Pre-Med Student Dives into Campus Life - One of the reasons Matt Bauer ’13 chose Albright is that the College is one of just nine Pennsylvania schools to participate in the Early Assurance Program at the Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, Pa. The program offers undergraduate students conditional acceptance into medical school.

“Of course, there was also the reputation of the College’s science program,” said Matt, who has known since he was in middle school that he wanted to go into medicine.

“Normally, acceptance in the Early Assurance Program is provisional because it’s based on your SAT scores rather than your MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) scores,” Matt explained, noting that most students do not take MCATs until their junior year. “I was able to take my MCATs a year early, though, because I had extra math credits from high school, and I got to take physics early, too.” His current 4.0 overall GPA might be another factor for his acceptance.

Following his solid performance on the MCATs, Matt received unconditional acceptance into Penn State’s program before he started his junior year. “It’s very exciting to know where I’m going a couple years early,” he said, adding that he’ll start medical school in the summer of 2013 after leaving Albright with his bachelor’s degree in biochemistry in hand.

Looking ahead, Matt is complementing his biochemistry degree with a special co-concentration in policy analysis and public administration. “It will be good to have if I ever want to go into hospital administration or become chief of surgery or chief of medicine,” he said.

For now, Matt is considering going into emergency room medicine or surgery. His interest in the ER was piqued last spring, when he participated in The Reading Hospital’s scribe internship program, which enables aspiring doctors to work closely with practicing physicians by doing their charting for them. The unpaid internship led to a summer job for Matt, who hopes to repeat the experience this summer.

When he’s on campus, the Pottstown, Pa., native also packs in as many athletic and artistic experiences as possible. An accomplished swimmer, he enjoys competing on the College’s Division III swim team. “We practice a lot,” he said, “so that’s what’s keeping me busiest right now.”

Matt also enjoys singing, and is happy to lend his voice to three of Albright’s vocal groups—the Mane Men male a cappella group, the Mangels co-ed a cappella group, and the Concert Choir.

He is also an ambassador for the Admission Office, he serves on the Leadership Committee for the New Student Orientation program, and he is the executive vice president of the Student Government Association.

Before he enrolled at Albright, Matt wanted to learn all he could about the College and its campus. He had a head start in that area as well, since his sister, Kristin Bauer ’11, was already an Albright student, pursuing her own biochemistry degree.

Reflecting on his decision to enroll here, Matt said, “It was a perfect fit; it has everything I wanted and more. I dove right into the Albright way of life, and I can’t imagine myself being anywhere else.”
A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC SAFETY

Dear Albright Parents,

Thank you for allowing the Albright Department of Public Safety to serve you and your student. We are committed to providing a safe and secure environment by extending care and assistance to our students, faculty, staff, guests, and other members of the community at large. Our department provides frequent patrols throughout our campus and the surrounding areas, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Our officers are dedicated to protecting all College community members and the physical assets of the College, and to fostering an attitude of cooperation with those with whom we come in contact.

Employing a complement of full- and part-time officers, as well as a contingent of student security officers, we strive for excellence in the provision of a safe, secure environment, and we work to promote and support the success of Albright students and the community.

Albright College’s main campus, which spans the border between the City of Reading and Muhlenberg Township, is a vibrant location for students and the community. As part of our mission, we regularly collaborate and share information with these agencies, as well as with the office of Berks County District Attorney John Adams and the Pennsylvania State Police Reading Barracks.

Albright College Public Safety also shares information on crime prevention trends with other colleges in Berks County, in the region, and in the Commonwealth. We communicate within our department and to the campus continually, and we regularly meet for training and planning.

The rate of crime in our community remains low. The primary crime in the Reading area, as in most Commonwealth communities, is the theft of items such as iPods, cell phones, backpacks, laptops, cameras, and loose change from parked cars.

Below are some of our safety initiatives and services.

- **CCTV** – Video cameras have been installed around campus.
- **Emergency Telephones** – There are 56 yellow emergency phones on campus. When the red key button is activated, the call goes directly to the Public Safety Office and officers are immediately dispatched to the site.
- **e2Campus Text Messaging** – This free service, available to the entire Albright community, is used to send bulletins on emergency situations and severe-weather-related issues.
- **Fire Safety** – Fire and evacuation drills are conducted several times a year.
- **Medical Assistance** – On weekends, when the Health and Counseling Center is closed, Public Safety officers will transport students to the hospital or to a physician’s office for non-emergency-related medical care.
- ** Parking Registration** – Parking is permitted on designated parking lots for upper-class students with a current parking sticker.
- **Patrols** – Officers patrol by foot, vehicle, golf cart and bicycle.
- **Photo ID Cards** – The use of ID cards limits access to residence halls, the library, the dining hall, The Schumo Center for Fitness and Well-Being, and other campus buildings.
- **Resident Assistants (RA)** – Every year, RAs receive first aid training from a certified trainer.
- **Residence Halls** – Officers make routine rounds through all residence halls, which are secured 24 hours a day.
- **Self-defense Class** – Rape Aggression Defense (RAD), a self-defense class for women, is offered every semester at no charge.
- **Escort Service** – Public Safety offers an escort service to any student from dusk to dawn, seven days a week.
- **Shuttle Service** – This on-campus service is available Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Extended shuttle service runs from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. to provide transportation anywhere on campus and to nearby off-campus locations. Shuttles also run in the early evening to the Berkshire Mall on Mondays, Target on Tuesdays, and Wal-Mart on Wednesdays.
- **Student Employees** – Every semester, approximately 30 students work in the department. Student officers often advance to the ranks of corporal, sergeant, and lieutenant.

We encourage you to visit, call, or email our department with any questions or concerns you may have about our services or the safety of our students. Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide you and your student with a safe and happy Albright experience.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. McDaniel, M.S. FBINA 238
Director of Public Safety
HOUSING SELECTION FOR FALL 2012

Housing selection for fall 2012 is right around the corner! On-campus housing can be guaranteed only when established deadlines are met and student account balances are settled. All students will receive information regarding the online housing selection timeline via email and campus mail.

- Housing applications should be submitted during the week of March 5 (prior to Spring Break).
- Roommate selection will take place during the week of March 19 (after Spring Break).
- Housing selection, when students select their room for the spring, will take place after fall 2012 course registration during the weeks of April 23 and April 30.

Students interested in off-campus housing can visit the Residential Life Office to view college community advertisements. Additional information about off-campus living can be found at www.albright.edu/campuslife/housing/off-campus.html

SHIRK SCHOLARS TO BE RECOGNIZED AT READING PHILLIES

On April 10, the Reading Phillies will recognize the Shirk Scholarship Program and our Shirk Senior Scholars during a pre-game ceremony. All senior Shirk Scholars are invited to attend at no cost. Their families and friends will also receive invitations to attend.

Albright College annually awards 25 Eugene Shirk Scholarships, established to honor the late Gene Shirk and to encourage Berks County students to follow his ideals of community service, leadership, strength of character, and commitment to excellence.

STUDY ABROAD DEADLINES

The deadline to submit applications for both the summer and fall 2012 Study Abroad programs is March 30. For more information, visit www.albright.edu/elcdc and select Study Abroad from the menu.

INTERNSHIPS = EXPERIENCE!

Students are encouraged to engage in career-related activities such as internships, which can be completed either during the semester or over the summer. Students who want to learn more about such opportunities should contact the Experiential Learning and Career Development Center at (elcdc@alb.edu). In the meantime, students can check out the web resources on www.albright.edu/elcdc, Career Development, and look at the Career and Job/Internship Resources on the right side of the page.

INTERNSHIP AND JOB FAIRS!

- Horizons Job Fair, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m., Albright College Campus Center
- Lehigh Valley Collegiate Career Expo, Wednesday, Feb. 15, noon–4:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, Fogelsville, Pa. (Registration is required, and transportation will be provided.) For more information, contact the Experiential Learning and Career Development Center or go to the Expo’s website at www.lvcce.org

WRITING HELP AVAILABLE

Does your student ever get “writer’s block” or ask for extra feedback and guidance regarding their writing assignments? At the Albright Writing Center, we help students take their writing to the next level. We hold interactive, one-on-one sessions to help students plan out their writing, develop their ideas, use research effectively, and practice revising/editing skills. We have peer tutors with backgrounds in writing for different disciplines, and we encourage visits by students at all levels and for any course. To learn more, visit our website at www.albright.edu/academics/wcwelcome.html, contact us at writingcenter@alb.edu, or call coordinator Rachel Liberatore at (610) 921-7854.
UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

Lacrosse to Debut - Albright’s new men’s and women’s lacrosse teams will take their home field for the first time in March. Come and see them play the newest and fastest growing sport in America—and at Albright!

March 3, Shirk Stadium
The men play Penn State-Abington at 1 p.m.
The women play Immaculata at 3:30 p.m.

Men’s Basketball vs. Alvernia U.
Feb. 8, 8 p.m., Bollman Gym

Track and Field Invitational
Feb. 11, 10 a.m., Scholl LifeSports Center

Women’s Basketball vs. Arcadia U.
Wear pink to support the Lady Lions during this Pink Zone breast cancer awareness game.
Feb. 14, 6 p.m., Bollman Gym

Men’s Baseball vs. Penn State Berks
Feb. 28, 2:30 p.m., Kelchner Field

Women’s Softball vs. Widener U.
March 18, 1 p.m., softball field at North Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Waiting Room by Megan Smith
Feb. 3 & 4, 8 p.m., Wachovia Theatre

On the Verge by Eric Overmyer
Feb. 17–19 and 23–25, 8 p.m. (2:30 on the 19th), Wachovia Theatre

Art Market for Families & Kids
March 3, 10:30 a.m.–noon, Freedman Gallery

Elements Symphonic Band & Choral Concert
March 3, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Chapel

Drum Circle
March 7, 7:15 p.m., Roop Hall

Nurturing Nature
March 20–April 15, Freedman Gallery

Majore Piano Trio
March 25, 3 p.m., Roop Hall

Home Again with the Albright Angels & Mane Men
March 25, 4 p.m., St. Matthew’s Church, Lancaster (bus transport provided)

24-Hour Theatre Project
March 31, 8 p.m., Wachovia Theatre

Lights, Camera, Music! String Chamber Orchestra & Small Ensembles Concert
April 1, 3 p.m., Memorial Chapel

Drum Circle
April 4, 7:15 p.m., Roop Hall

Art Market for Families & Kids
April 14, 10:30 a.m.–noon, Freedman Gallery

Roar Like a Lion Student Recitals
April 14, 7:30 p.m., Roop Hall

Walden Trio Chamber Music Concert
April 15, 3 p.m., Roop Hall

A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams
April 20–22 and 26–28, 8 p.m. (2:30 on the 22nd)

Sounds of Spring
Symphonic Band & Jazz Band Concert
April 29, 3 p.m., Memorial Chapel

Annual Juried Student Art Show
May 1–11, Freedman Gallery

STAY CONNECTED

Follow Albright parents on FACEBOOK (www.albright.edu/fbparents/) and stay up to date on the latest Albright parent news. Check out College updates, including TWITTER and YOUTUBE, at WWW.ALBRIGHT.EDU/SOCIALMEDIA/

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