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Announcements

Use the "Phish Alert" link to report phishing emails

Phishing and social engineering attacks are an increasing threat to the University. In ITS, we have implemented a wide range of technologies to prevent the vast majority of the phishing emails from reaching your inbox. Still, that does not prevent a few of these emails from reaching your inbox several times a month. An important layer of our protection is what is often called the "human firewall." Your educated and informed vigilance is one of last barriers of defense when external scammers have evaded all previous defenses.

With this collaboration, we have been largely successful in keeping the University safe from those who would steal our information and disrupt our educational and business processes. In ITS, we have provided educational opportunities as well as tools to help you discern phishing, spam, and malware attempts from legitimate email. The [EXTERNAL] tag in the subject line, among other tools provides an indication of which emails are coming from outside the institution and could potentially indicate a threat.

We have encouraged you to report phishing emails to the helpdesk. We understand that the process to report phishing emails is somewhat labor-intensive and disrupts other tasks. We are now making it easier to report phishing emails...a simple link (inside of Outlook) that submits your

suspected email for review. The "Phish Alert" link (just above the body of the email-Please see attached) is one-click button to inform us of emerging concerns that could trick other employees. Look for the "Phish Alert" link in your Outlook email software soon.

ITS is continuing our educational campaign that is designed to teach our campus users how to better discern and respond to phishing emails. On a regular, ongoing basis, we will send you emails (through a service called "Knowbe4") that appear to be phishing emails. When you spot these (or any suspected phishing email), report the email through the "Phish Alert" link. If you are tricked by the email (clicking on potentially problematic attachments or links), the system will let you know that you responded to a phishing email and show you how you can better discern future phishing emails. As we run through this experiential learning program, we are hopeful that we can further build our "human firewall." If you have any questions, please contact the ITS Helpdesk (helpdesk@alfred.edu 607.871.2222).

Attachment: [Phish Alert Link in Outlook](#)

Submitted by: Gary Roberts

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Vishing It s like phishing, but through a phone call

You may have heard of the phrase "Social Engineering" in the news, on-campus and in your Human Resources training modules through

NeoGov. Social Engineering is the use of deception to manipulate individuals into divulging confidential or personal information that may be used for fraudulent purposes. A classic example of Social Engineering are Phishing emails that try to trick you into providing confidential and/or personal information through email correspondence.

Email is not the only channel through which social engineering attacks can occur. Increasingly, we are seeing phone calls where outside malicious actors are calling to trick individuals to provide confidential or personal information. Before providing sensitive information to a caller, fully verify the identity of the individual or organization. If you are unable to fully validate the identity of an individual on the phone, let the individual know that you are hanging up and will call them back at a known phone number to confirm their identity and the authenticity of the call. This is an essential safeguard in your personal life and certainly on-the-job at Alfred University.

They call this type of malicious activity "vishing" because it is like email phishing, but through the phone and with voice communication, so that is how they (v)ishing.

Submitted by: Gary Roberts

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Outstanding Senior nominations are OPEN

It's time to nominate seniors for Alfred University's Marlin Miller Outstanding Senior honor. This award recognizes

all-around accomplishment in scholarship (min. GPA 3.2), leadership, and character, our two honorees have the privilege of addressing their fellow graduates at commencement.

Please use the web form to nominate your candidate(s). If someone has an issue with the web form, please email Emma McDowell (mcdowelle@alfred.edu).

The deadline for receipt of nomination is 4:30 pm on Tuesday, March 4; this is a firm deadline. Thank you, and please spread the word.

Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GpQbclkGrQj-mUrhhlfF7o6a4wsB4a4YTh3wsdMIAH8/edit>

Submitted by: Emma McDowell

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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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Summer Class Schedule is Available

The summer class schedule is now available on Banner Web (Quick Links) and registration is open.

Details about the length of summer sessions and refund information can be found by following the link - Summer Term.

Link: [Summer Term](#)

Submitted by: Tammy Jursza Williams

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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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PhD/MSE Thesis Defense - Madeleine Flint

I am pleased to announce that Madeleine Flint will defend her PhD in Materials Science and Engineering thesis entitled, "Charge Storage in Defect Engineered Oxide Nanosheets" on Monday, February 14, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Madeleine's defense will be held in Binns 106 and via Zoom. If you would like to watch the thesis defense, please email Alissa Faulkner (faulkner@alfred.edu) for the link. A copy of Madeleine's thesis is located in Binns 160.

Attachment: [Thesis Abstract - M. Flint](#)

Submitted by: Alissa Faulkner

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WGST lecture on early AU graduate Elizabeth Wright

The Women's and Gender Studies Program is sponsoring a presentation as part of the Riley Lecture Series on Wednesday, February 9th at 5:30 pm.

The speaker will be Emily E. VanDette, professor of English at SUNY Fredonia, discussing her research on Elizabeth C. Wright, an 1855 graduate of Alfred University. Join in via the Zoom link below.

"The first U.S. woman to publish a book-length treatise on nature was Alfred graduate and social justice activist Elizabeth C. Wright. In her 1860 book *Lichen Tufts: From the Alleghanies*, Wright articulates her theory of the liberating and therapeutic

benefits of immersing oneself in the natural world. As the first book to respond directly to Henry David Thoreau's *Walden*, Lichen Tufts extends the Transcendentalist appreciation for nature to Wright's beloved Allegheny wilderness. This presentation will showcase the fascinating life story of this important author, who carried the progressive influence of her Alfred education into her work as a botanist, teacher, abolitionist, temperance lecturer, and women's rights activist and suffragist. The details about Wright's life add crucial context for appreciating the radical politics and philosophical significance of Lichen Tufts, and they provide a compelling glimpse into the life of a woman ahead of her time as a scientist, author, and activist."

Link: [Join Via Zoom](#)

Submitted by: Laurie Lounsberry
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Roberto Visani Artist Talk

The Visiting Artist and Scholars Committee are excited to present Roberto Visani to share his work as part of the Weekly Wednesday Artist Speaker Series. Visani will discuss the relationship his art practice has to history from a both a personal and social perspective as well as the interconnectedness of content to his creative process and pedagogy.

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

Attachment: [Roberto Visani Poster](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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Division of Human Studies - Public presentation

Rebecca Leiby, candidate for the position of Assistant Professor of Philosophy, will give a talk entitled "Assurance and Acknowledgment in the Shadow of Violence"

Friday, Feb 4, 1:00 -1:45
Kanakadea Hall 104

Submitted by: Marilyn Saxton

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Daily Black History Fact

In Ohio 1854, John Mercer Langston passed the bar and became the first Black lawyer in the United States. He also was one of the first African Americans to ever be elected to public office in America in 1855.

Submitted by: Umoja

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Division of Human Studies - Public presentation

Anthony Cross, candidate for the position of Assistant Professor of Philosophy, will give a talk entitled "The Ethics of Internet MeMe Culture"

Monday, Feb. 7, 1:00 - 1:45
Kanakadea Hall

Submitted by: Marilyn Saxton

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