

Albright COLLEGE parent pride

Welcome to the first issue of the Albright College Parent Pride e-newsletter!

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

Calling all parents of Albright seniors! The time has arrived to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of your graduating student and wish them well as they embark on their future endeavors, so please join us for Commencement weekend, May 20–22. Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett will give the Commencement address at Albright College's 152nd Commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 22, in Gene L. Shirk stadium.

SPRING EVENTS

Athletics - Parents are encouraged to cheer on the Albright Lions at all of our athletic events! The complete schedule can be found on the Albright Athletics website, <http://www.albrightathletics.com/calendar.aspx>

CENTER FOR THE ARTS EVENTS

Freedman Gallery Exhibit

Gender Matters/Matters of Gender, a juried exhibition
Now through April 20

Judith Tannenbaum, curator of the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, returns to the Freedman Gallery to serve as both juror and guest curator for our first juried competition and exhibition. Sixty works by 50 artists were selected from more than 450 entries by 160 artists. All media types are represented in this inaugural event, which focuses on issues related to gender, particularly the female gender. It's the first in a long line of events that celebrate contributions by female artists.

Concerts:

Maier Memorial Concert: Jeff Lentz in the Nexus Project V

Friday, March 25, 7:30 p.m., Wachovia Theatre. Don't miss this highly anticipated, annual event that brings together the multiple disciplines of music, theatre, literature, art, fashion and dance in a dazzling display to delight the senses.

Roar Like a Lion: a Spring Recital by Albright Music Students

Saturday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.

Domino Players:

- Random Acts of Karma, a festival of one-acts
April 14, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m., and April 17 at 2:30 p.m.
- Writer's Block Party - a completely different festival of one-acts
April 29 and 30 and May 1 at 8 p.m., and May 2 at 2:30 p.m.

GET INVOLVED

Albright parents are some of the College's biggest fans. Not only do they help promote the benefits of the Albright educational experience, they also help with our programs and tell us what we can do to further improve that experience for our students and their parents. Here are some upcoming events that you can get involved in.

Volunteer with the Admission Office

Parents and Alumni Seeking Students - PASS is a program coordinated by Albright's Admission Office to give prospective students the opportunity to get to know Albright alumni and parents. Many Albright alumni and parents love to share their enthusiasm about Albright with college-bound students and their parents, and PASS is the perfect place to do it.

College Fairs - You can help with our recruiting efforts by attending a college/career fair in your hometown with one of Albright's Admission counselors. Prospective families want to know what it's like to be the parent of an Albrightian, so your insights are invaluable. Fairs are held in the evening between 6 and 9 p.m. and typically last two hours. To find a fair near you visit www.albright.edu/PASS/events.html

On-Campus Open Houses - Many high school students and their families come to our campus to learn as much as they can about Albright. For prospective parents, these open houses are a good time to learn about how they can become involved in the Albright community. You can help by joining the Admission staff during one of our open houses. The next two are scheduled for Saturday, March 26, and Sunday, April 10.

Refer A Student - Do you know a student who would be a great fit for Albright? Let us know! Informing Albright Admission counselors about quality prospective students is a great way to enhance our applicant pool. Parents are encouraged to advocate for a student's admission to the College. If you are acquainted with an applicant and wish to provide a recommendation, please contact the Admission Office at 1-800-252-1856.

If any of the above opportunities interest you or you'd like to learn about other ways to get involved with the Admission Office, please contact Corinne Logan at clogan@alb.edu or (610) 921-7700.

Volunteer with the Career Center - Are you looking for a way to become involved in your student's experience at Albright? Through a partnership program with the Career Development Center, you can support current Albright students in several ways.

Through "Ask JIM" (Jobs, Internships, Mentors) you can share your career knowledge, expertise and insights with our students by becoming a mentor. As a mentor, you can conduct informational interviews or network with students via phone, e-mail or in person, provide a shadowing opportunity, speak to a class or campus organization, help students practice the art of interviewing through mock interviews, and provide resume/cover letter critiques.

To register as a mentor, go to www.myinterfase.com/albright/mentor. It's as easy as logging on, submitting your information and deciding how you would like to help.

If you have questions about Ask JIM or are looking for a different way to get involved, please contact the Career Center at 610-921-7630 or careercenter@alb.edu.

SENIOR WALKWAY LEGACY

Each year, Albright's senior class generously supports the Senior Walkway Legacy Class Gift Program. This program raises money to replace the walkways on campus, one section at a time. This year it's the Class of 2011's turn to make their mark and show future generations of Albrightians how much the Albright experience has meant to them.

A gift of \$100 or more not only entitles students to have their names engraved on a special paver, it also makes them a member of the President's Council for Young Alumni. As such, they become a part of Albright College's most distinguished donor society. We encourage students to participate at the level that is most comfortable for them, and we appreciate any amount they can give. Seniors who make a pledge to the Senior Walkway Legacy Program will have until Dec. 31, 2011, to fulfill their pledge.

With your help, we can make the 2011 Senior Walkway Legacy Class Gift Program the most successful one yet. We hope you'll encourage your senior to participate in the Senior Walkway Legacy Program, because we think you'll agree that it is truly satisfying to give back to an institution that has been such an important part of your life.

SAVE THE DATES

Sneak Peek – Join us as we host members of the Class of 2015 and their families as they get acquainted with the Albright community! Our single-day orientation events will be held Friday, July 15, and Saturday, July 16, for all new students.

Move-In Day – On August 25, we welcome the Class of 2015 as they begin their lives as Albrightians.

Fall Parents Day – We're delighted to invite our students and their families to join us for our annual Fall Parents Day on September 17. Enjoy the day on campus and around the Reading area with your favorite Albrightian!