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On October 12th - 18th the parking lot in front & behind Moskowitz & Tefft will be CLOSED as they will be getting paved. ALL vehicles need to be moved before Oct 12th or they will be towed at their own expense.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Physical Plant

Submitted by: Jen Guarasci

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# 2019-20 Tuition Exchange Application Deadline is October 22, 2018

Faculty and Staff - the Tuition Exchange Export Application deadline is October 22, 2018. If your child is planning to begin college (or transfer to another college) next year, 2019-20, you may wish to explore the schools participating in the Tuition Exchange (TE) Program. RENEWAL TE Export applications are also subject to the deadline of October 22, 2018.

Please read the attached TE Information Memo for application procedures and details on the program. Two application forms are required; specifically, the AU TE Export Application and the AU Human Resource (HR) TR/TE form (links and attachments, herewith).

Link: AU HR TR/TE Application

Attachment: TE 2019-20 TE Export Community Memo Attachment: TE Export App and General Instructions

Submitted by: Catherine Schnurle

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# 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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#### Alfred Art Walk

Date: Thursday, October 18 Time: 5:00 - 8:00 pm Location: Alfred, NY Cost: Free Sponsored by: Alfred Ceramic Art Museum

Alfred Art Walk is a collaborative monthly venture created by the galleries in the Village of Alfred and on the campuses of Alfred University and Alfred State College in an effort to foster dialogue within the local arts communities. Our goal is to support local artists and galleries and to highlight Alfred as the arts destination it truly is.

Alfred Art Walk is open to anyone in the Alfred area who would like to participate. Have an event for Art Walk? Contact us! **Submit.alfredartwalk@gmail.com** alfredartwalk.org

Link: http://www.alfredartwalk.org/

Submitted by: SOAD Events

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## Housing Signups for Next Fall 2019

Residence Life will be offering some of the housing signups for Fall 2019 earlier than usual. Within the next few weeks we will have 'Same Room' sign up, Ford Street Apartments sign up, as well as medical singles sign up. Keep an eye on your email for additional information. The remaining housing sign ups will take place in early spring.

Submitted by: Melanie Auman

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## Faculty/Staff: Safe Zone Training

"The Gay Alliance's SafeZone program was created to develop, enhance and maintain environments in workplaces, schools and other social settings that are culturally competent and supportive to LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer) individuals, as well as straight, cisgender people who care about diversity, equality and inclusion."

Scheduled Trainings:

Thursday, October 25 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Thursday, November 30 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
To Register please contact Eliza Ordway at ordway@alfred.edu.
Submitted by: Eliza Ordway
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Instrumental Music Ensembles
The Department of Music at Alfred University has three instrumental ensembles that are looking for new members. All are welcome to join whether you are a student, faculty, staff, or community member. No auditions necessary, and there instruments are available if you do not own your own.
If you would like to join or have any questions please contact the director of the ensemble: MUSC 275 - University Symphony Orchestra Under Dr. Lisa Lantz ( <b>lantz@alfred.edu</b> ) MUSC 274 - Jazz Ensemble
Under Mr. Dustin Woodard (Woodard@alfred.edu) MUSC 273 - Concert Band
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Submitted by: Dustin Woodard
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Music Lessons
The Department of Music at Alfred University offers a variety of music lessons for Voice, Guitar, Piano, Percussion, Strings, Brass, and Woodwinds.
There are beginning lessons which are 30 minutes a week and only \$300 a semester. And there are advanced lessons, 60 minutes a week and \$600 a semester. Cost for lessons can be added to your tuition.
Contact Dustin Woodard at Woodard@alfred.edu for details.
Sign up for MUSC 101-108 or 301-308.
Submitted by: Dustin Woodard
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Caribbean Student Association (CSA)
All are welcome! Divided by Sea, United by Culture!!
Meetings are every Friday in the ICU at Powell Campus Center. Time: 7:00 pm
Submitted by: Marshae Fenton

#### Join the AU Alpine Skiing Team!

No racing experience necessary--we'll show you the ropes! We work hard while having fun on and off of the slopes!

The Alpine Skiing team has a 7 week season in January and February. Our home mountain is Swain and we compete at mountains in New York. We practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays and compete on weekends.

For more information or to join, email us! You can email one of the captains, Liam (Ifm1@alfred.edu) and Abbey (aew8@alfred.edu), or the coach, Bob (cilino@alfred.edu).

Attachment: Join the AU Alpine Skiing Team!

Submitted by: Abigail Wallisch

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## Artist In Residence Alison Nguyen

Dates: October 15 - 19, 2018 Location: Alfred University Sponsored by: NYSCA and The Institute for Electronic Arts

Alison Nguyen is a New York-based artist working in film, video, photography, and installation. She uses these forms to raise questions about the circulation of images and the cultural surrounding. Often integrating re-appropriated footage from mass media, Nguyen investigates systems of control found within the visual codes of this material. Alison Nguyen (b. 1986) graduated from Brown University with a B.A. in Literary Arts. Selected screenings and exhibitions include: The Whitney Museum (in collaboration with expanded cinema group, Optipus), Palace Film Festival, The Manhattan Independent Film Festival, Satellite Miami, and BOSI Contemporary. She has received awards and residencies from NYSCA, Vermont Studio Center, Flux Factory, The Santa Fe Photographic Workshops, and Brown University.

Submitted by: SOAD Events

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#### Artist In Residence Johanna Herr

Dates: October 22- 26, 2018 Location: Alfred University Sponsored by: NYSCA and The Institute for Electronic Arts

Johanna Herr's work explores direct and indirect manifestations of state-sanctioned violence. Specifically, she am interested in the spectacular quality of contemporary screen-mediated, mediaenriched, consumerism-as-nationalism. I am fascinated by the inherent cannibalism of the consumer eye, destroying other lives to constitute its own, when capitalism acts as a sublime life-force. When certain bodies become non-human and video game controllers cause real casualties. When fireworks look like missile strikes, tear gas and police lights feel like dance club ambiance, and you can buy a war rug on sears.com. While these phenomenona are by no means unique to America, my recent body of work examines these issues through the lens of the US, a country where she is , both by birth and culture, inextricably entrenched.

Submitted by: SOAD Events

#### Jazz HR (Electronic Recruitment System)

Human Resources is pleased to announce that we are going electronic with our recruitment process. We have collaborated with Jazz HR to bring us an electronic application and applicant tracking system that will be user friendly and more efficient than our current processes.

\*Applicants will be able to apply directly online for open jobs at Alfred University.

\*We will be able to place job postings electronically to reach the best candidates for our openings \*The website will send them automated acknowledgements for their application and can assist in scheduling interviews, etc.

\*Managers, Supervisors, Directors will be able to communicate with the candidate directly through the website

\*The system will ask and track EEO Compliance Questions for all positions

Employees, who are in charge of hiring for their departments will be receiving an email from **noreply@jazz.co** in the near future. Please do not delete that email, please follow the prompts to set up your account with the system.

Once Human Resources has the system completely set up we will be announcing training dates and roll out dates of when we will go live with the system.

Questions, please contact, Kayleigh Misner.

Submitted by: Kayleigh Misner

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#### **Engineering and Materials Science Day 2018**

On Thursday, October 25 Alfred University, Inamori School of Engineering will host the 43rd Annual Engineering and Materials Science Day. There will be an examination for the Inamori School of Engineering Scholarship. First, Second, and Third placed students will each receive a scholarship that can be used in any of our engineering programs at Alfred University. After the exam, we will tour our laboratory facilities in the engineering buildings. Lunch will be provided at Ade Dining Hall. Following lunch, we will return to Roon Lecture Hall, Science Center and announce the scholarship winners.

Link: https://www.alfred.edu/about/community/outreach/engineering-materials-science-day.cfm

Submitted by: Emilie Carney

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## ACADEMIC Speed Dating Event

The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences is hosting an ACADEMIC Speed Dating Event on Thursday, October 18 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Knight Club. The goal of the event is to help introduce our students to the vast array of majors/minors/resources available to them as they look to discover a field of study that they are passionate about! We especially would like students who have yet to declare a major or are looking to find a minor to attend this event. Instead of having another traditional "college fair," we are using a "speed dating format" with a short networking session in between. Participants will go on 5-minute speed dates with up to 18 different academic fields within the 90 minutes allotted for the event. Light refreshments will be provided. To RSVP simply email YES to **cooperj@alfred.edu** by Friday, October 12. Slots are filling up fast so don't wait!

Attachment: Academic Speed Dating Poster

Submitted by: Jared Cooper

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## Visiting Artist Lecture in Painting Mary Lum

Date: Thursday, November 1 Time: 4:30 pm Location: Binns Merrill Hall 106 C

Cost: Free

Sponsored by: Drawing, Painting and Photography

Lum works across media and has participated in many solo and group exhibitions at museums and galleries nationally and abroad, including The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, The Drawing Center, Tidens Krav (Oslo), MASS MoCA, Artist's Space (New York), Museum for Gegenwartskunst (Basel), and Culturgest (Lisbon). Her work has appeared in Esopus, Harper's, Elle Docor, and has been reviewed in Artforum, Art in America, ARTnews, The Village Voice, Bomb(online) and The Boston Globe. She has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard, the National Endowment for the Arts, and The New York Foundation for the Arts, among others. Lum has completed studio residencies at the MacDowell Colony, the International Studio/Curatorial Program in New York, and at Oxford University in the United Kingdom.

Submitted by: SOAD Events

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## **Bergren Forum - Lydia McCarthy**

The Bergren Forum sponsored by the Division of Human Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Provost's office will be meeting on Thursday, October 18 at 12:10 pm 18th in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center.

Bring a brown bag lunch, coffee and tea will be provided.

Speaker: Lydia McCarthy Topicc: "Alternative Art Spaces and A Psychedelic Goddess Cult"

In Athens there is an active, young, international art community that has sprung up in the wake of the 2008 economic crisis. Exhibitions open nightly - in studios, apartments, old homes, parks - with a gritty, experimental and DIY culture taking precedence over commercial, market driven spaces. The energy and chaos of the city permeates the art community. In a northern suburb of Athens lies Eleusina, a Culture Capital of Europe in 2021 and the site of the Eleusinian Mysteries, the ancient Greek cult of Demeter and Persephone that was active for over 2,000 years. Psychonauts of the 20th century like Gordon Wasson, Albert Hoffman and Terrance McKenna wrote about the secret ritual of the Greater Mystery, believing that the brew ingested by initiates, kykeon, was psychoactive. I will present my research into these two facets of Greek culture and the work I made during a month-long artist residency.

Submitted by: Marilyn Saxton

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## Visiting Artist Lecture, Livia Corona Benjamin

Date of Event: Wednesday, November 7

Time of Event: 4:30 pm

Location of Event: Nevins Theater

Cost: Free and open to the public.

Sponsored by: Division of Drawing, Painting and Photography

The Division of Drawing, Painting and Photography is pleased to present visiting artist Livia Corona Benjamin. Livia's work moves fluidly between sculpture and photography, exploring architectural structures and their roll in agriculture, history and cultural identity. In her ongoing series Infinite Rewrite, Livia employs analog manipulation in the color darkroom. She carefully breaks down black and white images of grain silos found throughout the Mexican Republic into colorful patterns that vibrate. Each handmade image allows a glimpse of the original structure and creates a disorienting typology.

Livia Corona Benjamin lives and works between New York, Mexico City and Ensenada, Baja California. She was born in Mexico. Corona Benjamin is a Guggenheim Fellow and a twice honored recipient of a SNCA Endowment for the Arts, granted by Mexico's Commission of Arts and Culture. Her works have been exhibited worldwide including LACMA, Los Angeles; New Museum of Contemporary Art, New York; Museo de Arte Moderno, Mexico City; Institut Valenci d'Art Modern, Spain; Palais des Beaux-Arts, Bruxelles, Belgium; Ballroom Marfa, Texas; Fundaci n Joan Miro, Palma de Mallorca, Spain; Kobenhavns Museum, Denmark; and the exhibition Pacha, Llaqta, Wasichay: Indigenous Space, Modern Architecture, New Art, recently on view at the Whitney Museum of American Arts.

Submitted by: SOAD Events

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## **Benefits Changes Open Meetings**

As previously announced, there will be benefits changes happening for the January 2019 plan year. Alfred University will be changing providers from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York to Univera Healthcare. The new pharmacy benefits will be administered through OptumRx. Please join us for open meetings regarding the new changes.

Open Meetings will be held in the Nevins Theater in the Powell Campus Center:

October 18- 2:00pm-2:45pm October 19- 1:30pm-2:15pm October 22- 10:15am-11:00am October 23- 11:15am-12:00pm

During the meetings the differences will be discussed between the current plans and the new plans, new rates for Univera, and the new OptumRx coverage. Please note that we are working closely with our vendors to ensure a smooth transition for all employees during this time. As we have more information it will be provided to employees.

We will have Open Enrollment meetings where our vendors will be on site to answer questions from employees. These meetings will be more in depth and discuss all benefit options. Open Enrollment will begin on October 29, 2018 and run through November 16, 2018. Please watch Alfred Today and your email for further updates of when those meetings will happen.

Submitted by: Kayleigh Misner

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## Ikebana Ziggurat

Date of Event: November 2-December 8, 2018 Time of Event: opening reception Friday, November 2, 6-9pm Location of Event: Cohen Gallery Cost: Free Sponsored by: Dean's Office, Cohen Gallery

Ikebana and Ziggurat are both distinct formalist structures. The work of Ellen Bahr and Kathleen McShane can be located within a conceptual ikebana where space is the prominent compositional element. Using an often pared-down aesthetic, McShane and Bahr share a line of inquiry that focuses on the construction of space, as opposed to a representation of space.

Bahr's temporary, abstract arrangements are influenced by the small studio space where she works and the properties of the materials she manipulates. McShane's drawings are informed by an extended approach to what drawing can be, and often in response to the expansive sense of space she experiences in Texas. The exhibition is a kind of laboratory. In addition to photographs and drawings, each artist will build a "ziggurat" of works by artist who have been mentors and important influences, including Alfred alumni, as well as current and former faculty: Patrick Brennan, Jonathan Faber, Charles Goldman, John Hosford, Whitney Hubbs, Paul Kotula, Mary Lum, Lydia McCarthy, Stephanie McMahon, Ted Morgan, Sally Ross, Jennifer Niederhauser-Schlup, and Linda Sormin.

Submitted by: SOAD Events

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## The Community Table Faculty & Staff Coffee Hour

AU faculty and staff, join us at The Community Table (second floor of Powell) on Thursday, October 18th, 8:30-9:30 AM!

Learn about our new space and mingle with AU Fresh staff! Refreshments will be available.

Submitted by: Marie Williams

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# **Open Meeting on Retention**

ATS and Support Staff Councils are sponsoring an open meeting with Kathy Woughter, who will provide an update on retention. There will be time for questions and discussion. The meeting will take place Tuesday, October 23 from 12:15-1:00 in Holmes Auditorium. All are welcome to attend.

Submitted by: Vicky Westacott

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## **Environmental Studies Speaker - John Cusack**

Please join us Friday, Oct. 19th to hear John Cusack give a talk titled "Business Sustainability: Essential Key to Creating Value and Future Business Success". John Cusack is the founder of Gifford Park Associates, which develops and implements innovative strategies for integrating sustainability into multinational businesses and financial firms, addressing key financially-material sustainability and reputational value issues such as climate, clean energy, energy efficiency, climate adaption & resilience, water, green bonds, green buildings, supply chain, and publically-reported sustainable metrics. He has a BCE in Civil Engineering & a MCE in Environmental Engineering & Science from Manhattan College, an MBA with concentrations in finance and management from New York University, and is a registered Professional Engineer in New York State. He teaches as an adjunct professor undergraduate and MBA courses on sustainable finance and ethics at the Hagen School of Business at Iona College, and at MBA, Science and Engineering programs at Alfred University, Bard College, Marylhurst University, Stevens Institute of Technology and SUNY-Purchase.

Friday, Oct. 19, 2018 Roon Lecture Hall- Science Center 12:20 PM - 1:10 PM

Light refreshments will be available Everyone is welcome to attend!

Submitted by: Shannon Yocum

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## Elsa Sahal: Artist Lecture

Date & TIme: Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 4:30 pm Location: BMH 106 (Room C) Sponsored by Division of Ceramic Art

Artist Statement: Over the course of more than a decade, ceramicist Elsa Sahal has conceived a universe whose diverse biomorphic population is rife with contradiction, both visual and conceptual. Improbably, her clay creations manage to be simultaneously abstract and representational, adorable and abject, graceful and gawky, childish and erotic, masculine and feminine, and pathetic and powerful.

Attachment: Elsa Sahal Artist Lecture Poster

Submitted by: Hiromi Kanada

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## RotD-Reviews 4-Hour Halloween Horror YouTube Livestream at Powell

RotD-Reviews YouTube Channel will be live at Alfred for a 4-hour Halloween Special!

If you like Horror Movies, tune in for debates, discussions, contests, and more!

Want to be a part of the show? Come on down to Powell Campus Center and get the opportunity to pit your knowledge against other students on camera with a Horror Movie Trivia Contest! Prizes will be given to competitors and giveaways will be available for anyone wanting to just stop on by.

Saturday, October 27th Noon till 4pm Powell Campus Center, 2nd Floor

Link: http://youtube.com/rotd-reviews

Submitted by: Mike Stone

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## AU Choirs join with Roberts Wesleyan Chorale for Rutter's "Gloria"

On Saturday, October 27 the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church will be alive with the sound of glorious music. The AU Choirs will join with the Roberts Wesleyan Chorale to present the joyous and exuberant Gloria by English composer, John Rutter. The Gloria is scored for mixed choir, brass, percussion and organ and will be performed under the able baton of Dr. Adam Potter.

Potter is currently Assistant Professor of Choral Activities at Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester. He received his DMA in Choral Conducting and Music Education from Florida State University and taught previously at Delta State University in Mississippi. Potter recently received the Excellence in Teaching at Roberts, a unique honor for a first year teacher.

The choirs will also perform a short solo program including works by Mozart, Forrest, Jenks and Simon and Garfunkel. The concert will conclude with both choirs singing the uplifting Unclouded Day by Shawn Kirchner .

The concert is free and begins at 7:30 PM. The choirs will give a second performance on Sunday, November 4 at 3:00 PM in Asbury United Methodist Church, East Avenue, Rochester.

Submitted by: Luanne Crosby

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## Flu shots available to faculty and staff

Flu shots are available to faculty and staff at the Wellness Center. There is a \$20 fee. Any questions please call 607-871-2400

Submitted by: Kimberly O'Rourke

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Job Posting

Employment Opportunity: Postdoctoral Fellowship Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering

Link: Postdoctoral Fellowship Posting

Submitted by: Connie Lewis

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#### **PreHealth Workshops - Planning and Course Selection**

For freshman and sophomores interested in a pre-health professional school (such as medical, vet, dental, PT, PA, nursing, pharmacy, etc.) after graduation, you should attend one of the upcoming Pre-health Workshops tomorrow which will be focused on planning and course selection. Advising for spring semester begins next week, so this is great to know what you should be doing before meeting with your academic advisor.

Workshops will take place in the Science Center room 303 on Thursday, October 18 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm AND 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

Submitted by: Heather Zimbler-DeLorenzo

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# First History Club Meeting of the year: Thurs 10/18 @ 6pm

Join fellow lovers of history at Alfred University for a student-led presentation on the history of King Alfred.

Meeting will convene on Thursday, October 18 at 6:00 pm in Powell Room 103. All are welcome--no previous knowledge or expertise is required!

Submitted by: Mallory Szymanski

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