 AND THE INDOOR ARENA WILL BE CLOSED AT 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY NIGHT TO PREPARE IT FOR THE NUTRENA FEED SEMINAR THAT IS TO BE HELD AT 6:30. THANK YOU.

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