

Alfred University to host Second Annual H/EOP Student Leadership Conference

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ALFRED, NY - Alfred University will host the second annual Higher Education Opportunities Program (H/EOP) Student Leadership Conference Friday, Nov. 7, through Sunday, Nov. 9. Several workshops and presentations are planned for the weekend. Two keynote speakers, Milton Cofield and William Clark highlight the conference. Cofield will speak on Friday from 6-7 p.m. in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center. He is Executive Director for Undergraduate Business Programs at the Graduate School of Industrial Administration at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. In 2000, he was appointed Fulbright Senior Scholar in the Graduate Institute of Technology and Innovation Management at National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan, and also Fulbright American Studies Professor at De LaSalle University at Manila in the Philippines. While working in the laboratories for the Eastman Kodak Company beginning in 1979, Cofield taught physical chemistry at University of Rochester and the Rochester Institute of Technology. In 1991 he was appointed assistant to the president of SUNY College at Brockport and also served as executive director of the Rochester Educational Opportunity Center. In 1993, he was appointed adjunct professor of business administration in the undergraduate and MBA programs at RIT, where he taught organizational behavior and quality management. In 1996 Cofield was named the James E. McGhee Distinguished Professor in RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences. He also developed the "Glossary of Digital Imaging Terms" which was published by the Photo Marketing Association International in 2001 and distributed worldwide. Cofield holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He attended graduate school at the University of Illinois and received his Ph.D. in physical chemistry. In 1989 he was awarded the MBA degree in finance from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. Clark will be speaking on Saturday from 6-7 p.m. in the Knight Club. Clark was named president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Rochester Inc. on June 27, 1994. His career with the Urban League spans 22 years. Prior to joining the Urban League, he was employed as the general accounting manager of the Genesee Hospital and as an auditor for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rochester. Clark has been active in volunteer service. He has been an officer of the Rochester-Monroe County Private Industry Council, chairman of the St. John Fisher HEOP Advisory Council, chairman of the Greater Rochester Martin Luther King Commission, and a member of the City of Rochester Planning Commission. Clark is currently a trustee for the Center for Government Research and Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church. He also serves on the Martin Luther King Commission, the Workforce Investment Board, The Community Place Board, the Veterans Outreach Center Board of Directors, and the Rochester Police Chief's Drug Summit Executive Cabinet. Clark holds a Bachelor of Science degree in management from St. John Fisher College and a Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in accounting from Rochester Institute of Technology. In addition to the keynote speakers, various student organizations, faculty, staff, and others will host workshops and give presentations. They include: Dr. James Pogue, director of Equal Opportunity Programs at the State University of New York at Binghamton, holding a workshop on "The Challenge of Multicultural Leaders in Higher Education." Professor Ollie Johnson presenting "Black Politics & Campus Activism." Dan Napolitano, director of Student Activities at Alfred University, giving a presentation titled, "Who is Leading Hip-Hop." Tricia Debortolis, director of the Powell Campus Center at Alfred University, discussing "Leaders Envisioning the Future: Gender, Culture, Leadership, Change." Kathy Woughter, director of the AU Career Development Center, presenting a workshop titled "Your Future." The AU student group UMOJA, leading workshops discussing STDs and STIs. Dedicated students on the conference committee have worked hard to make the conference a success. Representatives from approximately 10 schools from across New York will be attending.