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Open Enrollment for Non-Statutory and University Wide Benefits

Open enrollment for all non-statutory health benefits and for all University-wide benefits (Life, Accident and Vision) will be held from Monday, Oct. 19, 2015 through Friday, Nov. 6, 2015 for changes to take effect Jan. 1, 2016.

In order to comply with the Affordable Care Act you must complete an enrollment form or provide an affirmative waiver, providing a reason, if you do not wish to participate in a health plan. We will not be able to automatically enroll you in your current plan if you do not fill out and return a form and you may be subject to tax penalties for failure to maintain insurance.

All flexible spending accounts must also be re-enrolled to continue that benefit for 2016.

Enrollment Materials will be emailed to all eligible employees with an AU email address or will receive a hard copy for those without University email as soon as the materials are available.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Human Resources Office if you have any questions or if we can assist in any manner.

Submitted by: Mark Guinan

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Request for Contract Form

The Request for Contract form is now available on the Business Office Web page. This form should be used when an independent contractor (e.g. performer, artist, lecturer) will be providing services for the benefit of Alfred University.

Please complete the form electronically and submit to the Office of the Vice President for Business & Finance at least three (3) weeks prior to the event in order for the contract to be prepared and the appropriate signatures obtained.

It should be noted that the Business Office cannot process a check request without a fully executed contract.

Should you have any questions, or if your event is less than three (3) weeks away, please contact us via phone at 607.871.2966 for direction.

Attachment: Request for Contract Form

Submitted by: Lisa Clark

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'How Sustainable is Sustainability?'

Come listen to experts in the field of sustainability from Wake Forest, AVI Foodsystems, Walmart, Becker Farms and Carolinas Healthcare System on how their organizations have addressed the many issues associated with sustainability (people, place, profit). The conference will be held on Friday, Oct. 23, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Miller Performing Arts Theater.

For more information on the speakers, the conference schedule, and registration information, please see the attached brochure.

Attachment: Sustainability_Seminar_Brochure_9-17-15.pdf

Submitted by: Judy Scott

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Renewable Energy Engineering Society Weekly Meetings

The Renewable Energy Engineering Society (REES) will be meeting every Wednesday from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in Seidlin 114.

Submitted by: Renewable Energy Engineering Society

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Tonight: Fulbright U.S. Student Program Informational Sessions

Calling all Alfred University students!

* Are you interested in spending a year doing research, studying, or teaching English in one of 150 countries outside of the U.S. after graduation?

* Do you have a GPA of at least 3.5?

* Do you have qualities that would make you a good ambassador of the United States, including collegiality, and cultural adaptability and sensitivity?

You are invited to attend an informational session to learn how to apply for a Fulbright U.S. Student Grant.

Wednesday, Oct. 21 Room 221, 2nd Floor, Scholes Library

5 - 6 p.m. - Overview of Fulbright Program Options 6 - 7 p.m. - Opportunities in Creative and Performing Arts

Students at all levels, graduate and undergraduate, are encouraged to attend - it's never too early to begin planning!

For more information, visit the Fulbright U.S. Student Program website at the link below.

Link: Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Submitted by: Ellen Bahr

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Feeling Stressed?

Come make stress balls with us! We'll be in the bottom floor of Ade on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Stop by and de-stress.

Submitted by: Franchesca Feliz

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Pre-Health Workshops

For freshmen and sophomores interested in a pre-health, professional school (such as medical, vet, dental, PT, PA, nursing, pharmacy, etc.) after graduation, you should attend the upcoming Pre-health Workshop which will be focused on advising and planning.

The workshop will take place in the Science Center, Room 303, Thursday, Oct. 22 and Friday, Oct. 23 (same information presented at both sessions) from 12:15-1 p.m.

Submitted by: Heather Zimbler-DeLorenzo

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STEM Alumni Conversations

STEM students, do you feel knowledgeable about your career options after graduation? Still feel unsure about how to make life and your aspirations click? Wish you could speak with an Alfred graduate who has been through the process with the same concerns?

If so, expand your Alfred network and participate in our exciting STEM Alumni Conversation project! Come hear alumni share their personal story about their career, how they arrived at their current position, how Alfred University fit into that picture, and most importantly, have an honest question-and-answer session with someone who once sat in your seat.

This Thursday, Oct. 22, 2012 graduate Erika Raye will join us by Skype to speak with you from 6-7 p.m. in Myers Hall 228. After graduation, Erika made the brave decision to move west and settled in California. There, she found her calling and in January 2014 she enrolled in the Craft Beer and Brewing Professional Certificate program through UCSD Extension where she completed classes in the fields of The Technology of Brewing, The Business of Craft Beer, and completed a 120-hour internship in a working brewery.

She currently works as an Analytical Lab Technician at White Labs, Inc., one of the largest yeast manufacturers in the world, which provides ready-to-use liquid pitchable yeast for craft brewing, wine making, distilling, and many other fermentable beverages.

Though focused on STEM, all AU students are welcome to attend.

Questions? Contact Geoff Bowers, Ruth Bowers, or John D'Angelo.

Submitted by: Geoffrey Bowers

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Susquehanna String Band Returns to AU!

That fabulous, fun trio of Rick, Dan, and John return to Alfred for a three-day residency, Oct. 22-24, featuring workshops, a contra/square dance, and concert.

Rick Bunting, past chair of music education at Crane School of Music and director, has long been recognized for his vocal renditions of Scottish airs and ballads," said Ellen Wahl, artistic director for the music hall.

"Complimenting this great vocal tradition, Bunting excels instrumentally on banjo, lap dulcimer,

concertina and flute. His curriculum work featuring traditional instruments has delighted students throughout the Northeastern U.S."

Dan Duggan is a nationally touring performer and teacher. As recipient of the prestigious National Hammered Dulcimer Championship, Dan's accomplishment, though based on technical merit, is even more considerable as he is the first winner to have performed all original compositions.

Dan has recorded four CDs of original compositions and a Family album of original songs. Selections of Dan's recordings, have been aired on National Public Radio. Dan's dulcimer work can also be heard on Paul Simon's Grammy nominated CD "Your The One" released in October of 2000.

John Kirk's lyric voice, good sense of humor, and versatile instrumental skills have earned him folk music recognition on an international scale. He demonstrates a vast knowledge of musical traditions and teaches at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY, and at Bennington College in Vermont. In addition, John's been working as a teaching artist for primary and secondary school residences for three decades.

In duet appearances with his wife, Trish Miller, they teach music, dance and entertain for concerts festivals and special events. The U.S. State Department and Jazz at Lincoln Center selected the band, Mountain Quickstep (John, Trish Miller, Sara Milonovich & Greg Anderson) for the 2011-12 season of The Rhythm Road: American Music Abroad.

As a musical ambassador, in addition to performances, he directed workshops and music exchanges with bands from Kosovo, Bulgaria, Moldova, and Turkey.

John works part-time with The Dawnland Singers and the Vanaver Caravan. There are ten recordings where he is the featured artist and John's been guest performer on over a 130 more. He can be heard on Ken Burns, "The West", with Jay Ungar, Molly Mason and on other TV, video, radio and theater projects. The Dixie Chicks recorded his song, "Long Roads".

Schedule: Thursday, 10/22 FYE American Music 11:20 a.m.-12:25 p.m. Miller 302 (open to public)

Friday, 10/23 FYE 11:20 a.m.-12:25 p.m. Contra/Square Dance 101 Miller 300 1-2:15 p.m. - Open class/workshop 7-10 p.m. Contra/Square Dance at the Village Hall - fundraiser for Box of Books

Saturday, 10/24 7:30 p.m. Concert Miller Theater

Submitted by: Luanne Crosby

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El cafecito - Costa Rican Breakfast for Dinner!

Enjoy delicious panqueques, bacon, & more! Learn more about Costa Rica. Thursday, Oct. 22, 5:30 at the Language House (Park Steet across from Saxon Inn)

Submitted by: Erin Redmond

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'Soft Core'

Date: Friday, Oct. 23

Time: 7-9 p.m. Location: Fosdick-Nelson Gallery Cost to Attend: FREE

Bridging traditional textile processes with contemporary imagery and ideas, "Soft Core" features the work of three artists who embrace fiber techniques - knitting, weaving, and embroidery - to develop banal, humorous and titillating interpretations of the body and the everyday. Artists exhibiting are Lauren DiCioccio, Erin M. Riley, and Mark Newport.

Submitted by: Shelly Grant

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'Qualia' and 'Not Much Different Than Yours'

Date: Friday, Oct. 23 Time: 7-8:30 p.m. Location: Robert C Turner Gallery Cost to Attend: FREE

There are two awesome shows opening in The Robert C. Turner Gallery on Friday 10/23!

In "Qualia," the show opening on the main floor, the works will explore our relationship to our surroundings, from our corporeal body, to our mind, to those of others, our relationship to nature, and finally to the universe as a whole. Each artist proposes a paradigm, the entire collection of which is integral to providing meaning to the human experience. We hope these works will provide a catalyst for a mode of thought which will inspire in the viewer an awe of their place in the world.

Upstairs on the mezzanine, "Not Much Different Than Yours" is a conversation between two artists, Marco Chan and Lindsay Tripp, focusing on the playful possibilities of color, form, mark making, symbol, and language building within painting.

The opening begins at 7 p.m. Friday evening and closes at 8:30, but both shows will be open from 11 a.m. 4 p.m. Monday-Friday the following week (10/25-10/30).

Don't miss these exciting and innovative exhibitions!

Submitted by: Shelly Grant

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Carillon Recital This Saturday at 4 p.m.

Saturday's carillon recital will again feature guest performer Doris Burzycki Aman (AU '74) from Webster. While a student at AU, Doris learned to play the carillon under the guidance of Dr. Melvin LeMon and Frank P. Law of Valley Forge, PA.

Now Doris teaches carillon at the University of Rochester (UR) and serves as adviser to the UR Carillon Society, a student group that promotes the Hopeman Carillon and recruits and mentors students to play the bells for the campus.

Guests are welcome to climb the tower, watch the player, and see the fading fall foliage this Saturday, Oct. 24, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Submitted by: Laurel Buckwalter

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AU Faculty/Staff Directory

The 2015-16 Faculty/Staff Directory is now available online on the Human Resources Web page and in Banner Self Service at the link below.

Remember, information from the directory comes directly from Banner. If you find that information is incorrectly listed in the directory, please submit the attached Personnel Data Form to Human Resources for processing.

Link: AU Faculty Staff Directory 2015-2016

Attachment: Personnel/Directory Data Form

Submitted by: Kathy Costello

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Flu Season is Upon Us So Take Precautions

Alfred Pharmacy will give flu shots to AU employees and dependents with either the BCBSWNY Health Coverage or Empire Plan. It takes about 5 minutes to protect yourself from this seasonal danger so take the time and get vaccinated.

Submitted by: Mark Guinan

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Cavaliers vs. Bucks

Bus trip to Cleveland on Thursday, Nov. 19. Tickets are \$80 a piece and include transportation and admission to game. Tickets are on sale to students now until Sunday, Nov. 1.

Bus will leave Powell at 2 p.m. and return immediately following game. Please stop in the Center for Student Involvement Office Suite to sign up. Payment is due Monday, Nov. 2.

Submitted by: Eliza Ordway

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Freshman Retreat

This Saturday 10/24 from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (open to all freshmen) the Newman Club is offering a oneday retreat. Get away from Alfred and reflect on your 1st half of the semester and hear from other AU students on their experiences.

Lunch and dinner provided email **stjude@alfred.edu** to sign up.

Submitted by: St. Jude Newman Club

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The Rocky Horror Picture Show with Live Shadow Cast

Friday, Oct. 30 - Spotlight of Hornell and the Hornell Community Theatre are proud to present The Rocky Horror Picture Show with Live Shadowcast!

The Rocky Horror Picture Show is an outrageous assemblage of the most stereo-typed science fiction movies, Marvel comics, Frankie Avalon/Annette Funicello outings and rock 'n' roll of every vintage.

The Hornell Community Theatre's live "shadowcast" enhances the experience as they act out your favorite scenes with audience participation.

Prop bags for the audience will be available for the first 100 attendees. Props that are not allowed are: lighters, candles or flames of any kind, water guns, rice, toast, hot dogs, or any other food products will not be allowed in the theater as they are a hazard and could cause injury to the performers on stage.

Please be aware that strobe lights will be used during the show.

The pre-show will begin at 11:30 P.M.; film at Midnight.

Tickets for The Rocky Horror Picture Show are \$12 and can be purchased online at **www.thespotlighttheaters...**. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Transportation from Alfred University will be provided for up to 50 students by the Alfred University Biology Club and will be by reservation only. Email **aubio@alfred.edu** for a reservation. Buses leave at 11 pm in front of The Brick.

As this is an R-rated film of explicit nature, all patrons must provide valid identification that indicates date of birth. This policy will be strictly enforced so have your ID ready to be checked at the door.

Link: Facebook Event Page

Attachment: Event Poster

Submitted by: Elena Wallace

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