

Alfred Today

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

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Opening Convocation

Event Date: 08/24/2006

Event Time: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Location: McLane Center

At Opening Convocation we welcome our new students to Alfred University and officially begin the new academic year. All staff are invited to attend this important event for our new students.

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Don't wait in line for your parking permit!

Apply online now for your 2006-07 student parking permits at <http://www.thepermitstore.com>. You'll be asked for a location; put "Alfred." If you hate computers, you can still walk into Public Safety during their open hours and ask them to manage your permit application, though the lines may be long during the first few days you're back. Apply today to have your Alfred University Student Parking Permit mailed directly to you.

Link for more information: <http://www.thepermitstore.com>

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Language Placement Exam

Event Date: 08/24/2006

Event Time: 8:30-10 a.m.

Location: Roon Lecture Hall, Science Center

Language Placement Exams are given in Spanish, French and German. Students should take this exam if:

- (1) they want to place out of the language requirement;
- (2) they want/need to take a class in one of those languages.

Their score will determine which class they should take.

Students do not have to take this exam if they have never had a class in the language before. In that case, they should register for 101.

Students may NOT retake the Language Placement Exam if they have already taken it.

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Pool hours

The pool hours will change for Thursday and Friday, Aug. 24 and 25, to just 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Starting Monday, Aug. 28, we will begin our academic schedule of 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. and 8-10 p.m., weekdays. Weekend hours will be 3-5 p.m.

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Fitness Center hours

The Fitness Center will be closed Thursday, Aug. 24 from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for the President's Platform Party and Faculty.

Summer hours go until Monday, Aug. 28. Summer hours are M-F 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 3:30-6 p.m.; Saturday, Noon-2 p.m.; and Sunday, Noon-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

Regular semester Fitness Center hours start Monday, Aug. 28. M-F 7-8 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat/Sun Noon-8 p.m.

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Alfred enters partnership with Verizon Wireless

Alfred University has entered into a partnership with a Verizon Wireless Authorized Agent to offer competitive calling plans and cell phones at a discounted rate, for AU students.

For more information about the phones and calling plans available, visit www.alfredwireless.com or call 1.888.603.4248

Link for more information: <http://www.alfredwireless.com>

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Faculty/staff/community invited to sing

The faculty, staff and community are once again invited to join the University Chorus. This is a great opportunity to mix with students and let them know that you are more than a scientist, artist, English professor, math wizz, etc., and to sing. Our first concert will be before Thanksgiving (easing up the end of the semester crunch!) and will feature classic choral works for the first half of the concert (William Byrd "Ave Verum Corpus", Faure, "Cantique de Jean Racine") and musical theater -- Gilbert and Sullivan, excerpts from the "Music Man" (looking for the perfect Harold Hill) and "Hairspray". Lots of fun. Faculty, staff and community members are only expected to attend rehearsal once per week -- Monday from 7-8:30 p.m. (beginning Monday, Sept. 4 -- attendance on Wednesdays from 5:20-6:50 p.m. is optional. Come join the fun!

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Free Grade Recording and Evaluation Software

"GradeMaster" is a computer program for recording and statistically evaluating the collection of measuring instruments (homework, quizzes, exams, projects, etc.) typically generated as part of teaching a class. The object of the software is to increase objectivity, consistency and productivity in the student evaluation process. "GradeMaster" is implemented as an add-in to Microsoft Excel that automates many of the grade evaluation functions. It is very easy to use and no Excel fluency is required.

"GradeMaster" was developed over the past six years by an Alfred University faculty member and has been extensively tested for stability, accuracy and functionality. Further development of the software requires "beta" testing by college level instructors therefore faculty from Alfred University and Alfred State College are being solicited. The beta software will be functional for a period of 1 year and then

expire (all records, statistics and graphs will remain available).

If you are interested in using "GradeMaster", please e-mail Steve at mayerjs@alfred.edu for a copy. There will be a short "Quick Start" training session at 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25 in Seidlin Annex Computer Lab (room 107) for those who wish to attend.

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Southern Tier Fiberarts Guild Annual Dye Day

Saturday, Sept 9, 9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m., the interested public is cordially invited to attend the Southern Tier Fiberarts Guild's annual Dye Day. Dyes used are mostly, but not exclusively, natural dyes, 'brewed up' by Carol Wood and Debbie MacCrea of Alfred. Included are 'exotic' and historically rich dyestuffs, as well as more local 'weeds' and several cultivated dyeplants from the MacCrea gardens. It all combines to be a fun, sometimes sloppy, always colorful day, with a guarantee of lovely results in as many as 20 colors.

All are welcome to attend. Call for Debbie MacCrea, 607.587.9270, or Carol Wood, 607.587.9519, for directions or further information. Bring a lunch, and plan to stay all day!

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Alumni updates through e-mail

Do you have updated information about an Alfred alum? Now you can send this information to the Alumni Records Office with a quick e-mail to urbio@alfred.edu. Addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, job changes, marriages, new babies -- you name it, we'd love to know about it! By keeping our database as current as possible, we ensure that alums get publications such as the Alfred Magazine and E-news, as well as invitations to alumni events such as Homecoming and Reunion.

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