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TODAY	TOMORROW	SATURDAY
11:00 Day of Beauty	9:20 SUNY Lifesaver CPR-AED Training	1:00 Football Game
12:10 Bergren Forum: Chase Angier - 'The Moving Image'	12:20 Environmental Studies Seminar: 'Vernal Pools'	3:00 Quidditch Tournament
4:30 Tanya Harrod, Perkins Lecturer	8:00 Festifall - AU Chorus, Chamber Singers and Jazz Band	6:00 AIDS Charity Basketball Game
	'Half Blood Prince'	7:00 Who Wants to be a Superhero?
	9:00 Comedian Erin Jackson	9:00 Harry and the Potters
	11:00 'Half Blood Prince'	· Siblings' Weekend - Nov. 6-8
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Off-Campus Living Forums

FOR STUDENTS WHO WILL HAVE MET THE SIX-SEMESTER RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO MOVING OFF CAMPUS.

Mark your calendars! The following Off-Campus Living Forums have been scheduled:

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009-Olin 302, 5-6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009-Olin 302, 5-6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009-Olin 302, 5-6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009-Olin 302, 5-6:15 p.m.

If you want to live off-campus in the 2010-11 academic year, you must attend an Off-Campus Living

Forum to be released from on-campus housing. The forum will explain the rights and responsibilities of student living in the local community.

Even if you are just considering living off campus, you should plan on attending as approval won't be given without your attendance at a forum.

Applications will be handed out at the end of the meeting.

To be approved to live off-campus you must attend a forum, be in good academic standing, complete the residency requirement, have no outstanding judicial sanctions, and complete an on-line educator module and submit an application to live off-campus.

Submitted by: Valerie Mettler

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Attention All University Employees - Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for 2010 will be Monday, Nov. 9 through Friday, Nov. 20.

The Open Enrollment period allows employees to make changes to or enroll in benefits effective Jan. 1, 2010. Unless the employee experiences what is known as a "life event" throughout the year, this is the only time you may make any changes to these benefits.

You may enroll in, make changes to your current level of coverage, or drop your coverage for the following benefits:

Health Insurance (there are changes for 2010 that may affect you)

Life Insurance - New offerings and lower prices for voluntary additional life, Spousal Life is also available

Accident Insurance

Dental Insurance - New Plan with immediate coverage for major services

Vision Plan

Flexible Spending Accounts - You must enroll or re-enroll for the 2010 year to participate in Medical or Dependent Flex Spending. A new "Debit Card" feature to make it easier to use your account.

Pay period rates effective 1/1/2010 are:

VSP Vision:

Single \$3.19; Employee +1 \$4.62; Family \$8.29

New - METLIFE Dental Program:

Single \$16.29; Employee +1 \$33.39; Family \$55.35

Blue Cross/Blue Shield POS203/POS203+:

Single \$51.17, Family \$137.64

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Traditional 901:

Single \$99.92; Family \$169.08

The statutory rates for medical insurance have not been released, but should be soon. However, statutory employees wishing to change their coverage may do so now.

Informational meetings are scheduled in Nevins Theater on the following dates and times:

Monday 11/9/09:

9-10:30 a.m.

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Thursday 11/12/09:

9-10:30 a.m.

4-5:30 p.m. (RETIREEES-ONLY Session)
6-7:30 p.m.

Monday 11/16/09:
9-10:30 a.m.
11-12:30 p.m.
3:30-5 p.m.

Thursday 11/19/09:
2:30-4 p.m.
7-8:30 p.m.

Mark Guinan, Director of Human Resources, and Vicki Pollock of Veracity Benefit Designs will be presenting information on the coverage changes to the Non-Statutory Health Options and our new Life Insurance carrier and its enhanced coverage offered.

If you have any questions or would like to make changes to your coverage, please contact the Human Resources Office: humanresources@alfred.edu X2118/2276

Submitted by: Kathy Costello

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Special Meeting for Staff - Friday, Nov. 6

On Friday, Nov. 6 from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m., Wendy Beckemeyer will be repeating for the staff her presentation to the Board of Trustees and the University Faculty on the enrollment implication of population changes in New York State. President Edmondson will then comment and take questions on the impact to Alfred University of these developments.

The meeting will be held in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. Feel free to bring your lunch. Beverages and cookies will be provided.

Submitted by: Laura Crain

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Tanya Harrod, Perkins Lecturer

Tanya Harrod will present the 11th Annual Dorothy Wilson Perkins Ceramic History Lecture sponsored by The Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art. Her talk is titled "Out of the studio, or, do we make better work in unusual conditions?"

She will talk about how Michael Cardew's (1901-1983) vision of ceramics was shaped when he lived in a village on the banks of the Volta in Ghana during 1945-8 and built a kiln, created clay bodies and glaze materials, kiln furniture and, finally, some pots using only local materials. He suffered ill health and malnutrition and extreme mood swings.

This talk looks at this episode and goes on to discuss other examples of design in extreme situations.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 5

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Nevins Theater

Attachment: [TH.pdf](#)

Submitted by: Kate Wilkins

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Environmental Studies Seminar: 'Vernal Pools

This week, Jim Julian (AU class of 1995) will speak on "The Vanishing Act of Vernal Pools and their Amphibian Inhabitants."

Please join us to hear more about these fragile ecosystems. All are welcome and refreshments will be served. Friday 11/6, 12:20 - 1:10 p.m., Roon Lecture Hall (SC247).

Submitted by: Emma Grigg

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AU Responses to the National Study of Student Engagement

In the spring of 2009, first-year and senior students at Alfred University participated in the National Study of Student Engagement (NSSE). USA Today will run a feature story this week on levels of student engagement across various campuses, with AU's student responses included in the article.

Analysis of the NSSE data by AU staff is underway, and you will soon be hearing about the results through faculty, staff, and student meetings, and a NSSE Web site. But if you'd like a preview of this information, please open the attached documents for a brief summary of AU student responses and our comparisons to other colleges and universities.

Questions can be directed to Nancy Evangelista at fevangel@alfred.edu.

Attachment: [The Student Experience at AU](#)

Attachment: [The Student Experience in Brief](#)

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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Making the Switch from a PC to a Mac

The next installment of ITS's Topics in Information Technology & Digital Media will explore motivations and implications for switching from a PC to a Mac.

Join Dr. Jim Varner as he leads the conversation and shares his perspectives on his PC-to-Mac journey.

Faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend. The discussion will be held in the Banner Training Center in Howell Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 12:20 to 1:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Meghanne Freivald

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Day of Beauty Free Make-overs at the AU Bookstore

Sign up for a FREE make-over, at the AU Bookstore when we have our "Day of Beauty" Thursday, Nov. 5 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Two Prestige Cosmetic representatives will be here giving FREE make-overs, advice on applying cosmetics, and more.

No purchase necessary- just FUN! Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to sign up for a 15-minute slot!

Submitted by: Marcy Bradley

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Use Herrick's Photocopiers to Scan Documents to E-mail

Herrick's public photocopiers are now set up to scan documents to e-mail.

The photocopiers will work best with text-based documents, and scanning is in black-and-white only. A document feeder is available for multiple-page documents.

Detailed instructions are posted at the photocopiers. Scanning to e-mail is free.

For color scanning, please continue to use the stand-alone scanner in Herrick's first-floor commons area.

Submitted by: Ellen Bahr

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Take a look!

Have you seen the updated look to our Web site? Check it out!

Link: www.alfred.edu

Submitted by: Jodi Bailey

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Become an RA in 2010 (Information Session)

There will be an information session on becoming an RA for the 2010-11 academic year on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 5 p.m. in the Powell Board Room. Applications will be available at the information session and are also available in the Office of Residence Life.

An additional information session will be held on Friday, Nov. 13 at 1:30 p.m. This session will be in the Powell Board Room as well.

Completed applications are due in the Office of Residence Life by Friday, Jan. 22, 2010.

Submitted by: Larry Weinbauer

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Jazz Concert: The John Whitney Trio

Thursday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.

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

Join us for an exciting evening of jazz as The John Whitney Trio concentrates on mainstream jazz style, using American standards from Ellington, Mancini, Sinatra, Gershwin and others. The group, together for over 10 years, is composed of bassist Bill Staebell, drummer Dan Hull, and John Whitney on piano.

This program is sponsored by the Allegany Arts Association and is free and open to the general public.

Submitted by: Deborah Clark

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