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TODAY	TOMORROW	FRIDAY
5:00 Kamoinge Lecture	12:15 Bergren Forum -John D'Angelo 4:30 Spring 2021 Visiting Artist Talks: Jennifer Ling Datchuk	5:00 Alfred Art Walk Revival by Space and Place

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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Open Call for All Hair Type Donations!

Artist working with human hair as a medium is looking for all types of scalp hair and all different length donations.

If you are interested in donating, please email tlt9@alfred.edu for instructions.

Submitted by: Tara Thomas

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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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HR Tip of the Month

Did you know that the IRS has announced retirement plan contribution limits for 2021?

403(b) Plan Contribution Limits:

For 2021, the contribution limit for employees into this type of account is staying the same from 2020. The annual limit is \$19,500.

For participants who are age 50 and older, the catch-up contribution amount is \$6,500. Meaning that older savers can choose to defer up to \$26,000 of their compensation into their accounts.

How do you open a Supplemental Retirement Account (SRA) with AU?

1. First you have to decide how much money you want to set aside.
2. Secondly you have to decide if you want that money to be a Pre-Tax or Post-Tax deduction.

Pre-tax contribution is the amount of deductions you make from your bi-weekly gross wage into your 403b retirement savings account, BEFORE taxes have been deducted. By making pre-tax contributions, you are lowering your current taxable income.

Post-Tax contribution is the amount of deductions you make from your bi-weekly gross wage into your 403b retirement savings account, AFTER taxes have been deducted. By making post-tax contributions, you do not have to pay tax on withdrawals because you've already paid taxes

3. Third, you contact HR, as detailed below, and we would be happy to help you!

Non-Statutory (Regular AU Employees):

With this type of account we are able to process your contribution as a flat dollar amount, not a percentage. If you wish to open a new account, you should fill out the form attached and return to humanresources@alfred.edu

Statutory (NYSCC):

With this type of account we are able to process your contribution as a flat dollar amount, not a percentage. If you wish to open a new account, you should contact, Kayleigh Jones, to set up an appointment to enroll in either a pre-tax or post-tax SRA account.

Link: [Retirement HR Page](#)

Attachment: [TIAA SRA Non-Stat Form](#)

Submitted by: Kayleigh Jones

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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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Food Pantry Hours

The Food Pantry has new hours for the semester!

Visit us on Wednesday from 3:30-6:00.

If you can't make it then email KLV11@alfred.edu to make an appointment.

See you soon!

Link: <https://my.alfred.edu/emergency-assistance/food-pantry.cfm>

Submitted by: Kirstin VanRenselaar

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Bergren Forum - John D'Angelo

The Bergren Forum is sponsored by the Division of Human Studies, The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Provost's Office will be meeting on Thursday April 1st presented by Zoom from 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM. People outside of AU can request the link from saxtonmj@alfred.edu .

Speaker: John D'Angelo

Topic: "Ethical Science"

John D'Angelo, Prof. of Chemistry, will discuss questions such as: Why are falsification, fabrication, and plagiarism considered research misconduct? What governs decisions on whether or not particular research is too risky to carry out ethically? When and to whom should these principles be taught? Does the government (Federal , State, or Local) have a role to play in answering these questions?

Submitted by: Marilyn Saxton

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The Foreign Language Placement Exam is now administered online

The Foreign Language Placement Exam is now administered online. Online exams can be taken in French, German or Spanish. If you are interested in taking the exam before registering for Fall Semester courses, during the dates of March 22- April 2 please send an email to Prof. S. Singer (fsinger@alfred.edu) stating the language (French, German or Spanish) in which you would like to be tested. You will then receive a link for the test. If you have already taken the exam, you may not repeat it in the same language. Who should take a Placement Exam? * Students who have taken more than two years of French, German or Spanish in high school and who intend to take the same language at AU should take the exam in that language. * Students who are bilingual or native speakers of French, German or Spanish (or who have spoken the language at home) should take the exam in that language. Who does not need to take a Placement Exam? * Students who are planning to take French, German or Spanish in college but have NOT studied that language in High School (or

spoken it at home) do not need to take an exam. They should start by taking 101 in their chosen language. * Students who wish to demonstrate proficiency in a language OTHER THAN French, German or Spanish should contact Prof. S. Singer (fsinger@alfred.edu) about procedures for taking a Placement Exam through another institution.

Submitted by: Janet McClain

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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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Education Abroad is holding class visits!

As we move into the downswing (hopefully!) of the pandemic, now is a great time for students to start planning their future study abroad experiences! Connecting with students directly is crucial to spreading the word so if you are a faculty member who might have time for us to give a small presentation in your classes, we'd love to hear from you!

We can do 5, 15 and 30 minute presentations, whichever works with your schedule! If you are interested, please contact the Education Abroad office at studyabroad@alfred.edu. Thank you for supporting study abroad!

Submitted by: Laura Johnson

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Spring 2021 Visiting Artist Talks: Jennifer Ling Datchuk

Division of Ceramic Art Presents: Spring 2021 Visiting Artist Talks on Zoom

Date: 4/1/2021

Time: 4:30 pm

Register in Advance

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Link: [Register Link](#)

Attachment: [Jennifer Ling Datchuk Talk](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER - VIRTUAL SPRING CAREER FAIR REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the Virtual Spring Career Fair on Handshake, held on April 15th, 2021 from 11:00am - 4:00pm. Register for the fair and sign up for 1:1 and group meetings with employers. As you prepare for the fair, it's important that you:

- * Complete your Handshake profile and add your resume NOW!
- * Register for employer sessions in advance. You can only attend the sessions you registered for.
- * Keep checking for employer sessions to be added after more employers register.

REGISTER FOR SESSIONS ASAP it is first come first serve for spots. Employers will have limited spots available.

Submitted by: Faith Piatt

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Riley Lecture in Women's and Gender Studies

Riley Lecture in Women's and Gender Studies: "Our World Runs Deep: Intersectional Disability Aesthetics and Culture" presented by Alice Sheppard
Tuesday, April 13th 5:30 to 6:30 PM EST

Link: [Register here](#)

Submitted by: Cecilia Beach

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Fall Registration Information

Advising week begins Monday, March 29th.

Registration based on class standing are as follows:

- * Graduate Students & Seniors (90+ credits*) Monday, April 5th
- * Juniors (60-89 credits*) Wednesday, April 7th
- * Sophomores (30-59 credits*) Friday, April 9th
- * First Years (0-29 credits*) Tuesday, April 13th

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on April 5th (available each day from 8:00 a.m. to midnight).

Be sure to check the Academic Calendar for important dates.

Registration for Summer Term 2021 is open.

Please see your Alfred email for more details.

Link: [Academic Calendar](#)

Submitted by: Tammy Jursza Williams

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BFA Thesis Exhibitions Spring 2021

Date: 5/8/21

Time: 4-8pm

Candidates for the interdisciplinary BFA degree from the School of Art & Design at the NYS College of Ceramics show their work in a diverse number of mediums & genres including ceramics, painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, video, sonic arts, interactive media, interactive graphic design & drawing.

Pending COVID restrictions, BFA exhibitions will be held on campus with limited in-person viewing. Faculty, staff and students in the School of Art & Design will be able to visit exhibitions during open hours.

Family and visitors from outside the School of Art & Design will be able to view the exhibitions through a series of streaming and video tours.

Register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Link: [Register Link](#)

Attachment: [BFA Poster Image](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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MFA Thesis Exhibition Spring 2021

April 10 - May 15, 2021

Fosdick-Nelson Gallery, Turner Gallery, & Online

Candidates for Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degrees in Ceramic Art, Sculpture & Dimensional Studies, Painting and Electronic Integrated Arts are featured in a series of exhibitions. A catalog of thesis work will be presented here. Exhibitions are planned to take place in the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery and the Robert C. Turner Gallery.

Pending COVID restrictions, BFA exhibitions will be held on campus with limited in-person viewing. Faculty, staff and students in the School of Art & Design will be able to visit exhibitions during open hours. Family and visitors from outside the School of Art & Design will be able to view the exhibitions through a series of streaming and video tours.

Link: [View Thesis Schedule](#)

Attachment: [MFA Poster](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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Alfred For Racial Justice LOUD PROTESTS are BACK!!

Alfred For Racial Justice is proud to announce that our weekly protests are back!!

Wednesday evenings from 5pm-6pm.

There are materials there to make your own signs as well as signs already made! Come out and show your support for Black Lives!!

Submitted by: Trinniti Gunn

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Job Opportunity-Research Administration Specialist

Please see the link below for more information on the open Research Administration Specialist position.

Link: [Research Administration Specialist](#)

Submitted by: Tamara Green

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Alfred Art Walk Revival by Space and Place

April 10th - April 13th

MFA Thesis exhibition featuring a body of work titled "Parasomatic" by EIA graduate Isabella Uliasz.

artist instagram: @izzyuliasz division instagram: @expanded_media_nyscc

Attachment: [Isabella Uliasz poster](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The Wellness Center will be outside of Harder Hall on Tuesday, April 6th from 2:00-4:30 PM (rain or shine) providing information and giveaways to raise awareness about sexual assault and other forms of sexual violence in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Submitted by: Amanda Khodorkovskaya

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NEW Residence Life WALK IN HOURS!!

We're open later for the remainder of the semester! Our phones will be covered from 8:30am-10:00am, and we will be open for calls and walk-ins from 10:00am-6:00pm Monday through Friday.

Please remember we are currently located in the Kenyon-Allen room on the second floor of the Powell Campus Center. Come see us!!

Submitted by: Lacey Gosnell

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Trajectory Calculations: How to fire without aiming and land close enough

Curious what you can do with a math major? Katherine Shoemaker graduated from Alfred University a few years ago with a math degree. She will discuss her career experience since graduation and her current work and lifestyle.

Talk Description: Whether you have a clear target in life or just a vague direction, this talk will discuss how your foundations in math can help you shoot for the stars, course-correct, and navigate through turbulence. Eventually, we all hit the ground but wouldn't it be nice if we could spend a little more time flying before that happens?

When: Tuesday, April 6th, 3:20-4:10pm

Where: Zoom

Link: <https://alfredu.zoom.us/j...>

Link: [Zoom Link](#)

Submitted by: Amanda Lipnicki

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Suzette Who Set to Sea

An immersive theatrical installation walk thru Miller and your imagination!
Is it an art installation? Is it a walking audio adventure? Is it even THEATRE?? Welcome to a theatrical installation with augmented reality, a walking tour through Miller and your imagination unlike any trip you may have been on before ... welcome, in short, to Suzette Who Set to Sea, by Australian playwright Finegan Kruckemeyer ... brought to you by a cast and crew of intrepid how-do-we-make-live-art-in-covid artpreneurs! First mate Conroy fights one-legged Pete because who wants to set to sea with a lady captain in charge of the ship? That's just weird. So that captain tells a story-of-shipwrecks and sea monsters and saving cities. And if you tell a story long enough, listen hard enough, it becomes your story too. And then, everything can change. This is the story of Suzette, who set to sea. It is also the story of being brave enough to step into your own true self, and your own special powers. Featuring Student Performances by: Howard Lang Aaliyah Gordon Lashay Santana Zulaikha Yusuff Kirstin Van Renselaar Milton Esliker Jade Tulk Charise Paschall And Student Designs by: Ronan Adams Marysia Josephson Katie Maher Daniela Marie Stage Management by: Monica Nowik

April 7th-10th in Miller 2

4:00 - 8:00 pm Wednesday Thursday Friday 1:00 - 5:00 pm Saturday

Sign up in Advance in 20 minute time slots

<https://www.eventbrite.co...>

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

Attachment: [Suzette Poster](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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Charlie Best - IEA Artist in Residence

Charlie Best is an artist, teacher, and seamstress. Their multidisciplinary practice has yielded experimental digital and analog media, performance, fiberwork, and works on paper. This practice is devoted to the visual and material culture of queer/trans lineage and life. Currently, he studies kids' PC games, found footage, and garment construction. Charlie is a white trans/nonbinary settler, born and educated on the lands of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy of Nations, specifically the Onondowa'ga:', or Seneca Nation. (Buffalo, NY, Western New York, and the Southern Tier.) The Institute for Electronic Art's Experimental Projects Residency is supported by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and the Schein-Joseph Endowment. Under COVID-19 protocols sadly any in-person engagements with students and IEA AIRs will not be possible.

In Residence from 4/5/21 to 4/9/21

Link: [AUConnect Event](#)

Attachment: [Charlie Best Image](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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Wednesday Night Movie Night

Wednesday, March 31st.
Godzilla vs. Kong at the Spotlight Theater in Hornell.

Bus will leave from the Brick Bus stop at 7:30pm. You are welcome to drive yourself, we just ask that you register here due to limited space.

All students will be asked to show Alfred University ID at the theater.
No guests allowed.

NO Backpacks or large backs. Please help support our local theater and purchase your snacks there.

Link: [Movie night information and RSVP](#)

Submitted by: Eliza Ordway

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Film Streaming - Anthropocene: The Human Epoch

Alfred University Libraries recently added a film to Kanopy that explores the ways that humans have impacted our planet, Anthropocene: The Human Epoch. The film follows the research of the Anthropocene Working Group, an international group of scientists, who argue that we have entered into a new epoch that reflects the extreme changes that humans have brought to the Earth.

Stream the film using your AU login as a part of the continuing film streaming series from the grant, Resilient Communities: Libraries Respond to Climate Change.

Link: [Streaming Link](#)

Submitted by: Kevin Adams

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Evaluation for Max Koskoff, candidate for Residential Communities Director

Please take a moment to share your thoughts on Max Koskoff, using the link below.

Link: [Max Koskoff Evaluation](#)

Submitted by: Gayle Gebhard

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Artist Talk

Victoria Ahmadizadeh Melendez

Date: 4/6/2021

Time 5-6pm

Zoom Meeting

Currently based in Philadelphia, Victoria Ahmadizadeh Melendez (b. 1988) grew up in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley as the first generation of her family in the U.S. The diverse perspectives of her Persian and Puerto Rican heritage inspire her multidisciplinary ethos. She combines poetry and prose with images, glass objects and neon signage to create layered experiences for the viewer. These installations touch upon themes of desire, personal transformation and a longing to find magic amid a culture of repetition for survival.

Attachment: [Poster QR Code](#)

Submitted by: Arts Events

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Women's and Gender Studies Roundtable

Fostering Diversity in the Classroom

Apr 2, 2021 12:20 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

On Zoom (see poster for link)

Submitted by: Cecilia Beach

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