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Vaccine Eligibility Age Lowers Today!

Governor Cuomo announced that beginning today (March 23) individuals age 50 and over will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination. That update will be reflected on the state's appointment scheduling tool.

Submitted by: Jodi Bailey

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Pharmacies Can Vaccinate People with Comorbidities

The state has expanded the list of groups that pharmacies are eligible to vaccinate to include people with comorbidities in addition to those eligible because of their age and teachers. College faculty and staff are not eligible to be vaccinated at pharmacies (unless they also qualify based on age or health condition); the expansion to include teachers was based on a federal mandate specific to P-12 teachers.

Submitted by: Jodi Bailey

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Corrective Action Documentation Supervisor Training

This is the sixth training in a 9 part training series targeted at any AU employee who has supervisory roles in their department. This training can also be especially helpful for any staff who support the supervisors in their department.

This training will encompass: corrective action vs. coaching, the process of corrective action, & performance improvement plans

Supervisors who may be new in their rolls or need a refresher are encouraged to come.

This training will be held on March 17, 2021 from 11:15am-12:00pm and on March 25, 2021 from 11:15am-12:00pm both online.

Link: [Meeting Link](#)

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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TIAA Consultant & Virtual Counseling Sessions

TIAA Financial Representative Michael Spogli will be available to Alfred University employees for phone/zoom meetings throughout the month. The below link can be used to sign up online for dedicated Alfred University days.

Michael is also available by request, other days of the week, to fit your schedule. If you would like a meeting date other than the ones listed for Alfred University, please call or email Michael Spogli at

585-246-4631

Michael.spogli@tiaa.org

Alfred University days scheduling link:

<https://shared.tiaa.org/p...>

Submitted by: Kim Wyant

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McLane facilities are open!

The McLane Pool and the Gibbs Fitness Center are now open! The use of both facilities will be restricted to active Alfred University students, faculty, and staff. Be prepared to show valid AU identification.

The fitness center will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., while the swimming pool in the McLane Center will be open during the following times: Weekdays, 11:15-11:45 a.m., noon-12:45 p.m., 8-8:45 p.m., and 9-9:45 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays, 3-3:45 p.m. and 4-4:45 p.m.

For more information on how to sign up to reserve time to use the facility, please see the Athletics Department press release linked below.

Link: [Reservation Sign Up and Guidelines](#)

Submitted by: Nate Smith

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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 4/23/21.

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 3rd/4th Annual Employee Recognition Event held on 5/11/21 from 2-4 virtually.

Link: [Service Awards Web Page](#)

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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1095-C Proof of Health Insurance Coverage Forms Ready

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires Alfred University to provide a 1095-C annually to all employees who are eligible to participate in health insurance. Your form is ready for you to retrieve for your tax records. To retrieve your form log on to the link below and use your AU credentials to log on to Plan Source. Once there go to the "Documents" tab on the left hand side of the page and click on "Tax Documents" where you will be able to check and download your document. The document for this year's taxes will be 2020. Please contact Human Resources if you have any problems and we will be happy to assist you.

Link: <http://aka.alfred.edu/mybenefits>

Submitted by: Mark Guinan

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Job Opportunity-Director of Major and Planned Gifts

Please see the link below for more information on the open Director of Major and Planned Gifts position.

Link: [Director of Major and Planned Gifts](#)

Submitted by: Tamara Green

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Years of Service Recognition

The Employee Recognition Committee would like to announce Years of Service dates for the month of March 2021. The Committee will be observing years 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50.

At Alfred University, we realize that our employees are our greatest asset, and we are delighted to honor your dedicated service and commitment to this organization. It is our employees who uphold our principles, demonstrate our vision of working for a better future for our University, deliver on our customer promise and make us the passionate organization we are today.

The success of our organization is a direct result of your efforts and dedication. Your commitment to quality and personal and professional integrity is the differentiating factor that sets us apart from our competition.

On behalf of Alfred University, it is with great pride and admiration that we congratulate you on this service anniversary milestone.

Celebrating 1 Year of Service:

March 4- Katie Decker- Admin Asst to the Dean- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
March 16- Daniel McClure- Boiler Tender/Night Watchman- Maintenance

Celebrating 5 Years of Service:

March 7- Victoria Preston- Custodian- Maintenance
March 14- Mechele Romanchock- Director of Libraries- Scholes and Herrick Libraries
March 21- Tammy Jursza Williams- Interim Registrar- Student Service Center
March 28- Fred Rodgers- Director Intuitional Research- Provosts Office

Celebrating 10 Years of Service:

March 28- Jason Smith- Boiler Tender/Night Watchman- Maintenance

Celebrating 20 Years of Service:

March 12- Lena McDermott- Secretary- Public Safety

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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2021 Reunion date change

Reunion is typically held in June but this year the Alumni Office and University Advancement will be hosting Reunion August 5-8. Please reach out to the Alumni Office with any questions.

Submitted by: Maggie Alsworth

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EPAF Approver Changes Effective 3/29/21

For anyone who originates Electronic Personnel Action Forms (EPAFs) for Non-Work Study Student workers there will be changes to who you need to put on your Routing Queue for Position Control and Enter Student into Payroll.

If you originate these EPAFs previously you put Tamara Green (SCHWEIGART) on these two fields, starting on 3/29/21 you will put Patty Barber (BARBERP) on 60 & 99. Please remember that you can always use the magnifying glass to search who is available to be entered on these fields.

On 3/29/21 changes:

60- Position Control: BARBERP

70- Human Resources: Remains the same of GUINAN

99- Enter student into Payroll- BARBERP

If you need training on the EPAF system, please contact Kayleigh Jones.

Link: [EPAF Instructions](#)

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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Alfred University's 20th Undergraduate Research Forum

SAVE THE DATE!!

Alfred University will be presenting the Undergraduate Research Forum on Thursday, April 29 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm via Zoom.

The Undergraduate Research Forum showcases the creative and scholarly activities of undergraduates engaged in research. Be part of celebrating all the hard work put in by the students and their project advisors.

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend and support their colleagues and peers.

This event is open to the public

Submitted by: Shannon Yocum

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Want to Earn Credit & Travel to Europe?

Tired of being cooped up with the pandemic. We are too, so we are planning to travel again next January. We have an Allen Term program where you can experience German culture, go to classes with German college students (in English), compete with other teams of German and AU students in an international business simulation, learn about German history, and go behind the scenes at BMW, Porsche and Mercedes-Benz. There is an information session on the German Auto program March 24 at 4:45 p in Olin 307. Contact Dean Lewis for more information or a Zoom link. Contact Professor Kless for information on the German History program that runs in parallel with German Auto.

Submitted by: Mark Lewis

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Job Opportunity-Contract and Grants Specialist

Please see the link below for more information on the open Contract and Grants Specialist position.

Link: [Contract and Grants Specialist](#)

Submitted by: Tamara Green

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Spring 2021 Visiting Artist Talk: Adero Willard

Division of Ceramic Art Presents: Spring 2021 Visiting Artist Talks on Zoom Register in Advance [https://us02web.zoom.us/m...](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91911111111) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Thursday, March 25th at 5:30 pm

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

Attachment: [two abstract floral vases](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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Russell Lecture: From the Lost Cause to the Civil Right Movement

Jacquelyn Dowd Hall of UNC is among the top historians of the American South . Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 PM Zoom. Link will follow

Submitted by: Gary Ostrower

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Memorial service for Christine Grontkowski, former CLAS dean

A memorial service for Christine Grontkowski, former dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Alfred University, will be held Saturday, March 27, at 11 a.m. PDT (2 p.m. EST). The service will be shown online, and those in the Alfred University community who knew Chris are invited to view it using the link below.

Chris, who passed away Monday, Feb. 15, served as CLAS dean at Alfred University from 1988-97. She was provost at Frostburg State University in Maryland from 1997 until her retirement in 2001.

The March 27 service will be at Flintoft's Funeral Home in Issaquah, WA. There is limited seating, so anyone wishing to attend in person is asked to email laurajamesnd@gmail.com

Link: [Link for virtual memorial service for Christine Grontkowski](#)

Submitted by: Mark Whitehouse

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Student Code of Conduct Revision! HELP NEEDED

We are seeking a faculty member, a staff member, and two students who would be interested in re-evaluating and simplifying Alfred University's Student Code of Conduct, sanctioning, and the hearing process. We anticipate beginning this process in April and finalizing our work in June/July. We will meet in person and over Teams as needed and there will be work outside of our meeting times.

If interested please email Lacey Gosnell at gosnell@alfred.edu by Friday, March 26th, 2021.

Submitted by: Lacey Gosnell

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Newest Issue Out Now!

Hey AU!

Our latest issue is out now, featuring articles on international news, and news closer to home. This is a difficult time, and we are always here to bring you curated articles with facts and friendly reminders!

We always appreciate our dedicated readers, and are very interested in getting feedback on how we can make the newspaper better or more accessible. Email us at aufiatlux@gmail.com if you have ideas, or news you want reported in the next issue!

Link: [Fiat Lux News Website](#)

Submitted by: Fiat Lux Reporters

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Alfred University's 20th Undergraduate Research Forum

AU's Annual Undergraduate Research Forum will be held Thursday, April 29 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm via Zoom.

Any undergraduate students who have engaged in research or scholarly activities are encouraged to present at this event.

Presentation style will be power-point. Students must submit abstracts of their work no later than Monday, April 26. This year, the abstracts must be submitted using the 2021 URF Abstract Submission Form. Please click on the attachment below to access the submission form.

The form must then be e-mailed to urf@alfred.edu. Please carefully read and follow the instructions for using the form.

If you have any questions about the Undergraduate Research Forum or submitting abstracts, please contact Michele Hluchy at fhluchy@alfred.edu or Shannon Yocum at yocum@alfred.edu.

Attachment: [2021 URF Abstract Submission Form](#)

Submitted by: Shannon Yocum

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Eliza Durant Africana Studies Speaker Series Presents James Levy Jr.

The Africana Studies Program and the Institute for Cultural Unity are proud to sponsor the inaugural speaker for the Eliza Durant Africana Speaker Series.

James Levy Jr.

When: Monday, March 29th 2021
6:00-7:00 pm
Secure Zoom Link Included

James 'T.E.I.N.' Levy Jr. is a Buffalo native with a passion for helping others and spreading positivity. He is a teacher at Verve Dance Studio, and has taught a master class in Hip Hop at the University of Buffalo. He is multiple time winner of Battle @ Buffalo, and has been featured in an exhibition battle at BattleFest in NYC.

His talk on the evolution and development of Hip Hop as an art form and social change agent is powerful in both its historical and contemporary space and is timely in both presentation and underpinnings.

Link: [Secure Zoom Link](#)

Submitted by: Brian Saltsman

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50% All Children's Clothing @ AU Bookstore

All Children's clothing is 50% OFF at the AU Bookstore! Tees, hoodies, onsies, and bibs.

Link: <http://alfred.bncollege.com>

Submitted by: Marcy Bradley

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50% OFF select school supplies

Check out the 50% OFF school supplies table at the AU Bookstore. We are doing some spring cleaning!

Link: <http://alfred.bncollege.com>

Submitted by: Marcy Bradley

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Sister Circle to host panel discussion, 'Women with a Purpose'

Alfred University student organization Sister Circle is hosting a virtual panel discussion, "Women with a Purpose," on Tuesday, March 23, from 6-7:30 p.m.

The online event, offered via Zoom, features alumnae Chagmion Antoine '04, award-winning journalist, produce, and actor; and Ruth Scott '97 HD, CEO and founder of Scott Associates Consulting Inc., and former Rochester, NY, City Council president. The panel discussion will highlight Antoine's and Scott's professional journeys as women of color in their respective fields.

Sister Circle is a student-run organization built to cultivate a positive environment for all women of color, through communication, volunteerism, and leadership. The group organized Tuesday's panel discussion as part of Women's History Month, which is being observed throughout March.

Antoine earned a B.F.A. degree (minor in communication studies) from Alfred University in 2004. As a broadcast journalist, she is best known for her work with CBS News, where she was a reporter, anchor, and producer from 2005-09. When she was hired by CBS at age 23-debuting as part of the news team for the Logo Channel, the first ever 24-hour network focusing on the LGBTQ community, including lifestyle news and entertainment programming-she made history as the first LGBTQ female, and first LGBTQ person of color, to be featured on a national news broadcast.

She has starred in television shows like Person of Interest, VEEP, Madame Secretary, and House of Cards. Since 2016, she has been an actor/performer, voiceover talent, reporter and host with SAG-AFTRA. A resident of New York City, she formed her own production company, Native Speak Media, in 2010.

Scott is a Life Trustee at Alfred University, having served on the Board of Trustees from 1991 until 2006. She earned a BA degree in sociology from Albion College in 1956 and a master's degree in counseling administration and reading from Kent State University in 1963. Scott was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Alfred University in 1997.

In 1977, Scott was appointed to the Rochester City Council, becoming the first-ever African American woman to hold a council seat in Rochester. She would go on to be reelected three times, and in 1986 became Rochester's first-ever African American city council president. Scott served on Rochester City Council until 1989, when she founded Scott Associates in Rochester. The firm provides consulting services to educational institutions, corporations, businesses and governmental units in the areas of inter-cultural communications, economic and personnel development and total quality management.

The Zoom link for accessing Tuesday's panel discussion can be found on AU Connect, the Sister Circle Instagram bio @ au.sistercircle, or by emailing siscircle@alfred.edu.

Submitted by: Mark Whitehouse

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