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# What's Happening?

More Events...

TODAY	TOMORROW	SATURDAY
5:00 Visiting Artist: Angela Drakeford	· #SaxonFriday	
Want to get Hooked on Crocheting?		

# **Upcoming Spring Registration: Run a Degree Evaluation**

Be sure to run a degree evaluation to check your progress towards earning your degree.

- ~Run one before you register to see what courses you need.
- ~Run one after you get registered to be sure the courses are being used/applied toward your degree. If they don't you could have financial aid issues.
- ~Be sure to work with your advisor.
- ~Consider Allen Term and Summer courses if you need to make up courses in order to graduate on time.

Follow the url link to our How to Videos and/or work instructions.

Link: Link for How to Instructions

Submitted by: Tammy Jursza Williams

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# 2021-22 Tuition Exchange Application Deadline is October 26, 2020

Faculty and Staff - the Tuition Exchange Export Application deadline is October 26, 2020. If your child is planning to begin college (or transfer to another college) next year, 2021-22, 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 26, 2020.

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 2021-22

Attachment: TE Information Memo for Campus Community

Attachment: AU 2021-22 TE Export Application

Submitted by: Catherine Schnurle

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# Lost and Found

If you have an item you lost or found, please post it on the Lost and Found Board using the link

Link: Lost and Found Board

Submitted by: Judy Linza

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# **Airgas Cylinder Price List**

As previously announced, Airgas cylinder prices increased as of October 1st. Attached is an updated price list.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Procurement at x2698.

Attachment: Airgas 20-21 Price List

Submitted by: Valerie Ewald

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# **HR** Tip of the Month

Did you know that as an employee of Alfred University you may qualify for Public Service Loan

Forgiveness? Also known as student loan forgiveness, since you work for a qualifying non-for-profit employer.

Qualifying Factors:

- -Must work at least 30 hours a week
- -Your federal loans have to be Direct Loans to qualify
- -Your loans must be paid under an income based repayment plan
- -Have to make 120 on-time qualifying payments then the rest of your loans are forgiven
- -Complete and submit the Employment Certification for Public Service Loan Forgiveness form yearly to your loan servicer to certify your employment
- -Human Resources can certify your employment and verify employment dates

The website below will give you more information regarding Public Service Loan Forgiveness https://studentaid.ed.gov...

You fill out the first page of the PSLF form, HR will fill out the second page, and the remaining pages are for your reference. The form can be located at <a href="https://my.alfred.edu/hum...">https://my.alfred.edu/hum...</a>

Feel free contact Kayleigh Jones, HR Generalist, with any questions at 607-871-2276 or by email misner@alfred.edu

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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# **Open Position- Custodian**

Please see the link below for more information on the open Custodial position.

Link: Open Custodial Position

Submitted by: Tamara Green

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### **Job Opening-Contact Tracer**

Please see the link below for information on the open Contact Tracer position.

Link: Contact Tracer

Submitted by: Tamara Green

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# Foreign Language Placement Exam

The Foreign Language Placement Exam is now administered online. Online exams can be taken in French, German or Spanish. If you are interested in taking the exam before registering for Spring Semester courses, during the week of October 19 - 23 please send an email to Prof. S. Singer (fsinger@alfred.edu) stating the language (French, German or Spanish) in which you would like to be tested. You will then receive a link for the test. If you have already taken the exam, you may not repeat it in the same language.

Who should take a Placement Exam?

\* Students who have taken more than two years of French, German or Spanish in high school and who

intend to take the same language at AU should take the exam in that language.

\* Students who are bilingual or native speakers of French, German or Spanish (or who have spoken the language at home) should take the exam in that language.

Who does not need to take a Placement Exam?

- \* Students who are planning to take French, German or Spanish in college but have NOT studied that language in High School (or spoken it at home) do not need to take an exam. They should start by taking 101 in their chosen language.
- \* Students who wish to demonstrate proficiency in a language OTHER THAN French, German or Spanish should contact Prof. S. Singer (fsinger@alfred.edu) about procedures for taking a Placement Exam through another institution.

Submitted by: Janet McClain

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#### Get to Know the CDO

Dr. Brian Saltsman, the newly appointed interim Chief Diversity Officer is hosting bi-weekly open chats and meetings to hear from the campus community about issues of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity. This is an opportunity to speak with him and to hear concerns. The meetings will occur over zoom as we are currently observing social distancing and health protocols.

Meetings will occur on the following Thursdays from 11 am to 1pm:

October 22nd November 5th November 19th

Dr. Saltsman is also willing to speak with other groups or individuals additionally at other times. Please feel free to reach out at saltsman@alfred.edu.

Link: Zoom Meeting Link

Submitted by: Brian Saltsman

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# Visiting Artist: Angela Drakeford

Topic: Artist Talk: Angela Drakeford

Time: Oct 22, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: https://alfredu.zoom.us/j...

Meeting ID: 914 1500 5788 Passcode: 99999Angela U.

Drakeford is an artist from Omaha, Nebraska. She received her MFA in Fibers and Material Studies from Tyler School of Art in 2017. She received her BFA from University of Nebraska at Omaha. She has had residencies at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Art and The Union for Contemporary Art. Her work has been shown in various museums throughout the country, including Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Museum of Nebraska Art, and Joslyn Art Museum. Drakeford's work is in various public and private collections across the country including Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art and the University of Nebraska Foundation. She currently resides in New Mexico.

Link: Alfred University Event

Submitted by: Arts Events

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# Latvian Art Academy / Alfred University Transnational Project

Date: 10/12/2020 Ongoing for the rest of the semester.

Cost: Free

Ticketing Website Link: https://www.irmacollabora...

This educational project offers ample opportunities for the exchange of a multiplicity of ideas, expressions, and approaches. From its inception this project is collaborative in nature and so will provide various points of view.

Participants both in Alfred and in Riga will bring much to their chosen surroundings. What will be done, what will appear? It is interesting that everyone will set off in various directions but as we share this project experience, in the end it can also be seen as one work." -Michael Rogers, Artistic Associate, Alfred University.

The Glass Object in an Environment". Participants are to choose an actual existing place or create it in a model. The students are then to create a glass object or objects connected to the chosen environment. This project can be presented by video, a performance, or by photo documentation.

Instructors: Inguna Audere, Art Academy of Latvia (LMA); Karen Donnellan, Alfred University; Michael Rogers, Artistic Associate at AU and Professor at (LMA)

Link: Alfred University Event

Submitted by: Arts Events

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### **Open Position-Admissions Counselor**

Please see the link below for more information on the open Admissions Counselor/Assistant Director of Admissions for Diversity & Partnership Initiatives position.

Link: Admissions Counselor/Assistant Director of Admissions for Diversity & Partnership Initiatives

Submitted by: Tamara Green

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### **Environmental Studies Speaker- Erin Letovsky '07**

Alfred University's Environmental Studies Program will be presenting a talk (online via Zoom) entitled "Burnt Out: Forest Fire Recovery in Australia". The speaker will be Erin Letovsky, Coordinator of Fire Recovery for the Department of Environment in Australia. Ms. Letovsky graduated from Alfred University in 2007 with a major in Environmental Studies and then received a MS in environmental science from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

She has been living and working in Victoria, Australia for most of the last ten years in forest fire and disaster recovery. She is currently coordinating the fire recovery effort of the state's Department of Environment and deploys to forest fires as a member of the Rapid Risk Assessment Team.

The talk is from 12:20 until 1:10 on Friday, Oct 23. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. In order to avoid "zoom bombing", we are not publishing the zoom address for the talk publicly, but it is

available simply by emailing Shannon Yocum at yocum@alfred.edu and asking her to send you the address.

Submitted by: Shannon Yocum

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# 25% OFF Fleece, Winter & Outerwear

Get ready for cold weather! 25% off ALL FLEECE, OUTER AND WINTER WEAR at the AU Bookstore! Hoodies, gloves, scarves, windbreakers, jackets and more in stock! Sale thru Friday 10/23/20.

Link: http://alfred.bncollege.com

Submitted by: Marcy Bradley

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# Sanitizing Wipes for office/classroom spaces

Many offices and classrooms have buckets of sanitizing wipes. We have additional material available to refill the buckets, and ask that they not be thrown away. Instead of disposing of them, you can put in a work order to request a refill. Alternatively, if you have buckets that you no longer require, please also fill out a work order and ask for facilities to retrieve them.

Submitted by: Kelly Moore

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# ATS & SSC Open Meeting with Marketing & Communication

Administrative & Technical Specialists and Support Staff Councils invite you to our upcoming Open Meeting for October where our guests will be representatives from Marketing & Communication. The meeting will be on October 27th at 12:15pm. Information will include current protocols for press releases, how to get things published for departments, who to contact, how Marketing & Communication supports AU internally and externally, services offered, and any other updates they would like to share with us. The Zoom meeting link will be sent out over ATSC and SSC list serves. If you would like another copy of the link, please contact Sarah Rynearson-Moody directly. If you want to provide questions ahead of time, please also send them to Sarah. A lot of information on what services our departments provide and the steps to request them are located on the MarComm website: https://my.alfred.edu/mar...

Submitted by: Sarah Rynearson-Moody

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#### Stuff to Do this Weekend

SAB is excited to bring you some fabulous events this weekend!

### **FRIDAY**

On Friday, SAB will be hosting a TYE DYE Palooza from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm outside of the second floor of Powell. Magnificent SAB masks and shirts will be provided for tie dye festivities. You can sign up for time slots on AU Connect.

#### SATURDAY

We will be hosting ONLINE BINGO from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. It will be on zoom, and you can sign up on AU Connect and get a link to a bingo card. You will also be sent a link to a bingo card via private zoom chat if you just show up on the night of the event.

Stay Safe and Stay Masked!

Link: AU Connect

Submitted by: Eliza Ordway

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### Pine Hill Hike

WILD about Alfred in partnership with the Forest People are offering a Pine Hill Hike this Sunday. Please meet at Hairpin Turn at 1pm to head up into the trail. Masks are required when you can't socially distance so please be sure to bring and wear your mask! The trail will likely be muddy so proper footwear, that can get muddy is highly recommended.

All participants will receive a coveted WILD Winter Hat!

Link: AU Connect Event

Submitted by: Eliza Ordway

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# **Community Mind Map: Identity**

Talk Back is a pop-up organization promoting collaborative community social projects in the art community. Through each project we hope to "talk back" to influence and provide possibilities for inclusion and expression. The aim is to have our voices heard when considering current events/issues/trends. This project is necessary for the building of community morale and inclusivity something that is of the utmost importance. We hope to gain insight on community needs, struggles, and solutions to issues we may be facing.

Community Mind Map: Identity is a project that focuses on identity within the local community. Students and faculty are asked to participate in this project by submitting images that describe who they are and serve as an extension of themselves. These images will then be collaged and placed on the walls in Harder Hall Lobby from October 22 - Nov 5. There will be an artist talk on Nov 6 at 6PM.

Participate by: Placement of images and writings (Oct 22 - Nov5)

- -Images can be straight off the internet, from books/magazines, collaged, photographed, scanned. -Print images and place on wall.
- -Students/faculty are invited to place images on the wall
- -Board is open to commentary quotes, poems, thoughts, feelings, comments, connecting the dots
- -Even if you have not participated in images you are invited to write

Public Forum/Discussion of results + documentation of event (Nov 6)

-discuss what has been said and done

-video documentation will then go into the archive; successes of the event and issues with the event -come to some sort of conclusion on our values in the AU community or issues that need to be vocalized more which may/may not help determine the next theme

Link: Community Mind Map: Identity

Submitted by: Arts Events

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# Services announced for Jon Eric Feenaughty, NYSCC maintenance supervisor

Jon "Eric" Feenaughty, maintenance supervisor in the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, was killed in a logging accident that occurred Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, in the town of Hartsville, NY.

Eric had been employed at Alfred University since July 23, 2007. His colleagues in the NYSCC considered him as much a friend and co-worker as he was a supervisor. Eric is survived by his wife, the former Donna Combs, and three children: sons Brandon Combs and Colin Feenaughty, and daughter Brianne Combs.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at the H.P. Smith & Son, Inc. Funeral Home, 29 East Main St. in Canisteo, NY. Private funeral and burial will take place at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery in Canisteo. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, masks, social distancing and limited occupancy will be required during calling hours. In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions in Eric's name may be made to the Hornell Wildwood BOCES building trades department, in care of Sally Deane-Mosher, 1126 Bald Hill Rd. Hornell, NY 14843.

The Alfred University Office of Human Resources notes that counseling services are available through our Employee Assistance Program. For information on services available through the program, please call 1-800-327-2255. All services are confidential and the first seven counseling sessions are free to Alfred University employees and their dependents up to age 26.

Link: Complete obituary

Submitted by: Mark Whitehouse

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