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# What's Happening?

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TODAY TOMORROW SATURDAY

# **Student Service Center Closed Friday!**

The Student Service Center will be Closed on Friday, August 3rd due to a Power Shutdown.

We will reopen on Monday, August 6th at 8:00 am and will reply to email and phone calls at that time. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Submitted by: Amanda Azzi

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### **Opening Convocation 2018**

On Friday, August 24, 2018 at 10:00 am in the McLane Gymnasium we will hold the wonderful tradition of welcoming our first year students to Alfred University at our Opening Convocation Ceremony. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend this exciting occasion. Please feel free to contact Meghan Dwyer in the Office of the Provost with any questions.

Submitted by: Meghan Dwyer

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# Alfred Ceramic Art Museum temporarily closed for Installation

Alfred Ceramic Art Museum will be closed to the public from July 29 until classes begin for the installation of the exhibition Reclaiming Splendor: Ceramic Design by Chunmao Huang.

Museum offices are open and tours of the collection for VIP visitors can be scheduled in advance by calling (607) 871-2421

Link: Alfred Ceramic Art Museum website

Submitted by: Caitlin Brown

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## Updated obituary for Zoe Coombs: change in time, place for memorial service

ALFRED - Zo S. Coombs, 85, passed away Monday (July 23, 2018) at Noyes Memorial Hospital in Dansville following a brief illness.

Mrs. Coombs was born on Aug. 8, 1932 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada to William Watson and Katinka Raimondi (Young) Southam. In 1955, she married Neal Philip Coombs, who predeceased her on Dec. 16, 1986. She earned her B.A. in History from Alfred University in 1985.

Zo worked as a secretary for Alfred University for 17 years until her retirement in 1995.

Zo is survived by one son, Kevin M. (Barbara) Coombs of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; one brother, Peter Y. (Elsa) Southam of Toronto, Ontario, Canada; two grandsons, Daniel T. (Sherilyn) Coombs and William M. (Elizabeth Dow) Coombs, both of Winnipeg; two half-brothers, Kenneth Southam and Brian Southan; one half-sister, Brenda Seasons; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a daughter, Sherryl Coombs; a sister, Patricia M. Southam O'Sullivan; and a half-brother, Michael Southam.

- Zo lived a busy and very active life. In her early years she was an avid sportswoman, playing basketball in high school, volleyball in college and was an excellent tennis player. She was a voracious reader of all kinds of literature, especially mysteries. She loved food, wine and the next adventure, all of which dovetailed perfectly with her desire to tour the world. Zo traveled to 44 different countries during her adventures.
- Zo was an accomplished seamstress and enjoyed knitting. In later years she took up weaving, quilting and gardening. It wasn't by accident that she was Co-President of Fortnightly Garden Club of Hornell and was a member of the Knitwits Knitting Group.
- Zo was also very civic minded. She was a member of the Allegany Bird Club, the Alfred Historical Society and the Alfred Wee Playhouse. As a mother, Zo encouraged this same civic mindedness in her children and nurtured them to grow and develop their own independence and to spread their wings.

Per her wishes, there will be no prior visitation. A Celebration of Her Life will be held on Saturday (Aug. 4) at 1:30 p.m. at the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church in Alfred with Rev. Patricia Bancroft, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Baker-Swan Funeral Home in Andover. Online condolences may be offered at <a href="https://www.baker-swan.com">www.baker-swan.com</a>.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to all her caregivers who helped her during her courageous battle with cancer. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Zo \$\ddots\$'s name may be made to Allegany County Cancer Services, Attn: Lori Ballengee, 100 South Highland Ave., Wellsville, NY 14895.

Submitted by: Susan Goetschius

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#### **TIAA Financial Essentials Webinar**

August 8, 2018 at 12:00 pm (ET) TIAA will host a webinar, that is free to members.

You've likely heard repeatedly throughout your career how important it is to save for retirement. However, as the day approaches, there are additional questions you'll have to ask yourself. Am I overexposed to market losses? Will I outlive my money? Am I confident that I can retire on my terms?

In retirement-and the years leading up to it-protecting your savings becomes just as important as growing it. Join us to learn how to create your own personal pension\* with TIAA Traditional, offered by Teachers.

Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA).

Link: TIAA Webinar Link

Attachment: TIAA Attachement
Submitted by: Kayleigh Misner

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#### **Instrumental Music Ensembles**

The Department of Music at Alfred University has three instrumental ensembles that are looking for new members. All are welcome to join whether you are a student, faculty, staff, or community member. No auditions necessary, and there instruments are available if you do not own your own. If you would like to join or have any questions please contact the director of the ensemble:

MUSC 275 - University Symphony Orchestra

Under Dr. Lisa Lantz (lantz@alfred.edu)

MUSC 274 - Jazz Ensemble

Under Mr. Dustin Woodard (Woodard@alfred.edu)

MUSC 273 - Symphonic Band

Under Mr. Dustin Woodard (Woodard@alfred.edu)

Submitted by: Dustin Woodard

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## **Music Lessons**

The Department of Music at Alfred University offers a variety of music lessons for Voice, Guitar,, Piano, Percussion, Strings, Brass, and Woodwinds.

There are beginning lessons which are 30 minutes a week and only \$300 a semester. And there are advanced lessons, 60 minutes a week and \$600 a semester. Cost for lessons can be added to your tuition.

Sign up for MUSC 101-108 or 301-308.

Submitted by: Dustin Woodard

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## HR Tip of the Month

Did you know that if you are a regular full time or part time employee of AU that you have Bereavement time available to you immediately after hire?

Up to five paid days of Bereavement Leave are provided to allow the employee to mourn and otherwise attend to the death of an immediate family member. Immediate family members are defined

to include: spouse or spousal equivalent; child, stepchild, or grandchild; grandparent or parent; sibling; or parent-, son-, daughter- or sibling-in-law.

One work day of Bereavement Leave is provided to allow the employee to mourn the death of a cousin, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew.

Time awarded for Bereavement Leave will be pro-rated for regular employees who work less than full-time.

Bereavement should be recorded on the time sheet as excused time with a comment in the comments section. If you normally work 7 hours a day, you put 7 hours under excused time for the days that you missed. If the days that you missed surpass what is allotted, you will code that time as vacation/personal/floating holiday/merit time.

Submitted by: Kayleigh Misner

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