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TODAY	TOMORROW	SATURDAY
10:00 Walk-In Hours - Career Development Center	11:20 Environmental Studies Speaker 2: The BP Oil Spill	1:00 Football vs. Brockport
12:00 Zumba classes	12:20 Environmental Studies Speaker: Evaluating Water Quantity	Swimming and Diving vs. Nazareth
12:10 Bergren Forum - 'Alumni Connections'	6:00 Friday Night Hike	4:30 WILD Event: The Night Crawl at Sky High Adventure
5:30 'Becoming Un-Orthodox: Stories of Ex-Hasidic Jews'	7:30 Alumni Connection: Emily Tucker '02 and 'After Jack'	6:00 Women's Soccer Away vs. Utica
6:00 Potluck/Workshop with Visiting Artist Michael Strand	10:00 Alfred Lock-in	7:00 Men's Soccer @Home
		9:00 Dramatists 24-Hour

Benefits Open Enrollment Scheduled Nov. 2-15

Open enrollment for benefits for calendar year 2015 will take place Nov. 2 - 15 for qualified employees in the Non-Statutory Colleges.

Watch Alfred Today in the coming weeks for an announcement on coverage options. We are pleased to announce that there will be a premium reduction for the Dental and Vision Plans, and a very small premium increase for Health coverage with no changes to the benefit levels, co-pays, etc.

This is the time to review your coverage and make adjustments. The Human Resources Department will be available to answer questions and assist you in comparing coverage options.

Employees in the Statutory College will receive notification from NYSHIP about the Open Enrollment process when that information is available.

Submitted by: Mark Guinan

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For Women Only: Invest in Your Future

TIAA-CREF and Alfred University are pleased to announce that "Woman to Woman," a special, four-segment educational training series geared especially for women investors has been rescheduled and will be presented during Fall '14, Spring '15, and Fall '15.

The first of the series, "Start to Finish," will be held the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 31, 2014 in the Kenyon-Allen-Davis Room, Powell Campus Center. This will be an interactive session beginning at 2:30 and lasting approximately an hour and a half. By offering this seminar on Friday afternoon we hope we are able to accommodate more individuals.

For planning purposes, in addition to the first session, the remaining series will be held on the following dates in 2015: Jan. 30, April 10, and Oct. 16. Space is limited to 60 participants and a minimum of 30 is required for the sessions to run.

Attached you will find information about reserving space for what will be an important and informative event. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to expand your knowledge about investing for retirement.

This series is for all women, regardless of where you might be in your career or what your level of understand is regarding investing.

Attachment: [Start to Finish Invitation](#)

Submitted by: Mark Guinan

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Bergren Forum - 'Alumni Connections'

The Bergren Forum sponsored by the Division of Human Studies, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and the Provost Office will be meeting at 12:10 P.M. on Thursday, Oct. 16 in the Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center.

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

Speaker: Emily Tucker

Topic: "Alumni Connections: Emily Tucker '02 and Her Band 'After Jack' "

Emily Tucker will discuss life after Alfred and the importance of her liberal arts education.

Submitted by: Marilyn Saxton

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Friday After Break - 'After Jack' Concert!

On Friday, Oct. 17, AU Alumna Emily Tucker returns to Alfred with her group "After Jack."

After Jack is a musical celebration of togetherness. With expressive songwriting, captivating vocals, and a unique take on traditional mountain music, the trio combines a modern sensibility with a distinctly old-time energy to mix bluegrass, gospel, and folk elements.

Combine your most beloved musical memories with a foot-stomping string band, top it off with harmonies that spring straight from the soul of the mountains, and you've got After Jack.

Emily, Mary, and Rachel met while working together as performers in a professional theater company. After Jack takes its name from the hero of beloved mountain folk-tales, whose quick thinking and good fortune always brought him out on top. While forming the band, they realized they were blending three unique musical perspectives.

Though often labeled "Americana," their captivating sound, mixed with the incredible joy that they bring to the stage, cannot be described by one word.

Since the birth of After Jack in 2011, the band has cut its teeth on the road, playing everywhere from NYC listening rooms to major festivals like FloydFest, and sharing the stage with artists like The Lonesome River Band, Mountain Heart, and Morgan O'Kane.

Despite their travels, After Jack still takes the time to share the music and stories of Appalachia with younger generations as a part of Young Audiences - Arts for Learning - Virginia.

After Jack's first full-length album "Echo," produced by Aaron Ramsey of Mountain Heart, was released April 19, 2014 on Travianna Records. "Echo," is a notion that describes the influences of people and place on this collection of songs. The band's songwriting combines stories to be shared with experiences that can only be lived; "Echo" is an invitation, to all who encounter it, to share those moments.

After Jack will hit the road this summer and can be heard at major festivals such as the Telluride Bluegrass Festival where they will compete in the band competition with 11 other bands.

"If I was to name my boys over, I'd name all of them Jack. I never known a Jack but what was lucky."
- Sam Harmon, Tennessee storyteller, 1939
The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Miller Theater and is free! Don't miss it!

Submitted by: Luanne Crosby

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Environmental Studies Speaker: My Experience with the BP Oil Spill

We have an additional speaker for this week's Environmental Studies Speaker Series! We hope you can join us.

Date & Time: Friday, Oct. 17, 11:20 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

Title: "My Experience With the BP Gulf Oil Spill"

Speaker: Carrie DeMay, Senior GIS Programmer/Analyst, Resource Data, Inc (AU Alum '03)

Location: Science Center 247 (Roon Hall)

This event is open to everyone.

Submitted by: Jaime Osborne

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Environmental Studies Speaker: Evaluating Water Quantity

Please join us for this week's Environmental Studies Speaker Series!

Date & Time: Friday, Oct. 17, 12:20-1:10 p.m.

Title: "Evaluating Water Quantity Under Potential High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing Scenarios"

Speaker: Dr. Chris Lowry, assistant professor, Department of Geology -University at Buffalo

Location: Science Center 247 (Roon Hall)

This event is open to everyone.

Refreshments will be served.

Submitted by: Jaime Osborne

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Join the Alfred Lock-in!

Join the Institute for Cultural Unity for the 2nd annual Alfred Lock-in on Friday, Oct. 17 starting at 10 p.m. in the Knight Club.

This event is a time to get together with friends and spend a night in the Knight Club playing games, dancing, listening to music, watching movies, and enjoying several planned activities. There will be food and beverages provided.

Participants can come and go as they please until 1 a.m. However, after 1 a.m. anyone who leaves the lock-in will not be allowed to re-enter. Everyone is welcome to sleep overnight in the Knight Club, but be sure to bring your own pillow and blanket, our supplies are limited!

Free t-shirts will be given to those who attend - to guarantee a shirt for yourself, sign-up in advance!

Link: [Sign up for the Alfred Lock-in!](#)

Submitted by: Craig Arno

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Fitness Center Open at 9 A.M. Saturday 10/18

The McLane Fitness Center will open at 9 A.M. on Saturday 10/18 for general use. The facility will remain open until 8 P.M.

Submitted by: Tony Aquilina

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WILD Event: Holiday Valley Sky High Adventure Night Crawl!

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014
4:30 to 10 p.m.

After dark in the Aerial Park! Let the headlamp be your guide in this exciting 2.5-hour night climb. Start times begin at 6 P.M. and climbs end at 9:30 P.M.

There is a fee for this event that will cover cost of admission and transportation. The event will cost \$50 and includes travel and ticket into the park.

Link: [Online Registration for Sky High Adventure Trip](#)

Submitted by: WILD about Alfred Committee

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Dramatists 24-Hour Theatre Marathon!

On Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, your Alfredian Dramatists will be hosting their 24-Hour Theatre Marathon event at 9 p.m. in Nevins Theater (located in PCC). This event is comprised of completely original work written, directed, and rehearsed only 24-hours before the performance!

Watch as these sleep-deprived actors perform one fantastic culmination of work!

Admissions is \$1. The poster for the event is attached; please check it out!

Link: [Check out our Facebook Page!](#)

Attachment: [24-Hour Poster](#)

Submitted by: Nicholas Labate

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Call for Actors

Spectrum needs your help! We need Actors for Rocky Horror! Please contact spectrum@alfred.edu if you're interested.

Submitted by: Rachel Irato

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Attend Informational Session for 'Spring in Japan'

"Spring in Japan: An Overview of Culture and Society in the Land of the Rising Sun" is a three-credit B Block spring class which will also include an 11-day trip to Japan.

Japan is on the cutting edge of so many things: anime, technology, robotics, fashion design, manga, computer games.... Going to Japan and seeing what they do in these fields and how they do it, is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity - and Alfred is going to take you there! Students, faculty, and staff are welcome.

Think about delving into the history of Japanese culture: Japanese traditional and modern fashion, or the history behind the samurai, geisha, Japanese businesses, Japanese robots, etc.

Please join Alfred University students/faculty/staff from May 18 till May 28, 2015. We will visit the towns of Nara, and Kyoto - rich in the culture of traditional Japan, and Tokyo - a city of the future that exists today.... It is going to be a great trip and we hope that you will join us!

Informational Session:

Monday, Oct. 20 at 5:30 p.m. in Olin 307.

Take a look at the brochure (attachment below) for more information.

Attachment: **'Spring in Japan'**

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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Graduate School Fair

Over 60 graduate programs represented

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014

Time: Noon to 2 p.m.

Location: Powell Campus Center: Knight Club

Talk to grad school reps who can answer questions about the application process, writing personal statements, and opportunities for further educational and career advancement.

Link: [Graduate Schools Registered to Attend](#)

Submitted by: Mark McFadden

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Register Now to Volunteer on Oct. 25!

Celebrate Service, Celebrate Allegany 2014 will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25. Join AU students, faculty, and staff in a day of community service in Alfred and around Allegany County. (Time commitment will be 8:30 a.m. - early afternoon.)

Boxed lunches and transportation to service sites outside Alfred provided. Registration is required: sign up by Friday, Oct. 17 to get a t-shirt!

Link: [CSCA 2014 Registration](#)

Submitted by: Corey Fecteau

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Flu Shot Clinic

Flu Shots will be given at Ade

Tuesday, Oct. 21

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Submitted by: Rene Richardson

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'Wrenched' Film Screening & Panel Discussion

Wednesday, Oct. 22
5:30 p.m. in Nevins Theater

The film "Wrenched" follows the link between the work of Edward Abbey, an American author and eco-activist, and a new generation of activists who have carried on his "monkeywrenching" torch to protect the American wilderness.

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with Diane Cox, Fred Beaudry, Virginia Rasmussen, and Jamie Carestio on the intersection of education, ecology, and activism with an emphasis on our own local ecological and political landscape.

green@alfred.edu

Attachment: [wrenched_poster_final.pdf](#)

Submitted by: Emma Percy

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Colby Bird Lecture

Colby Bird Lecture

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 22

Location: Binns-Merrill Hall, Room 106C

Cost to Attend Event: Free and open to the public.

Sponsored by Committee or Division: The Division of Drawing, Painting and Photography and The Division of Sculpture and Dimensional Studies

Colby Bird's at times obsessive, meditative practice bridges photography and sculpture, turning photographs into objects and striking a balance between the tangible and intangible. At once about process, intuitive making and conceptual quandaries, Bird re-works and re-interprets the familiar, turning the everyday into sensual objects that appear deceptively simple.

Labor and pleasure wrestle with each other through handmade lamps, photographs, and support stands, with no clear victor.

Colby Bird received an MFA from Rhode Island School of Design in 2004. Since then he has exhibited his work widely, including solo exhibitions in the University Galleries at Texas State University, Fitzory in New York, Lora Reynolds Gallery in Austin and Halsey-Mckay in East Hampton.

Bird has been included in group shows at the Aspen Art Museum, Arthouse in Austin, and the Hagedorn Foundation in Atlanta. His work is in the collection of the Whitney Museum of American Art and has been reviewed in Artforum, Art in America, The New Yorker and The Wall Street Journal. Bird currently lives and works in Los Angeles and New York.

Submitted by: Shelly Grant

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Visit the Carillon

Guests are welcome to visit the carillon whenever it is being played. The view from the top is beautiful. Normal playing times are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. and Saturday from 4 to 5 p.m.

Submitted by: Laurel Buckwalter

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Annual RidgeWalk & Run Registration Under Way

The 22nd annual RidgeWalk & Run, promoting good health for all ages, levels of fitness, and physical ability, is set for Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014. Check-in begins at 9 a.m. at Wellsville High School, 126 W. State St.

You can choose from a multitude of spectacular trail walks and competitive runs. This is a one-of-a-kind outdoor experience that weaves participants along the highest ridge in Western New York.

RidgeWalk & Run offers walking distances of 2, 6, 9, and 15 miles and competitive trail runs of 5K, 10K, and 15 miles.

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 1,100 ENTRIES; PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY.

Early Bird by 10/8/14: Adults \$24, Adults 55+ \$20, kids (6-15) \$10; After 10/8/14: \$29 (adults), \$25 (55+), \$12 (kids)

For online registration, please visit:

<http://www.active.com/wel...>

Or a paper form with full payment must be received by Jones Memorial no later than Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014 to avoid additional cost.

All participants are bused from Registration at the Wellsville High School to event-specific starting points. Buses depart from the Finish Line Area periodically to return participants to the high school. Only participants may ride the buses to starting points.

RidgeWalk & Run participants conclude their events at the Jones Memorial Hospital/URMC "Finish Line Arena" set on a scenic horse farm 4 miles south of town. Entry fee includes: t-shirt, food and trail support; as well as busing to trail-heads from registration and back to registration parking from the "Finish Line Arena."

All participants are urged to bring dry clothing, socks and shoes. You most likely will get wet on any of the events. A drop bag labeled with your number will be given to you at the registration desk and transported to the Finish Line Arena where a changing area is provided.

Medals/awards will be given in the 5K, 10K, and the 15 Mile Trail Runs to the first male and female finisher in each age category and the first overall male and female winners. All participants are eligible for door prizes.

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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It's Back to You Season!

Back-to-school season is an exciting time of year with a fresh start to a new school year and the transition from summer to autumn.

If you have weight loss goals this back-to-school season, consider joining your fellow students, faculty and staff at a Weight Watchers At Work Meeting. Meetings are held each Thursday at noon in the HR conference room in the Pioneer Center on the Alfred State campus. At Work Meetings are friendly, informative and fun! The one hour meeting fits perfectly into your lunch schedule.

Losing weight feels great! Celebrate your weight loss journey in the company of friends from AU and A. State.

For further information, please contact Marilyn Robin at 607.587.4027 or by email at robinmf@alfredstate.edu.

Link: [Alfred State Campus Map - Pioneer Center \(#37\)](#)

Attachment: [WW Fall At Work Meeting flyer](#)

Submitted by: Anne Cornell

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Family Program: Bruce Weaver & Friends

Family Program: Bruce Weaver & Friends - Superfluous Science Trivia - Puppets

Saturday, Oct. 18 at 10:30 a.m.
Nancy Howe Auditorium
David A. Howe Public Library
155 N. Main St., Wellsville
585-593-3410

Bruce and his puppet friends have been entertaining communities in New York and Pennsylvania for over 30 years with magic, lots of laughs, and ventriloquism. Join him as he and his pals Edgar, Chester Hound, Aunt Gabby, and the rest of the gang explore science at the library. See bruceandfriends@auntgabby.com.

The library-sponsored family program is free and open to the general public.

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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Concert: Genesee Valley Chorus - Down Country Roads

Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m.
Nancy Howe Auditorium
David A. Howe Public Library
155 N. Main St., Wellsville
585-593-3410

This year the Genesee Valley Chorus (GVC) will entertain you with its version of a variety show featuring classic Country Western and cross-over favorites.

A big change for the GVC's usual repertoire, this performance will feature the GVC ensemble, soloists and guest performers with some surprises! This chorus has a wide repertoire and listening to them is a delight in any genre. The Chorus is directed by Norma Bartlett and accompanied by Carole Aldrich. Come and join the fun!

The library-sponsored concert is free and open to the general public.

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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Foreign Film: 'Together' (Chinese-South Korea) 2002 PG

Monday, Oct. 20 at 6:45 p.m.
Nancy Howe Auditorium
David A. Howe Public Library
155 N. Main St., Wellsville
585-593-3410

This film is the story of a 13-year-old violin virtuoso who is taken to Beijing by his father to access the best teacher and opportunities. Eventually, the boy must make his own choices for his life.

A fine musical score and the fact that the young actor is really a musical virtuoso adds to this excellent film. This film is part of the Chinese Culture Series offered in October and November for the community.

The library-sponsored film is free and open to the general public.

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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