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- [All Final Grades for the Semester due by 10:00 a.m](#)
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## TOMORROW

## WEDNESDAY

## 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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### Invoices to the Business Office

Due to the holiday break, the last Accounts Payable check run of the year will be on Thursday, December 20. Please have any invoices that require payment before January 4 to the business office by end of day Monday, December 17.

The next check run will not be until Friday, January 4.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at 871.2128.

Submitted by: Jodi Howe

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### Univera Insurance Cards

Univera has sent out their mass mailing of the new benefit cards. You should have already received or will receive your new card shortly.

It should be noted that ONLY the primary plan holders name will appear on the cards. Any dependents/spouses names will not be shown on the cards. However, whomever, you had as dependents did roll over from BCBS and they will have coverage on the new insurance. You can call the number on the back of your card for more information.

If you feel there are any discrepancies, please contact Kayleigh, Mark, or Kim.

Attachment: [Benefits Update](#)

Submitted by: Kayleigh Misner

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### New email and login features for students!

In the Spring 2019 semester, ITS is implementing upgrades to add additional security and convenience to our email and login system.

Like all colleges and Universities, Alfred University has encountered a large increase in sophisticated email phishing scams. Starting in January, ITS will begin implementing multifactor authentication for all students. This additional security layer will help prevent student accounts from being exploited if they are accidentally tricked into providing usernames and passwords to off-campus scammers. After a brief registration process (and potentially a short mobile phone installation), students may occasionally receive a prompt to verify their email login. These few additional steps will provide a much needed shield against phishing scammers. If you have questions, you can contact the ITS Helpdesk.

[Helpdesk@alfred.edu](mailto:Helpdesk@alfred.edu)

And...Have you ever forgotten your email password? And you couldn't call the ITS Helpdesk to reset your password because it was after business hours? Starting Spring semester, all Alfred University campus community members will have the ability to reset their password without having to contact the ITS Helpdesk. In order to use this procedure, users will need to opt in and provide a phone number or

an alternate email address.

Setup Link: <https://aka.ms/ssprsetup>

Reset Link: <https://aka.ms/sspr>

Submitted by: Gary Roberts

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### Science Center Water Shut Down

On Wednesday, December 19, the Science Center water will be shut down from 7:00 am - 9:00 am for repairs.

Thank you.

Physical Plant

Submitted by: Kelly Moore

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### Winter Break Athletic Facility Hours of Operation

Below is information regarding athletic facility hours over winter break:

-see attached sheet for Gibbs Fitness Ctr & Joyce Walton Center hours of operation from 12/17-1/21

-Joyce Walton Center will be closed for construction from 12/17-1/2

Attachment: [Winter Break Athletic Facility Hours of Operation](#)

Submitted by: Tony Aquilina

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### Brick Water Shut Down

On Tuesday, December 18, the Brick water will be shut down starting at 9:00 am till the repair is complete.

Thank you,

Physical Plant

Submitted by: Kelly Moore

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### Bartlett Dorm Hot Water Shut Down

On Monday, December 17 the hot water will be shut down for the day for repairs.

Thank you,

Physical Plant

Submitted by: Kelly Moore

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### **Pool closed for break**

The pool in the McLane Center will be closed for break, following the 11:30 am - 1:00 pm open swim on Friday, December 14.

Submitted by: Brian Striker

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### **MostArts Tickets and Workshops are On Sale Now !**

Looking for a special gift- A MostArts Festival Season Pass makes the perfect holiday stocking stuffer. Register someone for a One Day Workshop during the Festival- or try your own hand at Flower Arranging, Creative Writing, Clay, Food Carving, or try the Guzheng- there is something new for everyone on your list. Visit our new website for the latest on our International Solo Artists, Schedule of Events and more.

The Magic Returns July 7-13 [www.alfred.edu/MostArts](http://www.alfred.edu/MostArts)

Link: <https://www.alfred.edu/MostArts>

Submitted by: Lisa Lantz

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### **Ann's House Hot Water Shut Down**

On Monday, December 17, Ann's House hot water will be shut down for the day for repairs.

Thank you,  
Physical Plant

Submitted by: Kelly Moore

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### **STUDENTS: Check out our classes in Performing Arts !**

Courses available in Theatre, Music, Dance, Performance Design & Technology

THEATRE

THEA 200 "Literary London- Page to Stage" B block, includes trip to London

THEA 240 Acting I

THEA 212 Page to Stage: Script Analysis

THEA 242 Performance Lab: Musical Theatre Double Threat

Opportunities on stage and behind the scenes for the Theatre Production of Shakespeare's "The

Tempest" contact Becky Prophet for information: [fprophet@alfred.edu](mailto:fprophet@alfred.edu)

#### PERFORMANCE DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

PDAT 120 Technical Theatre

PDAT 200 Costuming on the Half Scale

#### DANCE

DANC 120 Fundamentals of Dance

DANC 200 Special Topics: Gateways to Professional Practices in Dance and Performance

DANC 224 Contact Improvisation

DANC 322 Modern Dance II

DANC 222 Modern Dance I

DANC 330 Improvisation/Composition II

#### MUSIC

Private Lessons available to ALL Students from Beginners to Advanced: Guitar, Piano, Strings, Winds, Brass, Percussion, Voice and the Chinese Guzheng are available for credit as listed in Banner

MUSC 120 Music Theory

MUSC 130 Piano I

MUSC 131 Piano II

MUSC 133 Music of the Guzheng

MUSC 211 World Music

MUSC 215 History of Rock Music

MUSC 200 Performance Lab: Musical Theatre Double Threat

MUSC 272 Chamber Singers- Audition information, contact Luanne Crosby: [fclarke@alfred.edu](mailto:fclarke@alfred.edu)

These Music Ensembles are Open to Everyone-

NO Audition necessary \*Instruments are available

MUSC 271 University Chorus

MUSC 273 Symphonic Band

MUSC 274 Jazz Ensemble

MUSC 275 University Symphony Orchestra

MUSC 279 Chamber Music

Submitted by: Lisa Lantz

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### So you've always wanted to star in a Musical?

Now is your chance! Steve and Luanne Crosby are teaming up for a Double Threat (singing and acting) Class in Musical Theater. You'll learn the basics of singing and acting for musicals and the class culminates in a production of scenes. You choose the musicals. Everyone gets a lead role. What better way to earn 4 credits in Music and/or Theater. Class meets M & W 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm and Thurs. 2:20 pm - 3:10 pm.

MUSC 200 (topics) or THEA 242. Openings still available!!!!

Submitted by: Luanne Crosby

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### Procurement Services ♦ We are here to help!

In case you may not be aware, the University has accounts set up with many different companies that offer discounts and shipping benefits. Some of these suppliers include AirGas, Staples, B&H Photo & Video, Office Max/Office Depot, Sherwin Williams, and many more. A more complete list can be found in the attachment below.

In addition to these suppliers, the University has an Institutional Amazon account. Since Amazon often does not offer the same warranties, protections, and discounts that other suppliers may offer, and therefore may not be the best choice of vendors, departments are encouraged to reach out to Procurement Services prior to using Amazon.

Please be sure to reach out to Procurement Services when using any of these vendors to ensure we get all of the benefits available.  
If you have any questions, call Procurement Service!

Thank you!  
Valerie Ewald, Procurement Clerk, x2698  
Melissa Badeau, Director of Procurement Services, x2914

Link: [Procurement Website](#)

Attachment: [AU Contracted Suppliers, November 2018](#)

Submitted by: Melissa Badeau

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### **Alfred University Athletics offers personal training lessons**

Alfred University Athletics provides nutrition programs, workout programs, coaching programs, private and group personal training sessions, and boot camps. Preston Personal Training customizes each and every program to fit your individual goals, lifestyle, and schedule! David Preston is a Certified Personal Trainer with experience in fat loss, muscle & strength gain, as well as sports performance. If you're serious about your goals, don't wait, schedule your free consultation today! To request more info or set up your free consultation contact David Preston at [www.facebook.com/PrestonP...](https://www.facebook.com/PrestonP...) or email at [PrestonD@alfred.edu](mailto:PrestonD@alfred.edu)

Submitted by: Tony Aquilina

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