

Alfred Today

Friday, August 18, 2006

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2006 Opening Session (previously Opening Breakfast)

Event Date: 08/22/2006

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

Location: Ade Hall Dining Room

All faculty and staff are invited to attend the 2006 Opening Session. A continental breakfast will be available. President Edmondson will introduce new faculty and staff hired since August 2005.

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Dell -- Recall of certain notebook batteries

Dell has identified a potential issue associated with certain batteries sold with Dell Latitude, Inspiron, XPS and Dell Precision Mobile Workstation notebook computers. In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and other regulatory agencies, Dell is voluntarily recalling certain Dell-branded batteries with cells manufactured by Sony and offering free replacements for these batteries. Under rare conditions, it is possible for these batteries to overheat, which could pose a risk of fire.

Potentially affected batteries were sold with the following models of Dell notebook computers or separately as secondary batteries:

Latitude: D410, D500, D505, D510, D520, D600, D610, D620, D800, D810

Inspiron: 500M, 510M, 600M, 700M, 710M, 6000, 6400, 8500, 8600, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, E1505, E1705

Precision: M20, M60, M70, M90

XPS: XPS, XPS Gen2, XPS M170, XPS M1710

For more information and/or instructions to identify if your battery is affected visit the link provided below.

Link for more information: <http://https://www.dellbatteryprogram.com/Default.aspx>

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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 one year and then expire (all records, statistics and graphs will remain available). A short training session will be offered if there is sufficient demand.

If you are interested in using "GradeMaster," please e-mail Steve at mavesjs@alfred.edu for a copy and please indicate whether you would attend a short (30 minute) "Quick Start" training session.

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Tuition Remission process change -- annual form

In our continuing effort to streamline our services, we are entering this benefit into Banner so you are now able to track the approval by using BannerWeb (Self Service) at:

https://banweb.alfred.edu/pls/prod/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=homepage. As part of this process, your paperwork must be submitted and approved annually so that effective dates are correct in the system.

The application for tuition remission /exchange is now available on our Human Resource Services forms page at: <http://our.alfred.edu/index.cfm/fuseaction/hr.Forms.cfm>. Simply fill out and send to Human Resources for processing. You will notice that the two previous forms we used are now combined into one form to be used for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents.

The actual Tuition Remission Policy is also available online on our Human Resource Services Policies page at: <http://our.alfred.edu/index.cfm/fuseaction/hr.Policies.cfm>.

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Publications request form now on line

Because of staffing changes in the Office of Communications, we have launched an online publications request form, available at the link below. The form may also be reached by going to our.alfred.edu, selecting "Faculty and Staff," then "Services," then "Office of Communications."

The form will appear as a series of 13 questions on separate screens. Please complete all required fields.

If you have questions, please call the Office of Communications at 2103, or e-mail mclay@alfred.edu or goetschius@alfred.edu

Link for more information: http://forms.alfred.edu/communications/soundings_auth/index.cfm

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University Relations offices move

The offices of University Relations; Alumni and Community Relations; and Development are now located in the Fasano House. The phone number is still 2144.

The Office of Communications has moved from 10 Park St. to Greene Hall; the phone number remains 2103. The Alumni Records Office and the University Relations production operation are still located in Greene Hall.

Give us a few days to get our boxes unpacked, and then stop by to see us!

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