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**What's Happening?**[More Events...](#)**TODAY**

11:10 Faculty & Staff Bible Study (Students also welcome)

**TOMORROW**

11:10 Bergren Forum - "Culture and Climate Change in Svalbard, Norway: Coal Yields to Tourists and Science in

**FRIDAY**

3:30 Visiting Artist Lecture, Livia Corona Benjamin

### New York State Paid Family Leave Changes for 2019

The PFL benefit rate will increase from 50% to 55% of an employee's average weekly wage, up to the weekly maximum of \$746.41, for a maximum of 10 weeks (subject to the 52-week lookback). The weekly maximum benefit rate is based on 55% of the state's average weekly wage of \$1,357.11 for 2019.

The contribution rate for employees will also increase in 2019 from .00126% to .00153% of gross wages. The maximum annual employee PFL contribution for 2019 will be \$107.97, up from \$85.56 in 2018.

For example, in 2019, an employee who makes \$1,000 a week would receive a benefit of \$550 a week (55% of \$1,000). Another employee who makes \$2,000 a week would receive a benefit of \$746.41, because this employee is capped at one-half of New York State's Average Weekly Wage (NYS AWW) of \$1,357.11.

Questions regarding this leave and how you can qualify for this leave, please contact Kayleigh Misner, HR Generalist.

Link: [FAQ's of PFL](#)

Attachment: [PFL Changes in Chart 2018 vs. 2019](#)

Submitted by: Kayleigh Misner

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### Upcoming Spring Registration: Run a Degree Evaluation

Be sure to run a degree evaluation to check your progress towards earning your degree.

~Run one before you register to see what courses you need.

~Run one after you get registered to be sure the courses are being used/applied toward your degree.

If they don't you could have financial aid issues.

~Be sure to work with your advisor.

~Consider Allen Term and Summer courses if you need to make up courses in order to graduate on time.

Follow the url link to our How to Videos and/or work instructions.

Link: [Link for How to Instructions](#)

Submitted by: Tammy Jursza Williams

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### Fall Open House with Admissions

The Office of Admissions will be hosting our final Fall Open House for prospective students and their families this Saturday, November 10.

Registration will begin at 9:30 am in Harder Hall. After registration, families will attend a welcome session, participate in an Academic and Co-Curricular Fair, have lunch in Ade Dining Hall and participate in various tours/demonstrations prior to their departure. Should you have any questions, please contact Admissions at x2115.

Attachment: [Schedule of Events](#)

Submitted by: Michelle Pomeroy

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### **Free meal at Ade with donation of a pair of shoes!**

You can receive a free meal at Ade Hall if you bring a pair of shoes to donate to the Navajo Water Project! We are trying to collect 2500 pairs of new or used shoes (must be wearable) by the end of the semester to meet a challenge by Funds2Orgs. They will donate \$1000 to the Navajo Water Project if we collect 2500 pairs by the end of the semester. Dining Servies has graciously offered to provide a free meal at Ade if you bring a pair of shoes with you to donate! Go enjoy a great meal and help a great cause!

Submitted by: Michele Hluchy

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### **We want the shoes off of your feet!**

The Alfred Navajo Water Project is collecting shoes for our fundraising drive. \$1000 will be donated to our fund drive if we collect 2500 pairs of new or gently used shoes, sandals, boots, flipflops, whatever by the end of the semester. Collection boxes can be found at Alfred Pharmacy, Alfred Community Bank, Alfred Steuben Trust, Kimberleys hair salon, The Union University Church center in Alfred, the Powell Campus Center, and the Leadership center already. We will also put boxes out in some of the academic buildings....want a box in your area? Let us know! You know you have shoes in your closet you don't wear! The shoes, ultimately, go to less developed countries such as Haiti and Honduras. Help us meet our goal of 2500 pairs. Ask your friends, family, relatives, strangers on the street for their unwanted shoes!

Submitted by: Michele Hluchy

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### **Accounts Payable Check Payments-Thanksgiving**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no Accounts Payable check run the week of November 19th. There will be a check run on Thursday November 15th and again on Thursday November 29th. Please plan accordingly and have your invoices to the Business Office the Monday before the check run. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at 871.2128.

Submitted by: Jodi Howe

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### **Navajo Lunch!**

The Water Planet FYE class will be making and selling lunch at the Community Table in Powell Campus Center on Friday, November 9 from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. On the menu are Navajo fry bread, Navajo tacos, and Navajo corn cakes. Come buy a delicious lunch and support the Navajo Water Project.

Submitted by: Michele Hluchy

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### ARGUS Proposals ♦ Spring Funding

Interested in obtaining funding for a research project?

Proposals for Spring 2019 funding from the Alfred Research Grants for Undergraduate Students (ARGUS) program are due by midnight Friday, November 16. Instructions for preparing and submitting a proposal and the supporting application materials can be found at the link below. Please be aware that proposals not following the required format will be returned without review.

If you have questions, email Dr. Fred Beaudry ([beaudry@alfred.edu](mailto:beaudry@alfred.edu)).

Link: [ARGUS application information](#)

Submitted by: Frederic Beaudry

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### Shoe drive for charity!

The Navajo Water Project, an initiative to raise funds to install clean, running water systems in homes on the Navajo reservation in New Mexico, will be sponsoring a shoe drive. Why shoes, you ask? An organization that sends shoes to countries such as Haiti and Honduras will contribute \$1000 to our fund-raising drive if we collect 2500 pairs of shoes by Dec. 22. The shoes must be wearable....they can be used or new, but must be wearable. Sandals, sneakers, even flip flops, are all ok to donate! Collection boxes will be placed at the following locations: Powell Campus Center (in the hallway toward the mailroom), Alfred Pharmacy, Community Bank in Alfred, Steuben Trust in Alfred, Kimberly's Hair Salon, and the Union University Church center, and possibly some more locations on campus. So take this opportunity to clean out your closet and donate your shoes for a good cause. Also, a donation of shoes will get you into the last home AU varsity football game on Nov 3 for free. So bring a pair of shoes to the game and get the ticket price waived! Any questions, email Michele Hluchy at [fhluchy@alfred.edu](mailto:fhluchy@alfred.edu).

Submitted by: Michele Hluchy

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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](mailto:lantz@alfred.edu))

MUSC 274 - Jazz Ensemble

Under Mr. Dustin Woodard ([Woodard@alfred.edu](mailto:Woodard@alfred.edu))

MUSC 273 - Concert Band

Under Mr. Dustin Woodard ([Woodard@alfred.edu](mailto:Woodard@alfred.edu))

Submitted by: Dustin Woodard

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### **Ride Board**

Need a ride home or back to campus from break? Search for a ride or post a ride that you can offer to someone else.

Link: [Ride Board](#)

Submitted by: Judy Linza

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### **Final Answer? Team Trivia Night at Herrick Library Saturday, Nov. 10!**

The Final Team Trivia Night of the fall semester will be held from 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm on Saturday, November 10 at Herrick Library's Bookend Lounge. Bring your friends and compete for prizes!

The veteran Team Trivia Host Mike Allen has all the right answers for an entertaining, thought-provoking, brain-draining evening of fun.

Throw in the free pizza and soda, milk and cookies, and you've got the makings of an inexpensive date.

Groups are welcome to compete as a team; individuals are also welcome to play either solo or to join others to compete for the prizes awarded to the top teams.

The event is free and open to all.

Submitted by: David Snyder

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### **The Saxon Bike Hub is Open!**

The Saxon Bike Hub is open for business. See the attached flyer!

Hours:

- Tue - Fri: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

- Sat - Mon: Closed

Come by and see us!

Attachment: [Flyer - The Saxon Bike Hub](#)

Submitted by: Liam Saccucci-Bryan

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### **Visiting Artist Lecture, Livia Corona Benjamin**

Date of Event: Friday, November 9

Time of Event: 4:30 pm

Location of Event: Nevins Theater

Cost: Free and open to the public.

Sponsored by: Division of Drawing, Painting and Photography

The Division of Drawing, Painting and Photography is pleased to present visiting artist Livia Corona Benjamin. Livia's work moves fluidly between sculpture and photography, exploring architectural structures and their roll in agriculture, history and cultural identity. In her ongoing series Infinite Rewrite, Livia employs analog manipulation in the color darkroom. She carefully breaks down black and white images of grain silos found throughout the Mexican Republic into colorful patterns that vibrate. Each handmade image allows a glimpse of the original structure and creates a disorienting typology.

Livia Corona Benjamin lives and works between New York, Mexico City and Ensenada, Baja California. She was born in Mexico. Corona Benjamin is a Guggenheim Fellow and a twice honored recipient of a SNCA Endowment for the Arts, granted by Mexico's Commission of Arts and Culture. Her works have been exhibited worldwide including LACMA, Los Angeles; New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York; Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City; Institut Valencià d'Art Modern, Spain; Palais des Beaux-Arts, Bruxelles, Belgium; Ballroom Marfa, Texas; Fundació Joan Miró, Palma de Mallorca, Spain; København's Museum, Denmark; and the exhibition Pacha, Llaqta, Wasichay: Indigenous Space, Modern Architecture, New Art, recently on view at the Whitney Museum of American Arts.

Submitted by: SOAD Events

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### **Murder Mystery Dinner: The Death of a Bachelor**

The criminal justice club will be having their 4th annual murder mystery dinner: the death of a bachelor! The event is \$5, business casual attire in the Knight Club on Wednesday, November 7 at 6:30 pm. Price includes dinner, dessert, and the interactive mystery game. Tickets are limited to the first 50 people so rsvp or pay in advance by contacting the club at [criminaljustice@alfred.edu](mailto:criminaljustice@alfred.edu)

Submitted by: Dillon Smith

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### **Accessibility Group**

In collaboration with Information Technology Services, The Center for Academic Success is seeking students, faculty, and staff who are interested in helping to determine accessibility of Alfred University's portal website ([my.alfred.edu](http://my.alfred.edu)) for individuals with disabilities. If you are interested in helping with this project or learning more please follow this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/s8bb...>

Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/s8bbMUj5hHXriacP2>

Submitted by: Center for Academic Success (CAS)

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### **Take the NaNoWriMo Challenge**

Ever wanted to write a book? Take the NaNoWriMo challenge to write a 50,000 word novel in one month. Join in Friday, November 16 at 7:00 pm in the BookEnd Cafe of Herrick Library for an evening of creative writing, discussion, and share your story!

Link: [NaNoWriMo](#)

Attachment: [NaNoWriMo Flyer](#)

Submitted by: Gina Lombardi

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### **NOW HIRING | Resident Assistants for Fall 2019-2020**

We will be hiring Resident Assistants for the Fall 2019-Spring 2020 academic year! Applications will be available on Monday, October 29th until Thursday, January 3 on AUConnect.

Group Process and Interview will take place on Saturday, February 9th, 2019. Interest Sessions are recommended and will be in Residence Halls across campus starting November 5th until November 30th. Please see other posters for details.

Any and all questions can be sent to Lacey Gosnell at [gosnell@alfred.edu](mailto:gosnell@alfred.edu).

Link: [New Resident Assistant Application](#)

Submitted by: Lacey Gosnell

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### **Mark Thomas Gibson**

Mark Thomas Gibson  
Visiting Artist- Graphic Novelist and Painter  
Lecture Friday, November 9  
Nevins Theater 5:45 pm

Painter and graphic novelist Mark Thomas Gibson will lecture on his work Friday November 9th at 5:45pm in Nevins Theater. Gibson uses the language of comic books as a tool for social justice. His work involves graphic novels, consisting of black and white pen drawings, and colorful paintings developed from imagery chosen from his books. He is represented by Fredricks and Freiser Gallery in New York.

This lecture is sponsored by the Division of Drawing, Painting and Photography.

Submitted by: SOAD Events

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### **Attention: "Waiting for Godot" has a new opening date: Nov. 14-17**

The Performing Arts' Theatre production of "Waiting for Godot" will take place Wednesday, November 14 - Friday, November 16 at 7:30 pm in the C.D. Smith III Theatre at Miller Performing Arts Center. There will also be a 2:30 pm matinee Saturday, November 17. The show is directed by NYC based G.D. Kimble with contributions by guest set designer, Ao Li and lighting designer, Andrew Hunt.

This is a free production but reservations are recommended. Email [Performs@alfred.edu](mailto:Performs@alfred.edu) or contact Becky Prophet at [fprophet@alfred.edu](mailto:fprophet@alfred.edu). See you NEXT Week !

Submitted by: Lisa Lantz

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**\*\*\*\*\*Got Winter Break Plans?\*\*\*\*\***

GOT WINTER BREAK PLANS? Participate in an employer site visit through EACE's Road Trips to the Real World!

Participate in EACE's Road Trips to the Real World! Road Trips offers college students the opportunity to attend one-day employer site visits between January 3-18, 2018. Host companies will talk about their organization, industry, internships, and job opportunities. This is your chance to get the inside scoop and literally get your foot in the door at 30 participating employers...BUT space is limited and spots fill up VERY quickly, so register now!

The registration deadline is Friday, December 7, 2018. Register at [www.eace.org/roadtrips](http://www.eace.org/roadtrips)

At each site, you will get an in-depth look at how the company operates and see firsthand the potential internships and jobs that are available. You will also network with employers and get a head start on your career planning. This is an opportunity you do not want to miss!

WHO: Students who are interested in exploring career opportunities. Open to any current undergraduate or graduate student attending a college or university that is a member of the Eastern Association of Colleges and Employers (EACE).

WHAT: An opportunity for students to learn first-hand about a career field, network with employers, and explore internship and job opportunities at 30 companies. (There is a cost of \$10 per company visit to be paid at registration)

WHERE: Northeast region (Boston, Philadelphia, New York, and D.C. just to name a few!).

WHEN: Registration is open from October 29 - December 7, but sign up early as space is limited. Site visits

Submitted by: Valerie Daciw

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**Literary London: a great Study Abroad Opportunity!!!**

Literary London: Page and Stage is a cross-listed, team-taught, B-block course where students will "strut on down to London town," one of the most culturally inspiring cities in the world. Explore legendary sights, enjoy live theatre performances, meet famous actors, enjoy literary walking and backstage theatre tours, take excursions to Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, Bath, cruise the River Thames. Interested? Contact Professors S. Mayberry or S. Crosby ([mayberry@alfred.edu](mailto:mayberry@alfred.edu) or [fcrosby@alfred.edu](mailto:fcrosby@alfred.edu))

Attachment: [Literary London flyer](#)

Attachment: [Course Descriptions](#)

Submitted by: Stephen Crosby

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**Environmental Studies Speaker- There is no speaker this week!**

There is no speaker for the Environmental Studies Speaker series this week (Nov. 9th).

Thank you,  
Environmental Studies Department

Submitted by: Shannon Yocum



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### ALL Champion Brand Clothing BUY 1, GET ONE 50% OFF

Nov 5- 16, all Champion branded clothing is BUY 1, GET 1 50% OFF.  
Come see the selection, jackets, windbreakers, tees, pants, and hoods! AU Bookstore open Mon-Thurs. 8:30-5, Fri 8:30-4, Sat 12-4, Sun 12-3

Link: [alfred.bncollege.com](http://alfred.bncollege.com)

Submitted by: Marcy Bradley

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### Focused Leadership Workshop Series

A capstone workshop series created by graduate student Abigail Hurley to promote student engagement through hands-on leadership. Come learn about the importance of communication, delegation, forming connections, and fostering a supportive environment! All are welcome!

Thursday 11/8, 8:00 pm in Powell Board Room

Sunday 11/11, 4:00 pm in Kenyon Allen Room

Monday 11/12, 8:45 pm in Kenyon Allen Room

Thursday 11/15, 8:00 pm in Powell Board Room (guest speaker)

Submitted by: Abigail Hurley

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### Jes Fan: Artist Talk

Date of Event: Wednesday, November 14

Time of Event: 5:00 pm

Location of Event: Binns Merrill, Room C

Cost: Free!

Sponsored by: Sculpture/Dimensional Studies

Jes Fan is a Brooklyn-based artist born in Canada and raised in Hong Kong, China. They received a BFA in Glass from Rhode Island School of Design. Fan's trans-disciplinary practice is based on a material inquiry into otherness as it relates to identity politics. Reflecting on the inter-sections of many identities, they question the concept of "otherness" by creatively exploring materials and substances with social, political, and erotic connotations. Working with glass, latex, silicone, glycerin, and injectable Depo-Testosterone, Fan's playful, poetic objects and drawings explore transgender identity, body modification, and self-determination. Critical of stereotypes and hierarchies, Fan's paradoxical creations (a limp pink silicone dumbbell, testosterone-scented candles) greet viewers as riddles, inspiring complex meditations on the conventions and inventions of gender.

Fan is the recipient of various fellowships and residencies, such as the Edward and Sally Van Lier Fellowship at Museum of Arts and Design, Pioneer Works, and a CCGA Fellowship at Wheaton Arts. Fan has exhibited in the United States and internationally; selected exhibitions include No Clearance in Niche at Museum of Art & Design (New York), Whereabouts at Glazenhuis Museum (Belgium), Material Location at Agnes Varis Gallery (New York), and Ot(her) at Brown University's Sarah Doyle Gallery (Providence).

[www.jesfan.com](http://www.jesfan.com)

Submitted by: SOAD Events

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### **BFA Thesis Exhibition**

Where: Robert C. Turner Gallery

When: Saturday, December 8 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Submitted by: SOAD Events

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### **Student Club Advisor Training**

Wednesday, November 14 at 12:30 pm in the McNamara Room, Powell Campus Center.

You asked...and we are delivering. Join the Center for Student Involvement for a lunch time training for all advisors of the student organizations.

This is a pop in session with free pizza.  
Bring your questions, and your advice as well.

Link: <https://auconnect.alfred.edu/event/2901060>

Submitted by: Eliza Ordway

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