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TODAY	TOMORROW	SUNDAY
12:20 Environmental Studies Seminar Series - Solar Electric Systems	12:00 Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving Meet	2:00 'Mirrors'
4:30 International Pumpkin Carving	1:00 Football Game	
6:00 Pumpkin Carving	7:00 Men's Soccer Game	
7:00 Haunted House	8:00 Dave Goldstein	
7:30 AMA Halloween Bash		
8:00 'Mirrors'		
10:00 SHADES Halloween Costume Party		
11:00 'Mirrors'		

Banner INB & BannerWeb Down Sunday for Upgrades

Both systems will be down this Sunday, Nov. 2, starting around 8 a.m. so that numerous releases and patches can be applied. This process should be completed by late afternoon.

Please feel free to try to access either of the systems anytime after 2 p.m. If you can get in, it is up!

We appreciate your patience as we continue to upgrade and maintain the Banner system at Alfred University.

Denise J Kirschner

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Open Enrollment - All Employees, Monday, Nov. 3-Thursaday, Nov. 20

The Open Enrollment period allows employees to make changes to or enroll in benefits effective Jan. 1, 2009. Unless the employee experiences a "change of family status," this is the only time of year to change these benefits.

The following benefits you may enroll in, drop coverage, or make changes to current level of coverage:

Health Insurance

Life Insurance - The guaranteed issue amount has been increased to \$350,000.

Accident Insurance

Dental Insurance

Vision Plan

Flexible Spending Accounts - You must enroll for the 2009 year to participate in Medical or Dependent Flex Spending.

Assurant Dental has enhanced the maximum amount paid on Family and two-person contracts. Family Share Max allows a family to combine a portion of annual maximums and removes the limitation of individual maximums. For family members who do not reach their annual maximum, a portion of the dollar amount remaining may be used by another enrolled family member for dental treatment.

The Assurant Dental Plan and non-statutory medical plans all have rate increases effective Jan. 1, 2009.

New per pay period rates:

VSP Vision Plan Assurant Dental* Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Preferred Basic POS 203 Traditional 901

Single \$3.20 \$18.92 \$11.36 \$51.84 \$118.18

Two Person \$4.64 \$35.35 \$21.30 n/a n/a

Family \$8.32 \$58.55 \$38.53 \$139.45 \$209.49

Please remember that effective Jan. 1, 2009, the two-employee medical premium rate ends.

The statutory rates for medical insurance have not been released, but should be soon. However, statutory employees wishing to change their coverage may do so now.

There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the Human Resources Conference Room, Greene Hall, with Vicki Pollock of Veracity Benefit Designs. She will be presenting information on the new enhanced coverage offered by Assurant Dental. There will also be information and comparisons of the Non-Statutory Traditional Blue 901 and the Traditional POS 203/ 203+ plans.

There will be two meetings, at 10:10 a.m., ending at 11 and at 2:10 p.m. ending at 3.

Please contact Gail Johnson at 871.2389 or johnsong@alfred.edu if you would like to sign up for a meeting. If you are unable to attend one of the group meetings, please contact Gail to arrange another time that day to meet with Vicki.

If you have any questions or would like to make changes to your coverage, please contact the Human Resources Office.

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E-Billing, E-Payment Process called CASHNet

BEGINNING OCT. 15:

The Student Accounts Office at Alfred University is currently implementing an e-billing and e-payment system. Students and Authorized Users will have access to view their student account statements and daily student account activity online.

Alfred University's "e-commerce" system will offer students and families a safe means of receiving electronic billing statements and a secure method of making Web-based payments.

You are responsible for the set-up of Authorized Users (i.e. mom, dad or another third-party) before they will be able to access your billing information on the CASHNet system. Authorized Users will receive their login information from you, the student, once you have set them up on the system.

Additional information will be available on my.alfred.edu (under Offices; Student Service Center) as it becomes available.

Debra Votava
Student Accounts Manager, Alfred University
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Student Service Center Office hours are 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday.

Attachment: [E-Billing, E-Payment Process Information](#)

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Tonight: Children's Community Halloween Bash

Alfred University's American Marketing Association will be having a Halloween Party for the community youth at the Alfred fire station, Main Street. From 7:30-8:30 p.m., Oct.31

There will be:
Pumpkin Painting, face painting, goody bags, raffles, and more...

This is a FREE event.
Donations are welcomed.
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International Pumpkin Carving

Please join the international Student and Scholar Organization for Halloween pumpkin carving. Cider and donuts will be served. Prizes awarded for the best Jack-O'-Lantern.

Friday, Oct. 31, 4:30 p.m. in the Kenyon Allen Room in the Powell Campus Center. All welcome.

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ISSO Pumpkin Carving

Come and join the international Student and Scholar Organization for Halloween pumpkin carving. Cider and donuts will be served. There are prizes for the best Jack-O'-Lantern.

Date and time: Friday, Oct. 31, 4:30 p.m.
Venue: Kenyon Allen Room in Powell Campus Center
All are welcome. Don't hesitate to bring your friends!

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The Lyceum This Week

On Friday at 3:20 in the McNamara room in Powell Campus Center, the Lyceum will be meeting to discuss the paranormal. Ghosts, demons, and aliens, do they, or could they, walk among us even now?

As always, tasty treats are a sure bet, so come on down to obey the turtle and feed your brain!

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SHADES Halloween Costume PARTY

There's a Halloween Costume Party
on Friday, Oct. 31, 2008
from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.
in the Knight Club

The music will be by DJ Kloud

\$2 with a costume \$3 without a costume

Come on down and party like you should on Halloween!

Location: Knight Club

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ITS Faculty & Staff Training Schedule 11/3 - 11/14

MS Outlook 2007

Tuesday 11/4, 12:20 - 1:10 p.m.

Thursday, 11/13 9:00 - 10 a.m.

Multipoint Interactive Video Conferencing

Thursday 11/6, 1:20 - 2:10 p.m.

Friday 11/14, 9:20 - 10:10 a.m.

Advertise with Alfred Today

Tuesday 11/4, 3:20 - 4:10 p.m.

Turnitin.com Plagiarism Prevention

Thursday 11/6, 9:20 - 10:10 a.m.

Friday 11/14, 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Microsoft Office 2007

Friday 11/7, 10:20 - 11:10 a.m.

Thursday 11/13, 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Blackboard

Friday 11/7, 2:20 - 3:10 p.m.

All trainings will be held in Perlman Hall, room 306. To sign up for one of these sessions, please contact Meghanne Freivald at 871.2363 or via e-mail.

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Environmental Studies Seminar Series - Solar Electric Systems

Brad Berwald, AU Class of 2000, will speak this week on "From Trenton to Timbuktu: Solar Electric Systems On and Off the Grid."

Brad works as a senior sales engineer at Morningstar Corporation, the world's leading supplier of solar controllers and inverters, and has traveled around the globe providing training and solar system design assistance to international clients.

The AU Environmental Studies seminar series is held Fridays in Roon Hall, SCI 247, from 12:20 to 1:10. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

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Last Chance to tryout for AIDS Charity Basketball Team!

Last chance for tryouts for the Basketball Team is this Friday, 10/31/08, in McLane at 8 p.m. See you there!

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Van Design Deadline Almost Here!

Create a design for our AU Campus Tour Van & win a MacBook! We want to use our students' awesome design skills to transform this ordinary silver van into a rolling work of art.

Hundreds of prospective students and their families will experience your artwork as part of their campus tour. The winner will receive a MacBook computer! All entries must be received by Friday, Oct. 31, 2008.

Link: [Design our tour van!](#)

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Attention Pre-health-Related Majors

Are you considering a career in health professions (such as MD, DVM, Dentistry, Physical Therapy, Public Health, etc.)? The Pre-Health Professions Advisory Committee needs to know who you are so that we can help you. Please contact Mark McFadden at mcfaddenm@alfred.edu with the following information:

- 1) your name
- 2) your year in college
- 3) your college
- 4) your major or concentration
- 5) your academic advisor
- 6) the health profession you are considering

We look forward to helping you,

AU Pre-Health Professions Advisory Committee

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AU Rocks Video Contest

Create your own video about how AU Rocks. Show us how your band, club, organization, or friends rock. Rock your AU gear. Reveal how AU Rocks you, or how you Rock AU.

The video should be 2 minutes or less. 1st place - Zune 120GB video mp3; 2nd place - iPod Nano 8GB purple; 3rd place - \$50. Contact Jodi Bailey at baileyj@alfred.edu for more info.
Link: [AU Rocks Video Contest](#)

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November Silent Art Auction

Art Union will be having a Silent Art Auction during the first week of November to benefit underprivileged children of India.

Throughout the month of October, the Art Office on the second floor of Harder Hall will be accepting donations for the auction.

The Auction will be held in the Harder Hall lobby Nov. 5-7. There will be a reception with food at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. The auction bidding will end promptly at 4:30 p.m.

Directly after, at 5 p.m. in Holmes, there will be a Bollywood dance performance by the Middle Eastern Dance Team in honor of the charity; the admission fee of \$2 will also go to the Maya Free School charity.

Link: [Art Union blogger](#)

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Women's Excellence in Leadership Award (WELA)

Now accepting applications! Deadline to apply is Monday, Nov. 3, 2008.

This award recognizes the achievement of one graduating female student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership while attending Alfred and who has made a meaningful impact on the Alfred campus or in the Alfred community. The WELA award-winner will receive financial assistance with a post-college expense, up to a value of \$750.

Please print the attached application, or for more details about the award please contact: The Women's Leadership Center at 607.871.2971 or wlc@alfred.edu.

Attachment: [WELA_APPLICATION_FALL_08.pdf](#)

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Blood Drive Nov. 13

Alfred University Blood Drive
Located at The Knight Club
Thursday, Nov. 13
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Please sign up to donate at www.alfred.givesblood.org

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Student Senate Minutes for Oct. 29, 2008

Hey everyone,

Senate meets every Wednesdays at 8pm in Nevins theatre and the committee meetings are at 7:30 p.m. right before the meeting.

This week there was a revision in wording of what Mr. Earl Pierce spoke about and there was a trustee report.

The announcements Section is important too-so you should check that out too ;-)

Fabulously PINK went well and we hope you all will continue to support our campus events on awareness and issues within our community on campus and off.

Have a GREAT Halloween and a Fabulous weekend from the Senate Executive Board.

PS Don't forget:

*Challah Ween is in the Hillel House on 18 South Main Street starting at 5:30pm (RSVP hillel@alfred.edu)

*The Haunted house in Davis Gym is on friday 7-9pm

*The Halloween Costume Party is on Friday in the Knight Club 10pm-4am We present you DJ Kloud

*Glam Slam is on Saturday at 9:30pm in the Knight Club

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