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Regular hours resume Monday, Aug. 15

Summer work hours will end as of Friday, Aug. 12, and regular academic-year work will be in effect as of Monday, Aug. 15. Please check with your supervisor for your schedule.

Submitted by: Susan Goetschius

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BIG THANKS TO DINNER HOSTS - A FEW MORE NEEDED!

We appreciate the volunteers for the upcoming series of home-cooked dinners at faculty/staff homes. We received lots of great stories of this already being done by many - which was anticipated and appreciated. These are great ways to make our students feel at home in Alfred.

Please note, we reduced the number of students to 6 (rather than 10) to make the meal experience a bit more personal and manageable. Please consider hosting one of the remaining dates.

September 1: Laurie McFadden

September 8: Kate Dimitrova

September 15: Steve and Pat Crandall

September 22: Mechele and Chris Romanchock

September 29: _____

October 6: _____

October 13: _____

October 20: Matt and Shoko Kelleher

October 27: Andy Eklund

November 3: Garrett McGowan

November 10: _____

November 17: Dan Napolitano and Tricia Debertolis

November 24: (looking for numerous special Thanksgiving hosts for identified students) - Mechele R again.

December 1: _____

Link: [E-mail Dan here](#)

Submitted by: Dan Napolitano

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Reminder for Faculty - Export Blackboard Course Content

As you are aware, AU will discontinue its use of the Blackboard LMS Monday, Aug. 15, 2016. The Canvas LMS will be used for AU's fall courses.

Instructors have access to their fall courses in Canvas and may begin adding materials at any time.

As a part of AU's Canvas contract, courses from Spring 2016 and Fall 2015 are being imported into Canvas for you. These courses are located in the Migrations Term, and you may copy them into your current or future courses.

Any faculty members wishing to re-use other content from Blackboard will need to export their courses and save them for later use. Course content from Blackboard can be imported into Canvas using the Blackboard course format or the Common Cartridge format.

Instructions for both export file formats are attached.

During the course import process, it has come to our attention that courses containing MP4 files frequently fail upon import. If you have MP4 files in your courses, you should remove them before exporting the course content. All MP4s and video files should be uploaded to the Ensemble streaming service. The resulting URLs should be pasted into Canvas. For assistance, please contact the ITS Helpdesk at 607.871.2222.

Canvas trainings are being offered throughout the summer and fall. If you have any questions, please contact Meghanne Freivald at 607.871.2363 or via email.

Link: [Import Course Content into Canvas](#)

Attachment: [Export courses in Blackboard Format](#)

Attachment: [Export Courses in Common Cartridge Format](#)

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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1st Annual International Student Reception

The Office of International Programs cordially invites all AU faculty and staff to a reception in the Book End Lounge in Herrick Library to meet and greet our newly arriving students. The reception will be held on Tuesday, August 23rd from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Jeanne Marion

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Canvas LMS Training

ITS is now offering trainings for the Canvas LMS. AU will begin using Canvas in fall 2016; Blackboard will be discontinued at that time.

Canvas trainings will be available throughout the summer and fall. The training will cover general navigation, commonly used features, and tips for setting up your courses. Trainings are available at the following times:

Wednesday 8/10, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday 8/16, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the Training Center on the first floor of Howell Hall (side entrance, facing the CDC). Seating is limited.

If you would like to attend, please contact Meghanne Freivald at 607.871.2363 or via email to sign up.

For anyone who cannot attend training, all Canvas instructions are publicly available on the Canvas Instructor Guide website. Existing Blackboard course content can be exported and imported into Canvas using the attached instructions.

Content may be exported using the Common Cartridge or Blackboard course format.

Link: [Canvas Instructor Guide](#)

Attachment: [Common Cartridge Export Instructions](#)

Attachment: [Blackboard Format Export Instructions](#)

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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Do you know what your leadership style is?

Leadership has no finite definition - it means so many things to different people. If you are interested in creating your own definition of leadership and putting it to practice, considering signing up for UNIV 101 - The Alfred Leadership Experience.

This class is taught by Autumn McLain every Thursday from 9:20am - 11:10am.

Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others. -Jack Welch

Submitted by: Autumn McLain

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Personnel changes for July 2016

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Below are the appointments, changes in position and/or departures that were effective during July.

Appointments:

Mark Zupan, president

Emily Stoddard, admissions counselor

Departures:

Janice A. Burdick, loan service officer
Ian M. Cramer, assistant athletic trainer
Michael T. Holley, boiler tender/night watchman
Mariann B. Walsh, recruiting coordinator
Lily R. Wolf, counselor
Sandra L. Jones, information delivery service assistant

Submitted by: Susan Goetschius

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AU Photo Library Online - Gallery Server Pro

AU has a new searchable photo library, Gallery Server Pro (<http://gsp.alfred.edu>), accessible to AU faculty/staff. This library contains a wide variety of downloadable AU images ranging from seasonal campus scenics, to classrooms/labs, to selected campus events. To access, please go to our.alfred.edu and scroll down the left-hand side to Faculty/Staff. Click on Faculty/Staff and scroll down to Gallery Server Pro.

Gallery Server images are cataloged by semester, by month and by topic, and as new photo assignments are completed, additional images will be cataloged and posted on a regular basis. The photos are extensively tagged to assist in searches for specific subjects.

NOTE: The images have been carefully selected from more extensive photo sessions that include alternative views and formats (landscape vs portrait). Those images are archived separately and you will need to contact Rick McLay, director of Creative Services at 2736 (mclay@alfred.edu) to inquire about those additional images. There is also a separate folder dedicated to faculty/staff portraits, many of which were completed the week of Aug. 17, 2015.

BEFORE YOU DOWNLOAD

The primary use of many of these images is for Admissions and University Relations marketing efforts in both printed and web formats. In order to keep track of downloads (except for faculty/staff portraits), please contact Rick McLay (mclay@alfred.edu) or Judy Linza (linza@alfred.edu) with information on which images you are downloading, and where they are going to be used.

TO DOWNLOAD

Access to Gallery Server requires AU username/password to review images and to download in three formats: 1. Thumbnail (small image), 2. Web optimized (low resolution but full size), and 3. Original (high resolution). To download the image of your choice, use the download/share icon, which is the one on the left in the icon grouping above each image, and follow the directions.

ADDING PHOTOS TO THE AU PHOTO LIBRARY

We welcome the opportunity to obtain images from faculty and staff. Though much effort goes into documenting as many things as possible on campus, it is impossible to cover it all. When there are events such as art shows, or special lab/classroom activities that faculty/staff are photographing, we would very much like to review those images so that the library is as comprehensive as possible. Please contact Rick McLay if you have images that you think should be considered for this.

ATHLETICS PHOTOS

Current images of athletics events are available at (<http://gosaxons.com>). By contractual arrangement with the professional photographer, there will be a charge for athletics images. Mark Whitehouse, AU's Sports Information director (whitehouse.alfred.edu), is the contact regarding usage.

If you have any questions or suggestions for photos you want cataloged and included, please contact Rick McLay at mclay@alfred.edu or Ext. 2736. If a student requests access, please contact Rick McLay.

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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