Volunteer Corner

Looking for a way to promote your Albright pride? Volunteer with the Admission Office’s Parents and the Alumni Seeking Students (PASS) program!

The purpose of PASS is to increase Albright’s name recognition and encourage students to learn more about Albright College, in hope that they will apply and matriculate. PASS allows you to show college-bound students what it’s like to be part of the Albright family by volunteering at on-campus events, representing Albright at college fairs, corresponding with accepted students and more. Through interactions with prospective students and their families, you are able to help them navigate the college search process while validating what the Admission Office has already shared with them about Albright.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer, please visit the PASS website at http://albright.edu/PASS/ or email Kimberly Sargent, PASS coordinator, at pass@alb.edu.

Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs is always interested in hearing from our students. We realize that finals week can be a very stressful time, so please encourage your students to use the health and counseling services on campus, and remind them that RAs, Public Safety, the Dean of Students Office and many other resource persons are available to support them throughout the year. We have listed below some of these services that might be of interest to you and your student:

- The Gable Health Center is offering the seasonal flu vaccine at a cost of $15. The charge can be billed to the student’s account. Please have your student call 610-921-7532 to schedule an appointment for the seasonal flu vaccine.

- Give the gift of massage during finals week by purchasing a gift certificate from the Schumo Center for Fitness & Well-Being. What a great way for students to relieve stress as the semester comes to a close! Gift certificates are $10 for 30 minutes and $20 for 60 minutes and will be delivered to your student’s campus mailbox. Contact Karen Kuhlman at kkuhlman@alb.edu for more information.

- Birthday cake orders can be placed for all students, on campus or off campus. The cost is only $20. The Assistant Dean of Student’s Office coordinates this program. Staff members from the office call students on their birthdays to notify them that there is a birthday bash bag waiting to be picked up in the Campus Center! To print and complete your order, go to www.albright.edu/campuslife/orientation/Birthday-Bash-Bag.pdf and then mail the order form to our office at: Advancement Office, 13th and Bern Streets, Reading, PA 19612.

We wish you a happy and healthy holiday season with your student when he or she returns home in a few weeks.

Holiday Concert

The Alumni Relations Office is sponsoring our annual Candlelight Dinner and Holiday Concert on Saturday, Dec. 8. We hope you’ll join us for this special event which features the musical talents of the Albright Angels, Concert Choir, Mane Men and Women’s Chorale. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. The cost is $28 per person. For more information, or to register, please visit: www.alumni.albright.edu/candle12
Financial Aid
It’s time to start thinking about financial aid for the 2013-2014 school year!
• The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov/
• The code for Albright College is 003229.
• Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1.
• We recommend that families complete the FAFSA by March 1 in order to qualify for the full range of financial aid programs.

Speak with a financial aid counselor at (800)-252-1856.

Study Abroad/Internship Opportunities
Students have been signing up for one of two Interim (January term) faculty-led trips: “Paris-City of Lights” and “Ecuador 2013.” These courses enable students to fulfill general education requirements while immersing themselves in a different culture and learning from an Albright professor. More and more employers are asking for candidates with a global understanding. This is a perfect way for students to gain the cultural insights sought by employers while learning a subject and fulfilling educational requirements!

Internships are in high demand as well. In fact, 79 percent of all employers seek candidates with relevant experience. Albright students are currently engaged in internships at the Department of Labor; Public Affairs, Ernst & Young Accounting, Reese Advertising, The Franklin Institute: Assistant to Museum Programs and Hershey Foods Corporation: Social Responsibility.

Since participating in study abroad courses and internships are what employers and graduate schools are seeking in candidates, here are some helpful tips if you wish to encourage your son or daughter to pursue an internship:

When will you know that your son or daughter is ready for an internship?
• Most employers want their interns to have completed at least two courses in their major, so typically sophomores and juniors are able to apply for spring and summer internships. We encourage first-year students to conduct “informational interviews” with professionals in their field of interest to gain career knowledge and, if possible, to shadow the professional for a brief period of time. This may lead to a summer internship. To receive academic credit for an internship, in addition to having previously completed two courses in their major, students must also secure a faculty mentor.
• Talk to your son or daughter about career interests. Encourage your student to learn more about careers by recommending that she or he visit the Experiential Learning and Career Development Center. It is also helpful to suggest the names of colleagues who can answer career-related questions for them. Networking leads to career knowledge, and internships often lead to permanent employment.

What if my son or daughter must work for spending money and cant complete an unpaid internship during the summer months?
• This is the situation for many Albright students. We encourage our students to try to address both concerns simultaneously if possible. For example, complete a part-time professional internship and also secure a paid summer job which could be completed at other times of the day. Employers will be impressed with students who “go that extra mile” to obtain career-specific experience.

How do I encourage my son or daughter to study abroad or participate in a faculty-led international trip?
• Explain that traveling while in college is the least expensive and easiest way to learn about different countries and cultures. Albright professionals, working closely with professionals in the international destination, ensure that these opportunities go as smoothly as possible. Additionally, if the course is an Albright faculty-led trip, the time abroad is minimal (two to three weeks), the course nearly always fulfills a graduation requirement, and the students all support one another along the way. Study abroad opportunities are transforming. Those who have engaged in them universally affirm that they are well worth the effort and the minimal additional costs.

The Spring Semester courses that include summer trips are: History and Culture of Brazil; Children’s Literature in England; Traditional Arts in Ireland; Culture of Spain

If you have questions about any of the faculty-led trips or study abroad in general, call Kim Justeson at 610-921-6739. For questions regarding internships call Karen Evans at 610-921-7630.

Student Transportation
In partnership with the Student Government Association, the Department of Public Safety recently took delivery of two new white 2013 Ford vans that have been marked with the Albright colors. Thus far in 2012, the Department of Public Safety has completed more than 400 transports, not including the daily, evening, and Mall Monday, Target Tuesday, and Walmart Wednesday shuttles.

The daily shuttle service is provided from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, providing on-campus transportation to and from various locations.

The extended (evening) shuttle service runs from 8 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., seven days a week. The shuttle provides transportation anywhere on campus, as well as to locations within a close proximity to the College. The evening shuttle stops are listed below:

On Campus/Extended Shuttle
Sunday through Saturday 8 pm - 2:30 am

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Shuttles stop every hour at the times listed above.
Winter Commencement Ceremony

The legacy program provides an opportunity for graduating seniors who have Albright alumni in their family to celebrate their mutual membership within the Albright community. Whether it’s mom and/or dad, a brother and/or sister, or even a distant cousin, Albright provides a unique way for alumni family members to participate in graduation. After the graduating student crosses the stage, the student is met and congratulated by their alumni legacy family members and a picture is taken to commemorate this meaningful occasion.

For more information, or to register to be a legacy greeter at the winter Accelerated Degree Completion Program Commencement ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 15, please contact Tracy Gray Hayes at tghayes@alb.edu

Athletics Fall Highlights

MEN’S GOLF - With Alvernia 1.5 points away from reclaiming victory, the Albright College men’s golf team rallied and went undefeated over the final four matches to win the Yocum Cup 5-4.

WOMEN’S SOCCER - Albright concluded its season with a record of 10-9 and qualified for its second consecutive ECAC and Commonwealth Conference playoff.

WOMEN’S FIELD HOCKEY - In Sarah Brant’s first season as head coach, the Lady Lions finished with the most wins in program history, with a 10-8 record.

FOOTBALL - Coach John Marzka’s men finished strong. After defeating divisional rival Lebanon Valley in the regular season finale, the Lions received a post-season bid to face Franklin & Marshall in the ECAC South-East Bowl. There they defeated F&M by a score of 38-34 to finish with an impressive season record of 8-3.

SWIMMING - With a wealth of talent returning, the Albright swim teams look to repeat their quest towards yet another a MAC title.

What’s Next for Lion Athletics

MEN’S BASKETBALL - The hoopsters return many starters and are expected to make a big run for the MAC Conference title this season. Thus far in the young season, the Lions are undefeated at 4-0.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL - With many talented newcomers on the 2013 squad, the Lady Lions will be the dark horse in the MAC this year. Come support the Lions and help raise awareness for breast cancer at their annual Pink Game on Feb. 9, 2013.

SOFTBALL - Coach Kate Refsnyder returns to lead the Lions into the 2013 season.

MEN’S LACROSSE - On Feb. 23, 2013, the Albright men’s lacrosse team takes on Division III powerhouse, Cortland State, who enters the season ranked second in the nation in 2013.

WOMEN’S LACROSSE - With 18 new freshman women this season, the much improved Lady Lions are looking forward to a great second season. Women’s lacrosse opens with Rosemont College on Feb. 27, 2013.

Save the Date

- Saturday, March 23: Spring Preview: Accepted Student Visit Days
- Sunday, April 14: College Quest: Just for Juniors Visit Day
- Sunday, April 28: Enrollment 2012/2013. Freshmen: 410; Sophomores: 426; Juniors: 340; Seniors: 412; Total: 1,588

Residence Hall Holiday and Semester Schedule

- Residence halls will close for the holiday/winter break on Friday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m.
- The residence halls will open for students enrolled in Interim courses on Tuesday, Jan. 1, at 9 a.m.
- The residence halls will open for the 2013 Spring Semester on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 9 a.m.