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Lt. Colonel Ralph Periandi to Speak at June Commencement

Albright Alumni Lt. Colonel Ralph Periandi, PSP, Class of '74 returns to Albright as the Accelerated-Degree Programs June Commencement Speaker.

Lt. Col. Ralph M. Periandi returns to Albright to speak about the Accelerated-Degree Programs' June commencement. Periandi graduated cum laude from Albright in 1974 with a B.A. in Economics. Since graduating he has been presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award

In the rank of Lt. Colonel Periandi served as the Deputy Commissioner of Operations for the Pennsylvania State Police from January 21, 2003 to March 6, 2007. In this position he took charge of the Bureaus of Criminal Investigation, Emergency and Special Operations, and Liquor Control Enforcement. He also headed the Office of Domestic security and the Office of

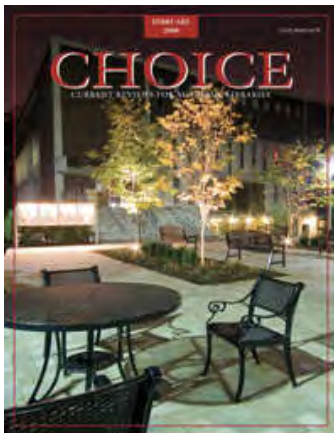
Gaming Enforcement. Additionally, the Lt. Colonel oversaw five Area Commands and sixteen troops located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

On March 6th, 1975 Periandi became a member of the Pennsylvania State Police force. In the course of his career he has been named Law Enforcement Executive of the Year (2002) by The International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts. Furthermore, he has received two Commissioner's Awards for Outstanding Service and Dedication, three Pennsylvania State Commendation, and four Commissioner's Significant Activity Awards.

Periandi is a graduate of The Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, and The Duke University Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy Strategic Leadership Program.

Periandi previously served as co-chairman of the national policy board of the Multi-State Terrorism Information Exchange

Periandi retired from active duty with the Pennsylvania State Police on March 6, 2007 after 32-years of service. Currently he is the Executive Officer of Crime Alert Berks County as well as a member of the Berks County Chiefs of Police Association. He is also certified as a Police Physical Fitness Specialist by the Institute for Aerobics Research, Dallas, Texas. Periandi is married to Vicki L. Rohrbach formerly of Reading, Pa., and they have two sons.



Know anyone
who may be
interested in
Albright?



Send them to our Spring Information Session on April 12th @ the Main Campus in Reading from 9:00-10:30

Contract: Cindy Werner @ 610.921.7586 or cwerner@alb.edu

Don't Forget to Mark Your Calendars...



Second ADP Alumni Event set in Reading

“Connections, Cocktails, and You” will take place on April 18th from 7-9 P.M. at the recently revamped Shumo Center.



A total of 436 invites have gone out to students from the Reading area.

Alumni Events, explains Site Coordinator Cindy Werner, are a time for reconnection, and a place to find support and community.

These 436 invites have gone out to Degree-Completion Program (DCP) graduates from the Reading area in the following cohorts, with approximately nine students per cohort: twenty-three business, fifteen psychology, nine accounting, three crime & justice, and eleven information systems.

At the April event the Career Development Center will be present.

For networking purposes there will be a designated place for business card exchanges.

Melinda Riccio '94 Gift Program

This program will honor the memory of the late Melinda Riccio, assistant professor of accounting and full-time professor for Albright's Accelerated-Degree Program for the last six years. “[Melinda] was a beloved teacher and mentor to many, many DCP students”, in the words of Mickey Baines, Director of Accelerated Degree Programs.

“The overall goal [of the program] is to raise \$4000. \$1000 will go towards planting a tree on [Albright's] main campus

in Melinda's memory. The other \$3000 will be put towards setting up a faculty award [The ADP “Excellence in Teaching” Award] that will be given out at each Cohort Celebration Dinner,” explains Taren Smith, Assistant Director of Annual Fund.

Anyone interested in contributing to the Melinda Riccio '94 Gift Program should contact the Albright Development Office by phone at 610-921-7500 or online at <http://www.albright.edu/alumni/donationform.html>.

The first award will be given this May.

To Nominate a Faculty Member for the ADP “Excellence in Teaching Award” e-mail your nomination to Mickey Baines at mbaines@alb.edu.

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“An Evening in Tuscany”: A Success Story

Why are alumni events important?

Cindy Werner’s job is multifaceted. As Enrollment Advisor and Site Coordinator she manages DCP students in Reading, recruits DCP and DSP students, and coordinates large events. All in all, Cindy says, “I do whatever needs to be done”. Of course Cindy can’t do everything on her own. Large events like the DCP Alumni Event to be held this April she’s been coordinating with Kevin Ezzell.

DCP and DSP students are non-traditional students to begin with. For many the Accelerated-Degree Program has been their only opportunity to be a college student. In the past, Cindy explains, there has been little effort to treat these students like other alumni. Alumni events tailored specifically to these non-traditional students provide an opportunity to reconnect with Albright, as well as fellow students in their cohorts.

Alumni events are also a place for former students to network. Moreover, the students themselves are assets with a great potential to give back to Albright and remain part of the community. Post-graduation students learn acquire knowledge about the business world and success stories which could benefit current students.

Albright would greatly appreciate its alumni simply offering their advising or mentoring skills or even coming to give a class lecture.

The first ever DCP offsite event took place last August in Lancaster leaving all who attended in delight. An Evening in Tuscany featured three Italian-themed rooms where food was served, and



The Da Vinci Room

two other rooms where students could get career and graduate school information, exchange business cards, and sign onto “A-space”, Albright’s online alumni community.



Trattoria Cristina

Program creator Lee Noel LaFayette said the themes were inspired by her daughter, Christina, who lives in Italy. Carol Pockrus '04, DCP representative on the Alumni Association Board, congratulates Lee for being “the driving force behind what can only be described as a hugely successful event.”

Pockrus goes on to say, “Congratulations to Lee LaFayette and her crew of Lancaster DCP students for transforming their classroom facility into a picture of Tuscany. Amid the aroma of delectable dishes and the

glow of candle light and sounds of regional music, it was a delight to the senses. The alumni, enough to fill every room, were able to reconnect with classmates and staff, recount stories of their time at Albright, and share what their futures hold in store. What a wonderful, heartwarming and unforgettable evening it was!”

In attendance were nearly 100 students, guests, instructors and administrators including President Lex O. McMillan III and Provost Andrea Chapdelaine.



President McMillan addresses attendees

Reconnect with members of your cohort and meet other Reading DCP alumni at our “Connections, Cocktails and You!” alumni event on Friday, April 18, 2008.

Bring a few business cards for a fantastic networking opportunity and learn about the services that can benefit you as an Albright alumnus/alumna, including:

Career Development Services

- Graduate school counseling
- Resume writing tips
- Interview strategies

Alumni Travel Program

Albright Community Services

- Access to athletic events
- Discounted memberships at the Schumo Center for Fitness and Well-Being

Alumni Association benefits

- Albright license plate (for PA residents)
- Discount auto, home and renters insurance
- Discount medical insurance

Friday, April 18, 2008 • 7-9 p.m.
Albright College, Schumo Center Atrium

Please detach and return the attached RSVP card to the Alumni Relations Office by **Monday, April 7, 2008**. Or you may register online by clicking “Alumni Events” at www.albright.edu/alumni or by calling the Alumni Relations Office at 610-921-7510.

We look forward to seeing you!

Introducing Dean Robert Cannon, Ed.D.

Dean Robert Cannon, Albright's new Dean of Continuing Education and Community Outreach, has hit the ground running. In developing a plethora of ideas to improve the Accelerated-Degree Programs (ADP), he draws on his recent role as VP of Customized Training & Continuing Education at Minnesota's Ridgewater College. He also gained valuable experience in his prior position as Administrative Director of Custom Programs at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

At Wharton, for example, Cannon headed weeklong seminars programs for Fortune 500 and other companies around the globe. Seminars were taught by Wharton professors and business executives.

Twofold mission

More broadly, the "community outreach" part of Dr. Cannon's new title reflects a twofold mission:

- To connect Albright in a "more meaningful and tangible way" to the greater Reading and
- To strengthen the ADP presence in other locations.

To gain presence, it is necessary to increase awareness of "who Albright is and how we might serve [each community]."

External awareness must be matched by internal awareness. "All of us are accountable," in Cannon's vision. The ADP knows what it does well, but also knows what it can do better—understanding this is necessary to move forward. "[We] work together as members of this community."

Immediate goals

The most important criterion, Cannon stresses, is quality: quality of administrators and staff, of faculty and students. For that reason, his foremost short-term goals are to bolster the current ADP sites and their current disciplines: business, psychology, crime and justice, accounting, and information systems.

Long-term goals

In the future, says Dean Cannon, the ADP needs to ensure that Albright students continue to appeal to hiring companies. New programs will certainly be a part of that effort, but it will also be important to retain the traditional strengths of Albright's educational approach.

Albright prides itself in a steadfast allegiance to interdisciplinary liberal arts education. Producing well-rounded members of society is a must; and to do so students need to learn different ways of approaching the same subject — if only because not everyone shares the same views. Moreover, problem-solving is approached differently by different disciplines, so gaining "diverse knowledge" from interdisciplinary studies aids in critical thinking. Companies today want students who can think critically, not just know technical facts.

Albright has long been forward-looking in its academic programs. Students cannot focus only on what employers are hiring for right now. They must have foresight as to what positions will be needed in the future. Dean Cannon believes the ADP can boost student job prospects by using its informed real-world experience to develop multi-faceted programs that cater to the ever-shifting market. Currently we're looking at a growing need for education specialists to support and maintain our economy, says Cannon, so that's one area where we'll want to prepare students for employment.

Thanks to those who made "An Evening in Tuscany" possible:

Lee thanks the Alumni Association, Karen Fitzgerald, Ted Isselmann '01, Carol Pockrus '04, Stacy Vallat '05, Karen Evans, Beth Stauffer, Amy Ward '07, Jack LaFayette, Matt Elliott '05, Heather Clark '04, Courtney Keen '07, Taren Smith, Carrie Elliott '07, John Guth '06, Tracy Gray Hayes, Lourdes China '06, and Mickey Baines. A special thanks also goes to Hope Shaub '03, and Vickie Shuman '04 for their many contributions.