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TODAY	TOMORROW	SATURDAY
10:00 Walk-In Hours - Career Development Center	12:00 Learn to Make PAPER	1:00 Men's Lacrosse @Home
11:30 Saxon Swap Open on Thursdays	Community Good Friday Service	Women's Lacrosse - Away
12:00 Learn to Make PAPER	12:20 Chemistry Talk by Dr. Matt Baker	Softball - Away
12:10 Bergren Forum - 'Endeavors in Art and Agriculture'	5:00 Fundraising Dinner for the SPCA	9:00 Glam Slam -Dance
12:20 Wit and Wisdom Presentation by Cassandra Bull	· Outdoor Track - Away	· Outdoor Track @Alfred State
3:00 Softball - Away		· Outdoor Track - Away
5:30 Smashed		
A Global Awareness Roundtable: Can you Belize it?		
7:00 Foreign Language Placement Exam		
· Outdoor Track - Away		

### **Middle States Monitoring Report and Upcoming Team Visit**

Last year at about this time AU was hosting a visiting team from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. This was part of our decennial reaccreditation, which included evaluation of the University's comprehensive self-study. In late June the Commission ruled on the visiting team's report. The specific result of that ruling was that AU was required to submit a monitoring report to the Commission, and host another team visit this spring.

The monitoring report has been submitted to the Commission, and we are now in preparation for hosting a small team from the Commission April 13-15. After meeting with various campus constituencies, the team will report out its initial findings at an open meeting on April 15th.

Between now and the arrival of the visiting team, you may want to familiarize yourself with the monitoring report. While the majority of campus personnel will not be in meetings with the visiting team, simply due to a compressed schedule, it is nonetheless important that you are aware of the issues raised and our responses to those issues. You can find the monitoring report at the link below. It is a large file (12MB) and in order to have full functionality of the PDF document it's recommended you save it to your computer. Please note an AU login will be required.

If you have any questions regarding the report, or your participation in the team visit, please do not hesitate to ask. It is in all of our best interests to be well informed and ready for these next steps in our accreditation.

Dr. Rick Stephens  
Provost and VPAA

Link: [AU Monitoring Report](#)

Submitted by: Barbara Timbrook

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### **Do You Understand Your Rights Under FMLA?**

The Wage and Hour Division of the NYS Department of Labor has produced an Employee Guide we would like to share with you to help you better understand your rights under this important law.

Also attached is a link to a Medical Leave Responsibilities Checklist to help further define who is expected to do what in a time of Medical Leave.

Link: [Medical Leave Responsibilities Checklist](#)

Attachment: [FMLA Employee Guide](#)

Submitted by: Kathy Costello

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### **Support Staff Performance Evaluations - Date Change**

Recently the Office of Human Resources sent out the annual evaluation notice for Support Staff with a requested due date of April 19, 2015. The deadline for submitting these evaluations should have been June 15, 2015.

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. Please feel free to contact Human Resources if you have any questions regarding the performance evaluation process or if you directly oversee support staff and did not receive the email notification last month.

Submitted by: Mark Guinan

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### Junior Discovery Day with Admissions

The Office of Admissions is hosting an open house for high school juniors on Thursday, April 2. We are expecting over 100 families on campus for the day. The program will begin at 12:30 p.m. and conclude around 4:30 p.m. Please join us in welcoming these prospective students and their families to campus!

Attachment: [Junior\\_Discovery\\_Day\\_Schedule.doc](#)

Submitted by: Kristen Vargason

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### Foreign Language Placement Exam Today

Foreign Language Placement Exam TODAY  
Thursday, April 2, 2015  
114 Seidlin Hall  
7 - 8 p.m.

Exams are given in French, German, and Spanish.

Who needs to take the Placement Exam?

- \* Students who have taken more than two years of a language in high school and who intend to take the same language at AU must take the exam.
- \* Students who are bilingual or native speakers or who have spoken the language at home.
- \* Students do NOT need to take the exam if they did not study a language previously or if they are planning to take a different language in college.
- \* Students who wish to demonstrate proficiency in another language should contact Dr. Kerry Kautzman about procedures.

\*Please remember to bring your student ID and a #2 pencil.\*

Submitted by: Michele Gaffney

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### Health & Wellness Center and Fitness Center Closed Sunday

The Health & Wellness Center and McLane Fitness Center will be closed this Sunday, April 5th. Regular Hours will resume Monday, 4/6

Submitted by: Tony Aquilina

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### Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny Visit

Friday, April 3rd at 3:30 at the Mike Kenyon Park, the Alfred Box of Books Library and the Almond Library present the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year the Oldies Radio WJQZ, Easter Bunny will be coming as well. The hunt will start promptly at 3:30!

Submitted by: Eliza Ordway

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### Support Staff...King Alfred Wants YOU!

The Support Staff Council is looking for new members to join the Support Staff Council. Please see the attached flyer and contact one of us for any inquiries.

Attachment: [Recruitment\\_Flyer.pdf](#)

Submitted by: Cheryl Foster

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### Mentors Needed!

The Saxon Sidekicks program is looking for mentors for the coming year! Would you like to learn how to be an effective mentor? Want to give back to the Alfred University Community? You can do this by helping first year students adjust to college life here at Alfred Community. Sign up today!!

Link: [Apply Here](#)

Attachment: [Poster](#)

Submitted by: Saxon Sidekicks

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### Drum Circle is Saturday

There will be a drum circle this Saturday in the Rod Brown Acting Studio at 3pm. The room is located in Miller Hall level 2 directly straight from the main walkway.

If you have a desire to drum, sing or dance we would love to have you. Feel free to bring your own drum if you have one.

If you have any questions you can contact Dustin Woodard ([woodard@alfred.edu](mailto:woodard@alfred.edu))

Submitted by: Susan Goetschius

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### Meet the Renewable Energy Engineering Candidate

Dr. Michelle Lim, Renewable Energy Engineering candidate will present "Optimization of Sizing and Placement of Energy Storage Systems on an Islanded Grid with High Penetration of Renewables" on Friday, April 3, 2015 at 2:20 PM in 106 Binns-Merrill Hall. Please attend.

Submitted by: Rosalie DiRaimondo

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### **AU Scholarship Opportunity**

Education or Engineering Scholarship - School of Engineering majors (one scholarship award estimated value of \$800) and Childhood Education (Pre-K-6th grade) majors (one scholarship award estimated value \$800). Application deadline is Monday, April 6, 2015.

NYS residents (residing in one of the Home Bureau's chapter counties), United States citizens, and full-time undergraduates --- you may wish to consider applying for the 2015-16 AU/NYS Federation of Home Bureaus, Inc., scholarship.

Open the attachment for more details and application.

Attachment: [Scholarship Application & Details](#)

Submitted by: Catherine Schnurle

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### **A Global Awareness Roundtable: Can you Belize it? We did!**

Lauren Schramm, Megan Coats, Jordan Simpson, and Vienna Johnson will be discussing their nine-day Biology Study Abroad experience in Belize. Come join us for a fun-filled hour of interesting stories and enthusiastic recollections! Free refreshments will be served.

April 2nd at 5:30pm. Knight Club.

Submitted by: Christopher Churchill

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### **Bergren Forum - 'Endeavors in Art and Agriculture'**

The Bergren Forum sponsored by the Division of Human Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Provost's Office will be meeting on Thursday, April 2 at 12:10 p.m. in Seidlin Hall 114.

Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

Speaker: Cassandra Bull

Topic: "131: Endeavors in Art and Agriculture"

Cassandra Bull, a fine arts major at AU and an agricultural technology major at ASC, is the winner of this year's Phi Beta Kappa Wit and Wisdom Award. She will discuss her experience of spending 24 hours with a cow and how this became a part of her interdisciplinary attitude towards art, agriculture, and the ethics of dairy.

PLEASE NOTE:  
THIS FORUM WILL MEET IN SEIDLIN HALL 114.

Submitted by: Marilyn Saxton

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### Virtual Career Fair!

The Career Development Center will host the annual Virtual Career Fair, taking place from Monday, April 13-Friday, April 17, on the Saxon JobLink. Employers will be seeking full-time, internship, and co-op candidates for a variety of positions.

To check them out and apply:

1. Go to Saxon JobLink on the main CDC page - [www.alfred.edu/cdc](http://www.alfred.edu/cdc) - and click Student or Alumni Saxon JobLink Login.
2. Once logged in, Click "documents" tab to upload your resume.
3. Click on the "Home" tab when finished.
4. Click "Campus Interviews I Qualify For" on the right.
5. Locate the postings you are interested in, click "Apply", and select the resume you just uploaded.

Submitted by: Jill Crandall

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### Chemistry Talk "Design and Applications of Stimuli-Response Systems"

Chemistry Seminar by Dr. Matt Baker, Assistant Professor of Organic Chemistry at Westminster College (AU '2009).

Come enjoy an interesting and informative talk held in Myer's Hall Rm. 228 at 12:20pm this Friday April 3rd.

Bring a friend! All are welcome !

Pizza and drinks during a Q&A luncheon while it lasts!

Submitted by: Bailey Grillo

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