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ITS Resources Available During Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Review this guide for tools to work remotely, how to forward your phone, online faculty support and teaching plans, find out where software for classes and on-campus resources are available, who to ask for help, communication tools and much more.

- Emergency Online Faculty Support
- Emergency Teaching Plans
- Tools Supported by Information Technology Services
- Software Availability
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Link: [ITS Resources](#)

Submitted by: Judy Linza

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HR Tip of the Month

Are you an employee who has a medical flexible spending account with the University? There have been some changes to eligible expenses with Flex Spending plans.

The CARES Act passed on March 27, 2020 allows OTC Drugs and Medicines to be purchased from health accounts without a prescription.

What to know:

OTC Drugs and Medicines purchased on 1/1/2020 or later are eligible for reimbursement from FSAs. View [Sample List of Eligible OTC Items](#) in the link below.

Initially, you will need to submit a claim to be reimbursed for these expenses. Claims can be submitted online or through the BRiMobile app.

Within 1-3 months, merchants will begin to update their systems to identify these additional OTC items. Once that has occurred, you will be able to use your Beniversal Prepaid Mastercard for purchases directly.

For directions on how to set up an online account, please visit the AU HR webpage for Flexible Spending <https://my.alfred.edu/hum...>

Link: [OTC Eligible Items](#)

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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Years of Service Recognition

The Employee Recognition Committee would like to announce Years of Service dates for the month of May 2020. The Committee will be observing years 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50.

At Alfred University, we realize that our employees are our greatest asset, and we are delighted to honor your dedicated service and commitment to this organization. It is our employees who uphold our principles, demonstrate our vision of working for a better future for our University, deliver on our customer promise and make us the passionate organization we are today.

The success of our organization is a direct result of your efforts and dedication. Your commitment to quality and personal and professional integrity is the differentiating factor that sets us apart from our competition.

On behalf of Alfred University, it is with great pride and admiration that we congratulate you on this service anniversary milestone.

Celebrating 5 Years of Service:

May 7- Patty Barber- Payroll Associate- HR/Payroll

May 18- Brian Newman- Shipping & Receiving Clerk- Mail Room

Celebrating 15 Years of Service:

May 23- Marty Fuller- Bookkeeper- Business Office

Celebrating 20 Years of Service:

May 22- Janine Mosher- Associate Director- Financial Aid

Celebrating 30 Years of Service:

May 14- Swavek Zdzieszynski- X-Ray Specialist- Inamori School of Engineering

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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Filing Weekly for Unemployment Reminder

This post is just a reminder that once you have filed for Unemployment you have an obligation to claim weekly benefits for each week that you are unemployed and meet the eligibility requirements. This is also called "certifying for benefits." You are confirming that you were unemployed for all or part of the past week and that you met all other conditions of receiving benefits.

You can claim weekly benefits (certify for benefits) on the Unemployment website. Go to

labor.ny.gov/signin. Enter your NY.gov username and password. Click the "Unemployment Services" button on the My Online Services page, and then click "Claim Weekly Benefits" and follow the instructions.

You can also claim weekly benefits by calling the Tel-Service toll-free, automated phone system at 888-581-5812. You will be asked to answer a series of questions, and then you will be asked to confirm that all of your answers are true and correct. When you say yes or press 1 to answer this question, it is the same as signing a document. This is because only you know the PIN you created when filing your claim. Important: Do not give anyone your PIN, not even a family member. Only you can claim weekly benefits.

For the purposes of Unemployment Insurance, a week runs from Monday to Sunday. You must file your claim for the previous week on the last day of that week (Sunday) through the following Saturday. This is called the claim window. Any certification made on a Sunday is for the week ending that day.

For more information, please click the link below to read the Unemployment Insurance Handbook.

Link: [Unemployment Insurance Handbook](#)

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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BFA and MFA Artwork Online

Alfred University's School of Art & Design at the New York State College of Ceramics is pleased to present a website featuring the work of the 2020 Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts degree candidates.

Both BFA and MFA exhibitions, are an important way in which Alfred University celebrates the achievements of our students. There is something incredibly special about transforming the campus buildings every April and May to present capstone achievements within the buildings in which they were made. But we belong to a new reality. This year, amidst the COVID-19 crisis, physical exhibitions could not happen.

We celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates differently this year. Our Seniors and graduate students partnered with faculty and staff to pivot these presentations to an online platform. Their insight and critique helped to produce the first year of many, online presentations of thesis work. While the in-person experience of walking through the exhibitions cannot be replaced, supplemental online presentations will give access to those outside this valley, and for years to come.

Work made for these exhibitions has been finished to the degree possible, photographed and presented virtually through this dedicated website. The images represent the culmination of these students' intensive training and study in studio art practices. Despite unprecedented circumstances, these students are realizing their degree exhibitions and we are honored to share their efforts.

Our School of Art & Design began as the New York State College of Clayworking in 1900. Never have we had to close our doors to our students, and never have our students had to face the challenge of mounting a thesis exhibition without studio to finish work or gallery to exhibit in. To call this a disappointment is a vast understatement and does little to acknowledge all they have invested and envisioned. To the degree possible, exhibitions by the class of 2020 are planned to take place in our galleries in the late fall 2020.

Thesis season in Alfred is beloved, and is a major attraction for art lovers, who are drawn to Alfred for the opportunity to see work by some of the country's most promising young artists. This showcase of work by the candidates for the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree from Alfred University's School of Art & Design represents a diverse number of mediums and genres including ceramics, painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, video, sonic arts, interactive media, interactive graphic design and drawing. Candidates for Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degrees in Ceramic Art, Sculpture & Dimensional Studies, Painting and Electronic Integrated Arts are presented here as well.

Link: [Thesis Exhibitions](#)

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Provost Candidate Presentations May 28 and 29

Provost candidate presentations are Thursday and Friday at 2 pm. You will find links to the presentations, feedback forms and CVs for all four candidates at <https://my.alfred.edu/aut...>

Feedback surveys close at 5 pm, Sunday May 31. Participation is completely voluntary.

Link: [Provost Search Information Page](#)

Submitted by: Mark Lewis

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Faculty Enrollment In MFA (October 2020)

In Spring semester 2019, ITS enrolled all students in email Multifactor Authentication (MFA)...and followed up by enrolling all non-faculty employees in MFA in Fall semester 2019.

This coming Fall semester (Mid-October 2020), we will enroll all Alfred University faculty in email Multifactor Authentication.

Multifactor Authentication (MFA) is a significant deterrent to unauthorized email access...even when the password has been compromised. MFA is often described as "Something you know, and something you own." The something you know is the password portion ...and in our particular case, something you own will be a mobile device.

During the enrollment process in mid-October, faculty will be redirected to a Web page that will require them to register a mobile number where they can receive a call, text or notification to a phone based authenticator application (perhaps the easiest method of MFA). The enrollment process will take only a few minutes and will require that the employee have their mobile phones available on the day of enrollment. After they have registered that phone, they will be sent a call, text message or authenticator application notification whenever they login from off-campus. If an employee is on-campus, there will be no need for an additional authentication (other than the password).

The entire process is similar to the way banks secure login attempts to online financial sites. If you would like to complete the process before October 2020, please feel free to pre-enroll at: <https://my.alfred.edu/inf...>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the ITS Helpdesk at 871-2222 or helpdesk@alfred.edu.

Submitted by: Gary Roberts

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