

## **AU Community and Local Residents Invited to Answer the Call of the SEA**

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Alfred, NY -- In a talk scheduled Monday evening (Sept. 27), Audrey Meyer, Dean of the Sea Education Association in Woods Hole, MA, will summon the Alfred University and local community to hear the call of the sea. Meyer will speak at 7:30 p.m. in room 230 of the Science Center on the University campus. Her talk is free and open to all. She will explain SEA's programs for college students, high school students, and teachers. Among them are the 12-week SEA Semester, in which students study on shore for six weeks and then sail six weeks on one of the organization's vessels; and the eight-week SEA Summer Session, which is similar except that students spend four weeks in Woods Hole and four weeks sailing. On board, students are not just passengers. They become part of the crew and are expected to stand watch and take responsibility for navigation, chores, and research work. "You apply techniques and theories acquired ashore to actual, practical situations at sea," explains the SEA brochure. SEA's two ships are the SSV Westward, a 125-foot staysail schooner; and the SSV Corwith Cramer, a 134-foot steel brigantine. Each ship goes to sea with a ship's company of about three dozen people, including a professional staff of 10. Students make up the rest of each ship's complement. SEA also offers high school seminars and seminars for teachers, all featuring onshore study and time on board. Information is available toll-free at 800-552-3633, by e-mail at [admission@sea.edu](mailto:admission@sea.edu), or on the Web at [www.sea.edu](http://www.sea.edu).