

Women of Influence series features Meals on Wheels CEO, alumna

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Enid Borden, president and CEO of Meals on Wheels of America and Alfred University alumna, class of 1972, will speak at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010 in the Women's Leadership Center on campus. Borden is the second speaker for this year's Women's Leadership Center's "Women of Influence" series. The series is open to the public free of charge. Borden heads the oldest and largest organization in the United States representing those who provide meal service to people in need. During her 19-year tenure, Borden has been responsible for the dramatic growth of the organization, leading it from a little known trade group to a major national not-for-profit association and increasing its budget over tenfold. Her discussion, "Advocacy and Activism for a Changing World," will include a look at causes and social ramifications of poverty and hunger around the world. Borden will also discuss her recent involvement working with former President Bill Clinton on a task force addressing poverty in America. Borden currently serves as a member of Sesame Street Food Insecurity Advisory Committee, on the American Society of Association Executive's Key Philanthropic Organizations Committee, and on the board of directors of the Visiting Nurse Associations of America. Prior to her tenure at Meals on Wheels, Borden was deputy commissioner for policy and external affairs at the Social Security Administration and director of public affairs of the then-Office of Human Development Services within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Borden's work has earned her recognition in "Who's Who in the Media and Communication." Borden earned her bachelor's degree from AU; a master's degree from Adelphi University, Garden City; and pursued study in the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. The Women's Leadership Center builds on Alfred University's heritage as the first truly coeducational institution in the nation. The Women of Influence program brings powerful female role models to campus, providing opportunities for inspiration and guidance through lectures and small-group discussions. Past speakers have included a NYS Supreme Court judge, a dean of a medical college, and a lobbyist from Albany. For more information on this presentation, the Women of Influence Series, or any