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Events

There are currently no events scheduled for the next three days.

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Announcements

Changes to Mask Policy

In response to the change to mask optional status today, FAQs related to the change have been posted to the COVID page on the AU website.

Link: [Masking FAQs](#)

Submitted by: Judy Linza

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May Graduates - Order your Cap & Gown!

All May 2022 graduates - Order your regalia (cap & gown) BY MARCH 24, 2022. Stop into the bookstore to place your order OR order on our special website for regalia. Payment is required at the time of ordering. Bachelor complete unit (cap/gown/tassel/hood) is \$78.85 including tax. Master complete unit is \$83.60. Purchase IN STORE or online.

Link: [ORDER NOW!](#)

Submitted by: Marcy Bradley

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Cheryl's Closet - Career Development Center

Did you know that the Career

Development Center offers free lightly used professional clothing for all of our student's professional needs? Book your personal shopping appointment with Cheryl's Closet today at alfred.joinhandshake.com, or email cdc@alfred.edu! We are now offering in-person and virtual appointment options to best fit your needs!

Link:

<http://alfred.joinhandshake.com>

Submitted by: Faith Piatt

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Universal Design For Learning (UDL) Resources

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is the practice of creating learning experiences that are appropriate for all students, regardless of disability status or other differences that impact learning. When learning experiences are designed with UDL in mind, they are inherently more accessible. Additional information and resources are available on AU's UDL web page.

Link: [Universal Design for Learning \(UDL\) at AU](#)

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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Alfred University Service Awards Nominations Request

The Employee Recognition Committee would like you to know that the nomination form is open to nominate your co-workers for the three established service awards. Nominations will be received through

4/15/22.

Three Awards (to read more about these click the link below):

- Bob Condrate Lifelong Learner Award
- Saxon Service Award
- Cathy Johnson Service Award

These awards will be presented at the 5th Annual Employee Recognition Event held on 5/10/22 from 2-4 virtually.

Link: [Employee Recognition Nomination Webpage](#)

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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Register for the In Person Spring Career Fair today!

The annual Spring Career Fair is coming quickly! REGISTER NOW! Registration is open for the In Person Spring Career Fair on March 24th from 12pm-3pm!

As you prepare for the fairs, it's important that you:

- Check back daily for additional companies registering!
- Complete your Handshake profile and add your resume NOW!
- Do your research on companies attending!

Link:

<http://alfred.joinhandshake.com>

Submitted by: Faith Piatt

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Process for Staff and Student Taxable Gifts and Awards

Department completes two forms (both of these forms should be sent together to payroll@alfred.edu for processing):

1. Taxable Gifts and Awards form
(<https://my.alfred.edu/hum...>)

- Complete all sections of the form
- Don't forget to select where recipient is an employee or not an employee (if the student receives any payroll from Alfred University they are an "employee") (if you are unsure, do not check any boxes, payroll will confirm for you)
- Complete description and reason for award and date presenting award
- Send to payroll@alfred.edu 3-4 weeks before you need the award to allow for processing.

2. Check request form
(<https://my.alfred.edu/bus...>)

- Complete all sections of the form
- Don't forget to enter account number and amount of the award
- Explain details of award and date presenting award
- Send to payroll@alfred.edu along with the Taxable Gifts and Awards form for processing

Payroll will approve completed forms and release the check request to Business Office. All checks will be returned to Payroll for distribution back to original requestor.

FYI:

- If the student is an "employee" the check will be less taxes regardless of the amount of the award or the intent of the award. The award will be reported on their W2.

-If the student is not an "employee", the business office will issue the check for the full amount. If taxes are owed the student will be responsible for declaring the award on their taxes for the following year. If total awards received by a student in a calendar year equal or exceed \$600 they will receive a 1099 for tax purposes.

Awards for Non Employee Students will be reported on 1099 by the Business Office, as necessary.

Important notes:

- No gift cards/certificates are allowed to be purchased
- No awards should be purchased with one-cards, all awards should go through this process.
- For any clarification regarding what can be purchased, please contact Mark Guinan (guinan@alfred.edu)

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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HR Tip of the Month

Did you know that the IRS has announced retirement plan contribution limits for 2022?

403(b) Plan Contribution Limits:

For 2022, the contribution limit for employees into this type of account is increasing from 2021. The annual limit is \$20,500.

For participants who are age 50 and older, the catch-up contribution amount is \$6,500. Meaning that older savers can choose to defer up to \$27,000 of their compensation into their SRA accounts.

How do you open a Supplemental Retirement Account (SRA) with AU?

1. First you have to decide how much money you want to set aside (flat dollar value).
2. Secondly you have to decide if you want that money to be a Pre-Tax or Post-Tax deduction.

Pre-tax contribution is the amount of deductions you make from your bi-weekly gross wage into your 403b retirement savings account, BEFORE taxes have been deducted. By making pre-tax contributions, you are lowering your current taxable income.

Post-Tax contribution is the amount of deductions you make from your bi-weekly gross wage into your 403b retirement savings account, AFTER taxes have been deducted. By making post-tax contributions, you do not have to pay tax on withdrawals because you've already paid taxes

3. Third, you contact HR, as detailed below, and we would be happy to help you!

Non-Statutory (Regular AU Employees):

With this type of account we are able to process your contribution as a flat dollar amount, not a percentage. If you wish to open a new account, you should fill out the form linked below and return to

humanresources@alfred.edu

Statutory (NYSCC):

With this type of account we are able to process your contribution as a flat dollar amount, not a percentage. If you

wish to open a new account, you should contact, Kayleigh Jones, to set up an appointment to enroll in either a pre-tax or post-tax SRA account.

Link: [Non-Statutory SRA enrollment form](#)

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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Opportunity from SUNY FACT2: Innovative Assessment Symposium

The SUNY FACT2 Task Group on Innovative Assessment will be hosting a Symposium through the month of April. This is a 4-week virtual symposium to be held every Thursday in April, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Each of the four sub-groups will present a webinar on a specific topic related to classroom assessment. The sub-groups and topics are:

Week 1: Multiple Pathways: Ways to Assess Students Using Multiple Pathways through a Course

Week 2: Real World Assessments: What Can Real World Assessment Look Like?

Week 3: Diversity & Equity: Strategies for Creating Socially Just Assessments

Week 4: Learning Recognition: Assessing Classroom Learning Using E-Portfolios

Participants may sign up for as many webinars as they like, and participation is free. All faculty are welcome to attend. If you have any questions or

need assistance with registration, please contact Meghanne Freivald.

Link: [FACT2 Innovative Assessment Symposium](#)

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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Job Opportunity-Saxon Inn Part-Time Housekeeper

Please see link below for more information on the open Saxon Inn Part-Time Housekeeper position.

Link: [Saxon Inn Part-Time Housekeeper](#)

Submitted by: Tamara Green

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Hot Dog Day Issue: Gathering Submissions

Gathering submissions for our Hot Dog Day issue is underway, and we'd really like to get some from you all, too!

"Remembering Hot Dog Day"

- Hot Dog Day is celebrating its 50th anniversary in April, and we want to help look back on all the fun. If you have pictures, little stories, and/or anecdotes from your past Hot Dog Days, we'd really like to see/hear them!

"How Hot is Your Dog?"

- Send in pictures of your dog(s) and tell us a little about them (if you'd like.) We'll feature your pup alongside their name and yours, if you're comfortable sharing your name.

Additionally, if you want to write an article (it can be as short as you want) for the issue, we're always happy to take those, as well!

You can email us at aufiatlux@gmail.com with your submissions. Just be sure to let us know what it's for, and we'll confirm with you that we got it. The deadline for these submissions is April 8th, 2022 at midnight!

Submitted by: Fiat Lux News

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Looking for 2D Art Newspaper Cover!

Hey artists!

Our Hot Dog Day issue is going to be online AND hard copy, so we're looking for people to submit 2D art prints (or copies) of their work to be considered for the cover.

You may have seen our hard copy issue last semester, and we want to keep our new tradition of using student artwork as the cover.

Email your submissions (title of the piece and your name) to aufiatlux@gmail.com. We'll likely have a lot of pieces coming in for consideration, but we'll let you know when we've received your work!

Submitted by: Fiat Lux News

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I Voted. Did You? A Staged

Reading on Voting Rights

This is a staged reading of a new text devised by Dr. Becky Prophet, Sara Schnick Love, Alfred theatre alumni and current theatre students

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

Attachment: [Poster for I Voted. Did You? with an image of three squares. Red, White, & Blue with yarn.](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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Visiting Artist Rob Bartlett residency

Actor/Comedian/Alfred Alum Rob Barlett

Comedian and actor Rob Bartlett, who attended Alfred University, will be a visiting artist in the Theatre Dept., and will give an audition workshop on 3/23 at 6 PM. He will also visit the Intro to Theatre classes to discuss his careering stand-up, on radio and Broadway, and those are open to all.

11:20-12:35 3/23

6-10 PM 3/23

10:20-11:10 3/24

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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AU Bookstore- \$.99 Sale and 50% OFF Select Supplies

Browse our \$.99 rack and 50% OFF table for select supplies at the AU Bookstore.

Get out on these warm afternoons to visit the bookstore!

Submitted by: Marcy Bradley

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Apply to be an Orientation Guide!

Summer Orientation is returning to campus for Summer 2022!

Applications for orientation guide positions are now open. This is a great opportunity for current students to develop leadership skills and welcome new students to Alfred University. This is now a PAID position and will provide housing and meals during orientation sessions. Use the link here to apply now! Please send any questions to: Kassie McCarn (mccarn@alfred.edu)

Link: [Apply Now!](#)

Attachment: [Orientation Guide Information](#)

Submitted by: Kassie McCarn

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Pizza and Pedagogy: Teaching in the Post-COVID Era

Tuesday, March 22, 12:15-1:00 in Alumni Lounge, PCC: faculty/staff discussion on the challenges of teaching post-COVID (with free pizza!)

The emotional fallout of COVID has made it harder for students to attend

to academics, and therefore harder for us to teach. Absences, missed assignments, and non-participation abound. What can we do as faculty to help our students in this current moment? Chris Gause from the Center for Academic Success, Cassie McCarn and Mariah Evans from the Center for Advising, and Emma Wolf from the Counseling Center will join us for this discussion to brainstorm ways we can all work together to help students succeed. (This one is relevant to all faculty, whether you teach writing or not.)

Please RSVP to Vicky Westacott at fcobb@alfred.edu so I know how much pizza to order!

Submitted by: Vicky Westacott

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Check out AU Libraries social media pages!

Stay up to date on all the latest services, spaces and fun happening in the Alfred University Libraries!

Facebook - Alfred University Libraries

Instagram - au.libraries

TikTok - AULibraries_

Twitter - AULibraries_

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Submitted by: Haleigh Youll

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