



ADP NEWS

Albert R. Boscov to Address Graduates at Winter Commencement



Albert R. Boscov, chairman emeritus of Boscov's, Inc., will be the speaker at the 2008 winter commencement ceremony. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at 2 p.m. Approximately 100 students will be awarded degrees.

Since taking over his father's business, which started in the 1920s, Albert Boscov has overseen Boscov's Department Stores, one of the largest privately owned department stores in the nation. There are 43 stores in five mid-Atlantic states.

After attending Drexel Institute of Technology (now Drexel University) and serving in the Navy during the Korean War, Boscov came home to rejoin the family business.

By 1962, he had opened a second location in suburban Reading. His retail philosophy: make shopping fun, don't take yourself too seriously and treat your employees like family.

Dedicated to making his community a better place to live, Boscov recently launched *Our City Reading*, a nonprofit organization that restores abandoned homes and provides city residents with excellent low-cost housing. Presently more than 350 homes are occupied, awaiting settlement or undergoing renovation.

Our City Reading helped found the Goggle Works Center for the Arts, located in downtown Reading. Also with Boscov's leadership and support, an IMAX movie theater opened in August 2008, and a four-star Hotel Convention Center is scheduled to open in 2009; all a part of his plan for the redevelopment of downtown Reading.

Among his many honors, Boscov was awarded the Business in the Arts Award by *Esquire* magazine, the Master Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst & Young and Retailer of the Year by the Pennsylvania Newspapers Publishers' Association. The Pennsylvania Chamber of

Business and Industry named him "Business Leader of the Year." He also received honorary doctorates from Albright College, Wilkes University and Kutztown University.

Notes of Interest

Winter Commencement will be held on Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. in Albright College's Merner-Pfeiffer-Klein Memorial Chapel.

ADP graduate Ada Neidig will be accepting the degrees on behalf of all students.

This will be the last commencement held in the chapel before renovations take place next year.

For more information about the 2008 Winter Commencement, contact Tracy Gray Hayes at tghayes@alb.edu

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Financial Aid – It's Evolution and the 2008 Changes

Marguerite Borst '99
Associate Director of Financial Aid

Prior to 1944, the concept of the government providing monetary assistance to students for a postsecondary education was incomprehensible.

College and university education was considered a luxury, affordable only by the wealthy. With the anticipation of millions of men returning to the workforce after WWII, Congress reluctantly and with great debate, passed the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944," now known as the G.I. Bill. This legislation was subject to much discussion as it introduced new concepts. The bill was passed creating an unimaginable opportunity for American war veterans to attend college.

Since the original bill was passed, the G.I. Bill has, over the years, undergone revision to add and enhance benefits for those who have served our country.

"Financial aid" was given impetus with the Higher Education Act of 1965

(HEA), which provided financial assistance to students enrolling for a college education. Congress is mandated to reevaluate and reauthorize the act every five years.

This past summer, Congress completed its most recent reauthorization. Although there has been much publicity in recent months about the struggling economy and the availability of private educational loans, the good news is that Congress approved the continuation of the Federal Family Educational Loan Program (FFELP), which includes the Federal Stafford Loan Program. This means the availability of guaranteed student loans will continue as before.

Congress also passed a bill during the summer of 2008 which increased the amount of Federal Stafford Loans available to students.

Every student may now borrow an **additional** \$2,000 in an unsubsidized Stafford Loan. An inde-

pendent adult student with more than 48 course credits can now receive a \$12,500 Stafford Loan each year. Independent students with 0 – 23 credits are eligible for \$9,500; 24 – 47 credits, \$10,500.

For those who have not yet applied for federal student aid, it is not too late. You may complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

SCHOLARSHIP TIP:

Many private scholarships are listed on the Albright web site www.albright.edu. Click on Admissions/ Financial Aid/ Private Scholarships. Here's a sample of what you will find:

AAUW-READING BRANCH RE-ENTRY SCHOLARSHIP

from the American Association of University Women-Reading Branch. The fund awards a number of yearly scholarships from \$500 each to mature Berks County women who are returning to school to pursue education leading to certification, licensing or a degree. The application is available at <http://www.aauwreadingpa.org/scholarships/>.

AAUW-Harrisburg Branch Scholarships:

Information available at <http://kateberri-gan.free.servers.com/scholars.htm>.

The United Methodist Scholarship and Loan Program

<http://www.gbhem.org/gbhem/loans2.html>.

Know someone interested in Albright? Ask them to join us for one of our winter Open Houses!

Lancaster– Tues., Jan. 20, 2009, 6-7 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Harrisburg– Wed., Jan. 28, 2009, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Media– Wed., Jan. 28, 2009, 5-7 p.m.

Blue Bell– Thurs., Jan. 29, 2009, 6-8 p.m.

Exton– Wed., Feb. 4, 2009, 5-7 p.m.

Reading– Thurs., Feb. 5, 2009, 5-7 p.m.

Pottstown– Wed., Feb. 11, 2009, 5-7 p.m.

Student Spotlight: An Interview with Donna Welsh



"I believe in choosing happiness each morning and treating each day as an adventure."

Donna Welsh

Of Irish and Welsh coal miner ancestry, Donna Welsh has spent most of her life in Lancaster, Lebanon and

York counties. She studied at York Academy of the Arts and has been an artist her entire life.

Welsh owned and operated a small commercial studio for signs, logos, brochures and t-shirts, and after 11 years, closed the store to teach adult evening classes part-time.

She has been teaching drawing and painting for more than 25 years and currently teaches at the Lancaster Museum of Art.

Having studied in many areas of natural health, Welsh

is interested in helping others learn what can be naturally beneficial to their overall well-being. While she loves her part-time counseling practice, her dream is to operate a studio for healing and therapeutic arts, where people can gain information and explore natural health activities. She says, "there is so much to do, learn and explore in this life and we have such a limited time in which to do it."

Welsh began her first Degree Start Program (DSP) course on September 11, 2006, and has continued taking courses without a

break. Even though her formal education is in art, she had always wanted to study psychology. After enrolling in two DSP courses and earning 12 credits through CLEP exams, all within six weeks, Welsh was ready to enroll in the Applied Psychology 6 cohort in Lancaster. She looked at several programs in the area and says, "Albright simply had the best program." She says she would recommend the program to anyone. "Everyone, faculty and staff, goes out of their way to help you accomplish your goals."

Faculty Spotlight: An Interview with Bonnie Rosenblatt, Ph.D.

Bonnie Rosenblatt, Ph.D., was born in New York and at age 3, moved to Aberdeen, Md. At a very young age, Rosenblatt knew she wanted to become a teacher. Collecting extra copies of math assignments and organizing the neighborhood kids to play school in the backyard were some of her first experiences with teaching.

During her senior year of high school, she taught basic Hebrew to some of the younger students in her religion school. After attending James Madison University, Rosenblatt received a bachelor of science in psychology and completed a concentra-

tion in statistics. She then attended the University of Illinois at Chicago, receiving a master of arts degree and a doctorate in cognitive psychology with a minor in statistics, research methods and measurement. She says, "I love the moment of insight - when a light goes on for a student and suddenly the answer is clear. It is the best reward in teaching; I even get goosebumps sometimes."

After completing her doctorate, Rosenblatt began working in the area of decision making. She worked on Dr. Linda K. Skitka's NASA-funded flight simulator lab

project as a research assistant for two years and ultimately became the lab manager. During this time, she explored ways to reduce pilot error. Currently, she is beginning new research to explore whether passengers who talk on cell-phones pose a distraction to drivers.

Rosenblatt began teaching in the Degree Completion Program in March 2008. She currently teaches "Quantitative & Research Methods" and "Applied Project I & II." In the past, she has taught "General Psychology," "Social Psy-

chology," "Cognitive Psychology" and "Statistics." She is considering teaching "Topics in Psychology," "Organizational Psychology" or "Program Evaluation" in the future.

Rosenblatt is a member of Albright's Institutional Review Board and the DCP faculty advisor for Psi Chi. She is very happy to see her first cohort of students getting ready to graduate and is extremely proud of what they have accomplished.

Albright Announces New DCP Location

A new Delaware County location is coming to the Delaware County Community College (DCCC) main campus in Media, Pa. The first cohort to be offered is in Applied Psychology and will begin March 4, 2009.

On November 21, 2008, a ceremonial signing between Albright College and DCCC presidents was held. Albright President Lex O. McMillan III, Ph.D., along with Bob Cannon, Ed.D., dean of continuing education and community outreach, joined the president and senior staff of Delaware County Community College

to officially announce Albright's presence on campus.

With more than 1,200 graduates, Albright's Degree Completion Program (DCP) is designed to meet the needs of the working adult. With the DCP, students are able to complete the major requirements for a bachelor of science degree in approximately 24 months while taking class only one night a week.

The new location in Media, Pa., will offer the same programs as all other locations,

including accounting, business administration, crime and justice, information systems and applied psychology.

Albright will be the only four-year college or university offering courses and programs on the DCCC campus.

For more information about the new location in Media, contact Bill Morrison at 610-566-1342 or at bmorrison@alb.edu.



2009 Class Start and General Information Dates

Reading- Business Administration: *December 3, 2008*
 Reading- Crime and Justice: *January 19, 2009*
 Harrisburg- Business Administration: *January 22, 2009*
 Harrisburg- Accounting: *February 9, 2009*
 Reading- Accounting: *March 25, 2009*
 Media- Applied Psychology: *March 4, 2009*
 Pottstown- Applied Psychology: *April 9, 2009*
 Allentown- Business Administration: *Spring 2009*
 Allentown- Crime and Justice: *Spring 2009*
 Blue Bell- Information Systems: *Spring 2009*

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