

AU students roll up their sleeves and get cookin'

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One of Alfred University's newest organizations, the TasteBuds, is cooking up great things on campus, literally. "We are putting together a cookbook that compiles recipes submitted by students, faculty, and community members in Alfred", says Jessica Cabrera, founder and president of the TasteBuds. Cabrera, a Communications Studies major, is a graduate of Murry Bertraum High School, and is a daughter of Vivian Martinez and James Cabrera of the Bronx. Cabrera is a freshman this year at Alfred University. She says she began the club because she missed home cooked food so much, and noticed that other students missed it as well. She enjoys cooking herself, and wanted to share her knowledge and possibly learn new things from different people. "Our mission statement is 'Educating students and the community about other cultures, through food'. That is what I'm most concerned with. I want this to be a fun thing, where people can enjoy one another's food, but I also want it to be a learning experience," said Cabrera. The current members of the TasteBuds are working on having the cookbook ready by the end of the semester. They would also like to be able to sell it, so that they could raise money for future projects that they would like to do. Those wishing to submit recipes are asked contact the TasteBuds at tb5@alfred.edu. The student group meets at 7 pm Thursdays.