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TODAY	TOMORROW	THURSDAY
8:30 International Folk Dancing 10:30 Midnight Breakfast · 4th Annual Dump-N-Run Move Out & Clean Up!	12:30 Meditation 8:00 Alfred Zombie Film Fest! · 4th Annual Dump-N-Run Move Out & Clean Up!	· 4th Annual Dump-N-Run Move Out & Clean Up!

University Summer Hours Announced

Starting Monday, May 17 and continuing through Friday, Aug. 13 the University will again follow a summer work schedule.

The normal work day will be from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. with a half hour for lunch.

Due to the increased summer activities on campus and the increasing demand from our "customers," we are unable to continue the practice of closing at noon on Fridays.

Submitted by: Mark Guinan

Please Use New Revised Form for Summer Hires

Our Student/Summer Payroll Authorization form has been revised to include the newly enacted Labor Law Notice mandatory for all new hires. The form now has a new section at the bottom with an acknowledgement to be signed by the employee.

Please note that the employee is also to receive a copy of the PA and a payroll schedule.

The new form is available on our Human Resources Web page or by using the PDF attachment below.

Thank you in advance for destroying any old versions of the form and using the new form to get the signature required to comply with New York State Labor Law 195.1.

Link: [Shortcut to HR webpage](#)

Attachment: [Student/Summer Payroll Authorization-PDF](#)

Submitted by: Kathy Costello

Federal Loan Program Changes: Direct Loans Replace Stafford Loans

Historically, Alfred University has participated in the Federal Family Education Loan (FFELP) programs: Stafford Loan (subsidized and unsubsidized), Parent PLUS Loan, and Graduate PLUS Loan. FFELP loans were certified by Alfred University with a private lender and the funds were obtained and disbursed through the private lender.

With the passage of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, the Federal Family Education Loan program will cease to exist as of July 1, 2010. All colleges and universities participating in the FFELP program must transition to the Federal Direct Loan Program. All students who previously borrowed a Federal Stafford Loan will now have a Direct Loan as part of their 2010-11 financial aid package. The terms and provisions of the Direct Loan are identical to the Stafford Loan. The only difference is the source of funding. Direct Loan funding originates with the U.S. Treasury.

As part of this transition, students who wish to borrow a Direct Loan for the 2010-11 academic year, must complete a Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note. The Web site for students to complete a Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note is: www.studentloans.gov. Please note: This Web site does not currently support Internet Explorer v. 8. We recommend that you use either Internet Explorer v. 7 or Mozilla Firefox.

Students must have their FAFSA PIN number in order to enter the Website. Once you have entered the Web site, you will complete and electronically sign the promissory note and Alfred University will be notified that you have done so.

It is important for all students who wish to borrow the Direct Loan to take care of this process as soon as possible to help make the transition as smooth as possible. The Financial Aid Office is available to answer any questions students may have regarding this new process. Please feel free to contact us at 607.871.2159 and we will be happy to assist you.

A direct mailing will be sent to each student who will require a Direct Loan promissory note over the next few weeks. (Information for the Direct PLUS Loan will be sent to parents and graduate students under separate cover).

Submitted by: Kathy Harkenrider

Local Author Visit and Reading: Megan Staffel

Tuesday, May 4 at 7 p.m.

Nancy Howe Auditorium at the David A. Howe Public Library, 155 N. Main St., Wellsville

Fiction writer Megan Staffel will be reading a story from her new collection of short fiction, "Lessons in Another Language." Like her last novel, set in the imaginary town of Paris, NY, many of the stories in this collection are located in the Southern Tier. Staffel's stories are exquisite, gripping observations of lives humbled by the power of the rural landscape that surrounds them, of people haunted by the enormity of their longings.

Her previous work includes the novels, "The Notebook of Lost Things" and "She Wanted Something Else," and the story collection, "A Length of Wire."

A longtime resident of Alfred, Staffel divides her time between writing and teaching. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

This library-sponsored program is free and open to everyone.

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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Pen Pals Wanted for New Initiative

A new student-initiated program is seeking 150 college students to become pen-pals with children from the Equality Charter School in the Bronx. The program is intended to raise awareness of campus life so that children can better imagine themselves attending college after high school.

Maimunatu Mohammed, a junior marketing major, developed the program after performing an art residency at the Equality Charter School in October 2009. Her desire is to build a stronger relationship between Alfred University and what she calls their new "little sister school."

"When I was their age, I wish I had some positive influence to motivate me towards college," says Mohammed, who grew up in the Bronx. "The idea of attending a university in rural western New York was about as relatable as going to school on the other side of the planet. This is just about planting a seed in their minds about college opportunities."

University students interested will be asked to commit to writing one letter per semester until they graduate. Specific instructions and tips are attached and final submissions can be sent to Maimunatu Mohammed at mbm1@alfred.edu or sent to Powell Box 1159. The letters are due by Monday, May 10, 2010.

Submitted by: Maimunatu Mohammed

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Summer Jobs - Community Service Positions

The Financial Aid Office is now accepting applications for Summer Federal College Work Study positions. To be eligible to apply you must meet the following criteria:

- Matriculated Student at Alfred University
- Expected to enroll for the 2010-11 academic year
- Filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid for 2010-11

The positions will primarily be community service off-campus jobs within the Alfred/Almond area. If you are interested in applying you must contact Mrs. Crandall at the Office of Student Financial Aid, located in Alumni Hall. Telephone number is 607-871-2159.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

- Town of Alfred - Community Improvement and Codes Office/Street departments
- Sports Camp (month of July) - Swim instructors, lifeguards, and Arts and Crafts

- Alfred Montessori - Daycare
- Town of Almond - Community Improvement and General Maintenance
- Box of Books - Library Clerk for Summer Reading Program

Submitted by: Elena Wallace

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Summer School 2010/Financial Aid

If you plan to take summer classes at AU and are a current financial aid recipient, we are providing you the following information to help you determine if you may have financial aid eligibility applicable to summer enrollment.

Attachment: [Fin Aid / Summer School 2010](#)

Submitted by: Catherine Schnurle

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Tips: Pen Pals

TIPS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Alfred University is partnering with Equality Charter School of the Bronx.

- * We are seeking 150 AU Students to write to 150 6th & 7th grade students
- * AU and ECS will mail all letters together back-and-forth
- * For confidentiality, both writers should only include first name and their last initial.
- * No e-mail, phone numbers, addresses, or last names should be exchanged.
- * Our goal is to inform junior high children about the possibilities of college. By making them aware of your experience, they can imagine themselves attending college.
- * Another goal is to give both writers exposure to the fun and skill involved in letter writing.
- * AU students will write just one letter per semester - and please e-mail or give to Maimunatu Mohammed at PCC 1159.
- * We are seeking AU juniors, sophomores, and first-years who can keep writing into next year.

Sample letter:

Dear ECS Pen-Pal, (Note: the first letter we won't put a specific kid's name because the school will distribute)

My name is Mimi. I am a 21-year-old girl and go to Alfred University. I am studying Marketing and my dream job is to work for a company and make a lot of money.

My favorite food is called fufu, which is an African-food. I was born in the United States but raised (from 3-9 years old) in Ghana, which is a country in Africa. Fufu is made out of plantains - which are smashed and mixed into a dough - and then dipped in soup.

I like to dance and I started my own dance team at Alfred University. My favorite cartoon is the Fairly Odd Parents and my favorite book growing up was called MAUS which is a graphic novel (comic book) about Jewish experiences during the Holocaust.

I look forward to hearing about you, so please write back and give your teacher the letter. I'll write back in the Fall and share my summer adventures. You have a great summer too.

Submitted by: Maimunatu Mohammed

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French Speaking Africa Fall 2010

French Speaking Africa

This course is an introduction to the cultures and literature of French-speaking Africa with readings

and discussions of works by contemporary Francophone African writers and poets, also using films to supplement the readings. This is an elective for the major and minor in French as well as Global Studies. It also fulfills the Global Perspectives Gen Ed requirement. It is only offered once in a while, so this will probably be a good chance for your students to take. Among the topics discussed in this course will be: art, history politics, gender, religion, culture, rites of passage, rituals and music. We often invite guest speakers who teach an African course or who lived in Africa. The course will offer the student a cultural exposure, raise their awareness and broaden their knowledge of a non-western world.

The course will be taught in English by a native francophone African who will bring her own personal experience and perspectives to share with the class.

Submitted by: Jen Guarasci

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Seniors: Make your Senior 20.10 Gift at the Bookstore!

All \$20.10 Pledges for the SENIOR CLASS GIFT will NOW BE TAKEN EVERY DAY AT THE BOOKSTORE! We have a goal of 100% participation. (Cash, check, charge, or security deposit). Make sure to pick up your t-shirt to sport during Senior Week!

Submitted by: Susan Gorman

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Small Vendor Display of Promotional Items

The Procurement Office would like to introduce to you, Image Packaging, a company that uses recycled materials to create environmentally friendly products.

They are a woman-owned business located in Elmira. They create promotional items such as totes, mugs, insulated cups, flashlights, pens, pencils, and an assortment of other products.

I wanted to invite you to stop down to Procurement Services located in Greene Hall on Main Street any time to see a small display of some of their promotional items.

We consider Image Packaging a preferred vendor for Alfred University with very competitive pricing which will mean savings for your department.

Submitted by: Sue Peck

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New Job/Internship Search Resource for AU Students and Alums

The Career Development Center is pleased to offer a new job/internship resource - CareerShift

CareerShift's set of tools and applications provide a very unique opportunity to job and internship hunters. CareerShift provides an easy-to-use approach to crack the "hidden job market" and for managing the job/internship hunt all in one place.

1. Go to CareerShift (see below for link)
2. Click sign up.
3. Fill out required information using your Alfred.edu e-mail address.
4. Select a security question and answer.
5. Answer the human verifier question.
6. Check user agreement.
7. Click Next.
8. You will be brought to your CareerShift account.

Questions can be directed to admin@careershift.com or call Toll free 888.232.0632.

Link: [CareerShift Job/Intenship Search Tool](#)

Attachment: [CareerShift_student_intro.pdf](#)

Submitted by: Mark McFadden

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Strategic Opportunity Stipends (SOS) Deadline: May 25, 2010

Strategic Opportunity Stipends (SOS) provides grants designed to help individual artists of all disciplines take advantage of specific, unique opportunities that will significantly benefit their work or career. These are \$100-\$600 grants for forthcoming opportunities (not necessarily projects) that are distinct from an artist's ongoing work. The next deadline is May 25, 2010. This deadline is for opportunities occurring between July 1 and Oct. 31, 2010.

To apply:

1. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and a full-time resident for the past year of one of the participating New York State counties (see step 3 or page 6 of the application. NOTE: SOS is NOT available to residents of the 5 boroughs of New York City). Applicants cannot be enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate degree program at the time of application.

2. Complete the application by downloading the PDF:

<http://www.nyfa.org/level...>

3. Submit the application to your regional SOS administrator: <http://www.nyfa.org/level...>

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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Electronic Forms Service Available from ITS

In an effort to streamline AU's data collection process, ITS is offering an Electronic Forms service to the campus. AU offices may convert existing paper forms to online forms using Adobe Acrobat 9 Pro.

Specially formatted PDF forms can be submitted to an E-Forms administration page on the staff portal. The forms are reviewed by ITS and published to the E-forms pages on the staff and student portals.

Once the forms have been filled out, they can be retrieved from a restricted folder on AU's U drive. For the safety of the AU community, ITS cannot publish any forms asking for Social Security numbers or any other sensitive personal information.

Any staff member interested in submitting E-forms for publication must obtain permission from a supervisor and complete required E-Forms training. Training will be provided on an as-needed basis.

To request training, please contact Meghanne Freivald at 871.2363 or via e-mail.

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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CA\$H for Textbooks! Sell Your Textbooks Before Going Home

CASH for your TEXTBOOKS. Sell your textbooks at the AU Bookstore BEFORE going home. Get up to 50% back if your textbook is being used again. Must present picture ID.

Submitted by: Marcy Bradley

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Anti-Plagiarism Assistance: Turnitin.com

Turnitin.com is a plagiarism detection tool that is available to all AU faculty. Students or instructors can upload research papers and writing assignments; Turnitin checks each submitted document against content on the Internet and previously submitted works. After papers are submitted, the instructor receives an originality report in the form of a graph showing the percentage of each submission that is unoriginal.

For more information or to get started, please contact Meghanne Freivald at 607.871.2363.

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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Reunion 2010

Reunion 2010!

Alumni please join us for Alfred University Reunion June 11-13, 2010!

Everyone is welcome with a special invitation being extended to - Alfred's Golden Saxons and the classes of: 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, AKO, Lambda, ZBT and Alumni Admissions Staff.

Contact us at the Office of Alumni and Community Relations 607.871.2144 or visit us on the Web: www.alfred.edu/alumni/reg...

We have a great weekend planned with activities for all ages and interests. Keep an eye on your mailbox for information on the Alumni and Friends of Football Golf Tournament, 5K Run/Walk and Youth Program.

Let's get together again at AU!

Link: [Reunion 2010 Registration](#)

Submitted by: Audrea Sirianni

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Deadline for Alfred Today Submissions is 2 p.m.

There have been a number of submissions recently coming to Alfred Today after the 2 p.m. deadline. The items for the following day are edited at 2 p.m. If you have not sent your ANNOUNCEMENT in by the deadline it will not appear the following day. Alfred Today is not edited overnight, with the exception of weekend submissions.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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'Rockin' with the Oldies'

Mark the date. The Allegany Senior Foundation is hosting "Rockin with the Oldies," a fundraising party

at the American Legion in Wellsville, Saturday, May 15, between 4:30 and 9:00 p.m. This family event will include a DJ, dinner catered by the Barbecue Bandits, karaoke singing, a basket auction and even an Elvis impersonator!

All of the proceeds from this benefit will go to support senior services in Allegany County.

Individual tickets may be purchased for \$15 and \$40 will treat a family of four. You may purchase your tickets at the Allegany County Office For Aging or from any board member: Chuck Schultz, Wally Higgins, Alice Heineman, Curt Crandall, Kim Toot, Keith Folts, Sandy Blake, Rob Christman, Dave Pullen, or Jean Switalski.

Come join the fun!

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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