Welcome to the latest edition of the Parent Pride E-Newsletter. We hope you have enjoyed reading about current happenings at Albright and keeping informed about news that is important to you and your student.

To help us prepare future issues of Parent Pride, please let us know how we’re doing. Your feedback is important to us. If there are new topics you would like us to include, or if you have other suggestions that will improve this publication, please let us know! Email your thoughts to Kathleen Sutton, director of The Fund for Albright, at ksutton@alb.edu.

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**Saturday, May 18**
Baccalaureate, 4 p.m., Memorial Chapel

*Baccalaureate Sermon*
The Reverend Thomas L. Blackstone, Ph.D. ’84, pastor of Green Street United Methodist Church, Augusta, Maine. Blackstone’s son, Alexander, is a graduating senior this year.

**Sunday, May 19**
Traditional undergraduate and graduate Commencement Ceremony, 10 a.m., Shirk Stadium

If you have a senior graduating this spring, below are important details for Albright’s 2013 Commencement ceremony. For additional details click on the URL link [http://www.albright.edu/commencement/index.html](http://www.albright.edu/commencement/index.html)

Each student will receive four tickets for admission to Baccalaureate on Saturday, May 18, and Commencement on Sunday, May 19. For the Commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. in Shirk Stadium, the main gate will open at 9 a.m. The four tickets are for on-field seating; the bleachers are open to anyone. All seating is on a “first-come” basis.

**Keynote Speaker**
Pennsylvania State Senator Edwin B. “Ted” Erickson III, Ph.D. ’60

**Honorary degree recipients**
Parking
Parking will be available in our main parking lot at 13th and Bern Streets; the Gene Shirk Stadium parking lot at 13th and Exeter Streets; the Schumo Center parking lot at 13th and Richmond Streets; the Rockland Professional Center parking lot at 13th and Rockland Streets; and the parking lot at 13th and Union Elementary School.

Severe Weather
In the event of severe inclement weather, the Commencement ceremony will be held in the Bollman Center. Because of space limitations in the Bollman Center, please note that only those holding rain tickets will be admitted. Each student will receive six rain tickets. The College will announce location changes by 7 a.m. A special broadcast message will be posted on the College voice mail system, the Albright Hotline (x7800 or 610-921-7800), and on the Albright website, www.albright.edu.

Tickets
Tickets are available at the Campus Center desk through and including Commencement Day. Graduates must show identification and sign for the tickets at the time of pick-up. Graduates must pick up their own tickets.

Breakfast
Breakfast will be in the Campus Center Dining Hall from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. $5 per person ($7 at the door) and children under 5 are free. Tickets will be sold in the Campus Center on graduation day. Only exact cash or check will be accepted.

Photography
A national collegiate photographic company will take photographs of all graduates as they receive their diplomas. After graduation, parents will receive a color proof for your review and instructions for ordering prints. Flash photography is permitted during the ceremony.

Albright Alumni Legacy Program
Albright alumni parents may greet their graduating son or daughter after receiving his/her diploma and a keepsake photo will be taken. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 1-877-411-7510 or via email at alumni@alb.edu.

Residence Hall Close-Down Information
All residential students will receive detailed close-down information the beginning of May, but parents should also be aware of the following dates and times:

- Residence halls close for undergraduate students on Tuesday, May 14, at 6 p.m.
- Residence halls close for graduating seniors on Sunday, May 19, at 6 p.m.

All students should make arrangements to vacate their residence hall by the above times. Students must reserve a time with a resident assistant to complete a final check-out. At this time, the room should be empty of personal items and debris so it can be inspected for damages.
Beginning August 2013, the College will issue all monthly Statements of Account exclusively through our online billing and payment center, LionPay. This safe and secure website will allow you to receive your student’s monthly statements, view balance information and account activity and process payments via electronic check or credit card. Information regarding access for students and families will be issued during the upcoming summer months. Please feel free to contact the Student Accounts Office at studentaccounts@alb.edu or 610-921-7777 with any questions.

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**renovations**

Plans to transform the Rockland Professional Center, the office building located at the corner of 13th and Rockland streets, into a modern, technologically advanced academic facility are moving forward.

The renovation and adaptive reuse of the building will result in the relocation of the departments of Economics and Business, Accounting and Political Science, as well as the Center for Excellence in Local Government, to Rockland. The College’s Office of Accelerated Degree Programs has already been relocated to the building.

Construction on 30,000 square feet of state-of-the-art classrooms, offices and meeting spaces is expected to begin this summer. The new facility, to be known as the Center for Business, Civic and Global Leadership, is expected to be ready for the start of the fall 2014 semester.

The relocation of several academic departments will free up much-needed space elsewhere on campus, especially in Teel and Masters Halls, giving Albright’s humanities and social sciences departments more room for teaching and study.

In addition, the College’s interdisciplinary academic focus will be well served by the synergies fostered by the mix of academic departments and units the new facility will house. More opportunities for student experiential learning, civic engagement, internships and public service are expected as well.