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Attention Department/Unit Heads/Supervisors

The Operations Committee is looking for information to help prioritize facilities' staff actions in preparation for offices re-opening. Your Vice President recently sent a link to a survey which needs to be completed by close of business Friday, June 19. Please contact your VP if you have not received a link to the survey.

Submitted by: Jodi Bailey

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Update on using cascade.alfred.edu off campus

There is an update to <https://cascade.alfred.ed...> 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.ed...> 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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TIAA Consultant & Virtual Counseling Sessions

A TIAA consultant will be conducting virtual retirement counseling sessions on Tuesday, June 30, Thursday, July 9, and Friday, July 24. No matter where you are in life - just getting started or planning for retirement - a session can help you create a plan for your goals; and it is at no additional cost as a part of your retirement plan. To register for one of the sessions, employees should call TIAA at 1.800.732.8353 and remain on the line for assistance; or register at www.TIAA.org/schedulenow.

Submitted by: Kim Wyant

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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/6250338420>

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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Faculty Enrollment In MFA (October 2020)

In Spring semester 2019, ITS enrolled all students in email Multifactor Authentication (MFA)...and followed up by enrolling all non-faculty employees in MFA in Fall semester 2019.

This coming Fall semester (Mid-October 2020), we will enroll all Alfred University faculty in email Multifactor Authentication.

Multifactor Authentication (MFA) is a significant deterrent to unauthorized email access...even when the password has been compromised. MFA is often described as "Something you know, and something you own." The something you know is the password portion ...and in our particular case, something you own will be a mobile device.

During the enrollment process in mid-October, faculty will be redirected to a Web page that will require them to register a mobile number where they can receive a call, text or notification to a phone based authenticator application (perhaps the easiest method of MFA). The enrollment process will take only a few minutes and will require that the employee have their mobile phones available on the day of enrollment. After they have registered that phone, they will be sent a call, text message or authenticator application notification whenever they login from off-campus. If an employee is on-campus, there will be no need for an additional authentication (other than the password).

The entire process is similar to the way banks secure login attempts to online financial sites. If you would like to complete the process before October 2020, please feel free to pre-enroll at: <https://my.alfred.edu/inf...>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the ITS Helpdesk at 871-2222 or helpdesk@alfred.edu.

Submitted by: Gary Roberts

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Online Delivery Orientation Available

Online Course Delivery Orientation is available to all faculty. This session is intended to provide guidance for standard (non-emergency) online course development and best practices.

The following session is available:

Wednesday 6/24, 1:00 - 2:30

If you are available to participate in this session, please contact Meghanne Freivald to request the meeting link. All faculty are welcome to participate. If you are unavailable during the scheduled time but would like to participate, additional times can be arranged by appointment.

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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