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TODAY	TOMORROW	THURSDAY
8:30 International Folk Dancing	12:00 Support Staff Meeting with President Edmondson	12:10 Bergren Forum
		5:15 Petpals
		6:00 Open Figure Drawing

Right-to-Know Training (Mandatory), plus BBP and FE

Right-to-Know (Hazcom) training is mandatory for all employees - each year. Training classes will be held on the following dates, times and locations:

Friday, Nov. 7 from 8:20 - 10 a.m.; Kenyon-Allen / Powell Campus Center

Thursday, Nov. 13 from 1:20 - 3 p.m.; Nevins Theater/Powell Campus Center

Tuesday, Dec. 16 from 8:30 - 10 a.m.; Nevins Theater/Powell Campus Center

After RTK, training for Bloodborne Pathogen and Fire Extinguisher will be offered for individuals whose job requires either class.

Don't forget to preregister via e-mail: cartella@alfred.edu or perrydr@alfred.edu or telephone 2196 (Beth) or 3020 (Dean)

Link: [http://](#)

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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 plans, and non-statutory medical plans all have rate increases effective January 1, 2009.

New per pay period rates:

VSP Vision:

Single \$3.20, 2-Person \$4.64, Family \$8.32.

Assurant Dental Basic -

Single \$11.36, Two Person \$21.30,

Family \$38.53

Assurant Dental Preferred -

Single \$18.92, Two Person \$35.35,

Family \$58.55

Blue Cross/Blue Shield POS203/POS203+ - Single \$51.84, Family \$139.45

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Traditional 901 -

Single \$118.18, Family \$209.49

Please remember that effective January 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, November 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 ending at 11:00 and at 2:10 ending at 3:00 p.m. 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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Tips for Speedy Voting on Tuesday, Nov. 4

Voting site for students living on the campus or in the village of Alfred is the Alfred Village Hall, 7 West

University St.

- * Voting hours -- 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- * Vote early in the day if possible.
- * Be sure you are registered in Allegany County for this voting precinct. If uncertain, check with the County Board of Elections (585.268.9294).
- * If you are a first-time registrant here, bring some ID with you.
- * Do you need a ride? Call 587.9145. We'll send a driver to your address.

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Visiting Artists/Speakers Series - Zak Smith

Zak Smith's work moves from sharply rendered poignancy to candy-colored excess.
Location: Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall
Event Date(s): 11/11/2008

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Midnight Express Still Hiring

MIDKNIGHT EXPRESS HAS THE FOLLOWING SHIFTS AVAILABLE:

SUNDAY -- 8-11 p.m.
SUNDAY -- 11 p.m.-CLOSE
MONDAY -- 11 p.m.-CLOSE
TUESDAY -- 11 p.m. CLOSE
WEDNESDAY -- 8-11 p.m.
FRIDAY -- 11 p.m.-CLOSE
SATURDAY -- 11 p.m.-CLOSE

ALL CLOSING SHIFTS HAVE A PAY SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL.

COME AND SIGN UP TODAY AND BE PART OF A GREAT TEAM.

IF INTERESTED E-MAIL FREELAND@ALFRED.EDU OR STOP IN AN SEE THE MANAGER ON DUTY TO SIGN UP.

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Study Skills and Test-taking Workshop Available!

Due to high demand, two more Study Skills and Test-Taking Skills workshops are being offered to ALL AU students.

The goal of the workshop is to teach AU students skills for test-taking and studying at the college level.

Thursday, Nov. 13*
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Seminar Room (106),
Herrick Library

OR

Tuesday, Nov. 18*
2:30-3:30 p.m.
Seminar Room (106),
Herrick Library

* To sign up for the workshop please e-mail AcademicSupport@alfred.edu

Please feel free to contact Dr. Elmore with any further questions 607.871.2148

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Calendar Yearbooks for Sale!

If you are interested in purchasing the 2007 Kanakadea Yearbook (the calendar book you see downtown and in AU offices) for \$5, then please e-mail kanakadea@alfred.edu

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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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Support Staff Meeting with President Edmondson Wednesday

All Support Staff are invited to attend an open meeting with President Edmondson this Wednesday, Nov. 5, from noon-1 p.m. in Nevins Theatre. This is your time to ask questions! If you are shy, you can send your questions to Nancy Freelove, freelove@alfred.edu.

This event is sponsored by the Support Staff Council.

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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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Do You Need to Learn Basic Computer Skills?

ITS is now offering a one-on-one training which includes basic computer operation, word processing, e-mail, and Internet use. Each training session will be tailored to the participant's individual needs.

This training is intended for faculty and staff with limited or no computer experience. Sessions are available Monday through Friday, by appointment. If you are interested, please contact Meghanne Freivald at 871.2363.

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Owens Corning Diversity Leadership Conference

The Career Development Center is pleased to announce applications are now being accepted for the 6th Annual Diversity Leadership Conference sponsored by Owens Corning.

Owens Corning, a global leader in the building materials and composites industries, is eager to identify students to participate in our Sixth Annual Diversity Leadership Conference. The purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity for talented young men and women to enhance their knowledge and understanding of leadership and corporate values through workshops and exercises.

The conference will take place Jan. 29 - 31, 2009, at the Owens Corning World Headquarters in Toledo, Ohio. Transportation, lodging, and training materials for each student will be provided.

Must have sophomore or junior standing; majoring in business or engineering.

Only 25 students from campuses throughout the United States will be accepted. The past few years Alfred University has had 2-3 students attend this event.

It is a fantastic addition to any resume and all expenses are covered if you are accepted.

Complete information including agenda and application process are in the attached document. Applications due by Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008 with notifications completed early December 2008.

Link: [Owens Corning Diversity Leadership Website](#)

Attachment: [Owens Corning Diversity Leadership Information](#)

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Overhead Transparency Projector Needed for Holmes Auditorium

The overhead transparency projector in Holmes Auditorium is currently broken. If you have one that you are willing to give up, please contact Anton Flint at 871.2099.

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CASHNet eCommerce System is Now Live!

After a short delay, our new paperless electronic Billing and Payment site for Alfred University Students, hosted by "CASHNet" is now live!

Students, log into BannerWeb to access the billing and payment site. The link to connect to CASHNet

is on the Student Services page. Please log in to give anyone that may need to see your bill access. They will ONLY be able to have access to the CASHNet information, not any other information posted on BannerWeb.

For Parents and Authorized Users - Once a person is listed as an Authorized User for a student at Alfred University, They will receive the User Name and password to access the CASHNet System by e-mail. The CASHNet website will have bills posted for your student account during the next billing cycle. The site also has payment links for a secure and convenient way to pay your student account balance.

The Student Accounts Office at Alfred University will do everything we can to make the transition to "paperless" as easy as possible for everyone in our Student Accounts System. As always, if you need to contact us, please send an email (do not include confidential information in the email) and we will respond to you as soon as possible.

Student Accounts Office
Student Service Center, Seidlin Hall
stuacct@alfred.edu

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Holiday Classes at the Wellsville Creative Arts Center

Give a gift from the Heart with Holiday Classes at the Wellsville Creative Arts Center.

Whether decorating your own home for the holidays or creating one of a kind gifts for friends and family, the Wellsville Creative Arts Center has something for everyone. The WCAC has four, one-day workshops to choose from:

- Holiday Floral Arrangement w/ Tami Maglier
Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008 (11 a.m.-1 p.m.)
- Thanksgiving Ceramic Basket w/ Marsha Van Vlack
Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)
- Holiday Decorative Ceramic Planter w/ Marsha Van Vlack
Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)
- Holiday Clay Coil Pot w/ Clay with Marsha Van Vlack
Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)

For more information about these and other workshops, please visit the WCAC's website at www.WellsvilleCreativeArt... <<http://www.wellsvillecrea...>> or call 585-593-3000

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