GRADUATION ISSUE

Commencement is an exciting time at Albright College. It represents the culmination of four years of hard work and effort. As these final weeks of the semester wind down, we know the pride you feel for your graduating senior is only building. Before the big day rolls around, there is some important information we must share with our Albright families. Below, you will find details about Commencement weekend, traditions, residence hall closings, senior class gifts and much more.

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

Saturday, May 23
2 p.m. Mandatory practice line-up for all graduating seniors
2:30 p.m. Doors open to Memorial Chapel and seating begins for Baccalaureate
4 p.m. Baccalaureate service, Memorial Chapel
Speaker: The Reverend Dwight Davis ’97, Assistant Principal, Washington, D.C., Public School System
5:30 p.m. Jacob Albright Society dinner and ceremony (by invitation only), Dining Hall
7:30 – 10 p.m. Senior Send-off; Co-hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations and the Office of Student Affairs, Campus Center

Sunday, May 24
8:30 a.m. Seating area on Science Field opens to guests
8:45 a.m. Robing for Commencement
10 a.m. Commencement, Science Field
Speaker: Scott Weidensaul, Pennsylvania-based naturalist & author (In the event of severe inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the Bollman Center; decision will be announced by 7 a.m.)
12 p.m. All graduates light fare reception (ticket not required), Dining Hall. This reception is hosted by the Albright faculty and signs will be posted for the graduates and their families to gather by traditional day academic disciplines, ADP and graduate program.

Need more information? For all things Commencement, including information about parking, accessibility needs, directions, accommodations, photos and video, tickets, gifts and memorabilia, and to learn more about the speakers and honorary degree recipients, visit the Commencement website at www.albright.edu/commencement. For all other questions, please contact the Commencement office at 610-921-7575 or email at commencement@albright.edu.
ALBRIGHT ALUMNI LEGACY PROGRAM

Albright alumni may greet their graduating relatives after they receive their diplomas. A keepsake photo will be taken. The Legacy Program is open to not just parents of graduating seniors, but also spouses, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins who graduated from Albright. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact the Commencement office at 610-921-7575 or email at commencement@albright.edu.

SENIOR SEND-OFF

Class of 2015 parents: Help the Alumni Relations Office and the Office of Student Affairs celebrate your senior’s success at the second annual Senior Send-Off. Join us on Saturday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m., in the Campus Center, for this fun evening. Alumni, faculty and staff will toast the graduates as they transition into successful, productive and involved alumni! Desserts and refreshments will be served. An email invitation will be sent to all members of the Class of 2015, inviting the graduate and his/her family to register for Senior Send-Off.

THE 2015 SENIOR CLASS GIFT

Each year, at this time, the seniors conduct a class gift drive to raise funds on behalf of their alma mater. The Class of 2015 has chosen to focus on increasing class participation and raising funds to purchase a new group of red Adirondack chairs, a staple of Albright’s campus. These chairs can be seen across campus all year long and provide students with a place to sit and hang out between classes. It is not uncommon to see a professor and students rearranging groups of Adirondacks together so that class may be taught outside on a beautiful day. In order to achieve their goal, each senior is encouraged to make a gift to Albright of $20.15 or more in support of the College. However, gifts of any size to The Fund for Albright make a difference and help support the Albright experience. Members of the Class of 2015 who give gifts of $100 or more are also eligible for membership in the President’s Council for Young Alumni.

Gifts from parents, in honor of their graduating Albrightian, will be added to the amount raised by the class. To make a gift in honor of your senior’s success, please visit our secure giving site at www.albright.edu/givenow and, in the comment section, write “In honor of 2015 senior [your Albrightian’s name].” For more information about The Fund for Albright, and for assistance in making your gift, please contact Amanda Walck at 610-929-6786 or awalck@albright.edu.

COMMENCEMENT PARKING

AND NOTES FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Office of Public Safety would like to congratulate the Class of 2015 on their upcoming graduation. Recommended parking for Commencement is:

- Main lot, 13th and Bern streets
- Gene Shirk Stadium lot, 13th and Exeter streets
- Schumo Center lot, 13th and Richmond streets
- Roessner lot, accessible by Rockland Street and Richmond Street
- 13th and Union Elementary School lot, 13th and Exeter streets

Handicapped parking will be available in the Main Chapel/Center for Computing and Mathematics lot, by request only. Requests must be submitted no later than the Thursday prior to graduation (May 22). Requests should be submitted to Beverly Fegley at 610-921-7672 or bfegley@albright.edu.

Additional information on parking can be found at www.albright.edu/commencement.
RESIDENCE HALL CLOSING INFORMATION

All residential students will receive detailed close-down information in early May. However, parents should also be aware of the following dates and times:

**Tuesday, May 19 at 6 p.m.** – Residence halls close for undergraduate students.

**Sunday, May 24 at 6 p.m.** – Residence halls close for graduating seniors.

All students should make arrangements to vacate their residence hall by the above dates and times. Students must reserve a time with a resident assistant to complete a final check-out of their room. At this time, the room should be empty of all personal items and debris so that it can be inspected for any damages.

HOUSING SELECTION FOR 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR

Housing selection information was made available to all returning students in late February. Below are important dates and information from the Office of Residential Life:

- Albright College has a sophomore year residency requirement.
- Please be aware that students will need to register for classes prior to housing selection, which occurs April 27 to 29. As long as students are registered for fall courses by April 22, and have filled out an online housing application, students will receive a lottery number on April 24, for use in housing selection.

Once a student receives his/her lottery number, the housing selection will occur as follows:

- **April 27** – Singles lottery and sign back for The Woods
- **April 28** – Sophomore (Class of ’18) selection
- **April 29** – Junior (Class of ’17) and Senior (Class of ’16) selection

Only registered students are permitted to reside in College-owned housing. If a returning student, with assigned housing for the 2015-16 academic year, has not registered for classes by April 22, his/her housing assignment will be cancelled and he/she will be placed on the waitlist.
Graduation is quickly approaching. Does your son/daughter have a job offer yet? If the answer is no, have him/her contact the Experiential Learning and Career Development Center now at elcdc@albright.edu or 610-921-7630. Not only can we help your student now, but we take care of our alumni forever! As an alumni of Albright, your graduate will have access to services, including resume critiques, job search methods, interview preparation and graduate school admission help, at any time.

Our theme for next year will be “connections,” to emphasize that career success is all about making and keeping connections. Do you want to connect with our students and participate in networking, meet-ups, and job and internship fairs? If so, contact us with your career/job information and availability, and we will see where we can place you! Thank you for your support in our students’ career journeys.

Albright College’s Volunteer Center is located on the lower level of the Campus Center and offers a variety of service opportunities and experiences for students to get involved with, both on and off campus. The center is in the process of planning several programs to take place this spring, including Earth Week, co-sponsored by the Albright E.C.O. club, and the MS Walk at Gring’s Mill in May. Earth Week will feature a variety of events and service opportunities in and around Albright, and culminate with the Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 25.