

Students Acting For Equality will honor Rosa Parks

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Even before news of Rosa Parks' death earlier this week, Alfred University students were already planning to celebrate her life. AU's Students Acting For Equality (SAFE) were planning an event from noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 1 to mark the 50th anniversary of Park's defiant stance against segregation. A bus will be parked in the center of campus and students will be invited on board to spend their lunch hour watching a film about Parks' life. "While this event was not intended to be a memorial for Ms. Parks, it will now both honor her memory and educate others who may not know about the significance of her contribution to African-American history," said Darnell Thompson, President of SAFE. Sherill Anderson, the membership director of the committee, also encourages people to participate and consider joining the organization. "SAFE is a student and professional committee that promotes equality and addresses issues of discrimination. We always welcome new members." In reference to Park's recent passing, SAFE member Devin Simpson-Loney said, "Everyone can learn from Rosa Parks that one brave act can set forth a chain reaction of change." The event on December 1st will be held from noon until 1pm outside of the Powell Campus Center. Free food will be available and space is limited to the first 40 "passengers". SAFE is proud to say, in contrast to 1955, everyone can now feel welcome to sit wherever they like.