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Zoom Update

Zoom has recently released an update to their client that addresses some performance, security and usability issues. You can see all the changes in the new version here <https://support.zoom.us/h...>. The most important change is that as of today, Zoom will not work with the older client. The client should have prompted you to upgrade, but we have been notified that that does not work in all cases for a variety of reasons. If the client gives you an error message during the upgrade, or while trying to join a meeting, please uninstall the client that you currently have, and install the latest version from their Downloads Center here <https://zoom.us/download>.

Please contact the help desk at 607-871-2222 or helpdesk@alfred.edu if you have any further issues.

Submitted by: Judy Linza

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Update on using cascade.alfred.edu off campus

There is an update to <https://cascade.alfred.edu...> that is going to require you to access it from off campus with VPN. VPN is Virtual Private Network that provides added security.

If you need to setup VPN on your computer please go here to get the information <https://my.alfred.edu/inf...>. If you need assistance with VPN setup, please contact ITS Helpdesk x2222.

Whenever you want to use <https://cascade.alfred.edu...> from off campus you need to connect to VPN.

If you are working on campus you do not need to use VPN.

Please take some time this week to set this up, as we will start using it next week, June 15, 2020.

Submitted by: Judy Linza

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Online Tai Chi Class via Zoom

Join our online Tai Chi Class every Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 am - 10:30 am via Zoom. The Alfred Tai Chi Group's daily practice was suspended temporarily due to the coronavirus. We have now set up a new way for people to exercise together on Zoom!

Specifically, we will be practicing Qigong, 24-form Tai Chi and Taiyi Swimming Dragon under the instruction of a Confucius Institute teacher and videos. No experience is needed, we welcome beginners! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jialin Fang at fangj@alfred.edu.

Here is the Zoom meeting link and ID below:

Meeting Link: <https://alfredu.zoom.us/j...>

Meeting ID: 6250338420

Link: <https://alfredu.zoom.us/j/6250338420>

Submitted by: Confucius Institute at Alfred University

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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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Years of Service Recognition

The Employee Recognition Committee would like to announce Years of Service dates for the month of June 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 1 Years of Service:

June 4- Kimberly Guyer- Vice President- Student Affairs

June 17- Michael Holley- Boiler Tender/Night Watchman- Maintenance

June 30- Pontus Niklasson- Registrar- Student Service Center

Celebrating 35 Years of Service:

June 17- James Thiebaud- Technical Specialist- NYSCC Educational Tech Service

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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Create Your Online Course: Development Opportunity for Online Learning

This 3 week asynchronous course covers best practices and legal requirements related to online learning. The assignments in this course will consist of specific course development tasks. At the end of the course, each participant will have created the first module of an online course.

This course is intended to provide additional guidance to faculty as they work on creating an online course. The course will run as a cohort every three weeks during the summer, with a time commitment of a few hours per week.

The first cohort will begin on Monday, June 15. If you would like to participate, please contact Meghanne Freivald to request access to the Canvas course.

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Workshop

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) involves the process of creating learning experiences that are appropriate for all students, regardless of learning or circumstantial differences. This live, virtual workshop will be facilitated by AU's Universal Design Task Force. It will cover UDL guidelines and strategies that faculty can incorporate into their online (and in-person) teaching. Faculty will be asked to reflect on the needs of their students and their teaching practices. The workshop will include discussion of potential challenges posed by a variety of learning and circumstantial differences. Faculty will be asked to think about their learning objectives, and consider specific UDL strategies as they plan for the fall semester. Participants will also collaborate and brainstorm to develop new strategies they can use in their courses in order to better serve the needs of all students.

The workshop will be repeated throughout the summer. The first session will be on Tuesday, June 23, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Meghanne Freivald or Samantha Dannick by June 19 to receive the meeting link.

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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