Can you believe that we are already approaching the last two months of the school year? It has been our honor to bring you the Parent Pride E-Newsletter to keep you informed about current happenings at Albright and to provide valuable information to you.

With that in mind, your feedback is important as we prepare for future newsletters. If you have something you think we should add, or if you have any suggestions to make this an even more useful publication, please let us know! Simply email your thoughts to Kathleen Sutton, Director of The Fund for Albright, at ksutton@alb.edu.

**COLLEGE SEARCH SEMINAR OFFERED**

The Albright College Admission Office is offering a College Search and Application Seminar for rising high school juniors and seniors of Albright College families and their parents. Please join us for this free, one-day program, which is designed to help you understand the college search process better. Some of the many topics to be covered include:

- how to find the right school for you
- how to strategically build your application
- how to master the campus visit (in its many forms)
- how to understand the financial aid process

The College Search and Application Seminar will be held at Albright on Friday, June 29, from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information or to register, please visit www.albright.edu/PASS/CSAS/ or call the Admission Office at (800) 252-1856.

**ALBRIGHT’S 2012 COMMENCEMENT**

**Saturday, May 19, and Sunday, May 20.**

Please note that this year’s schedule differs from that of prior years, with both Commencement ceremonies scheduled for the same day.

**Saturday, May 19:** Baccalaureate service, 4 p.m., Memorial Chapel

Speaking: The Rev. J. William Lentz Jr. ’82

**Sunday, May 20:** Traditional undergraduate and graduate Commencement Ceremony, 10 a.m., Shirk Stadium

Commencement Speaker: Robert S. Spitz ’71, music historian, author of The Beatles: The Biography

Honorary degree recipients: Allen L. Moyer ’80, set designer; and Janet A. Hindler ’70, microbiologist

**COMMENCEMENT 2012**

As May quickly approaches, students are writing papers, finishing research projects, studying for exams, and preparing for graduation. If you have a senior graduating this spring, below are important details for Albright’s 2012 Commencement Ceremony.

The Baccalaureate Service will be held Saturday, May 19, at 4 p.m. in Memorial Chapel. Each student will receive four tickets for admission. The Commencement Ceremony will be held Sunday, May 20, at 10 a.m. in Gene L. Shirk Stadium. The main gate will open at 9 a.m. Each graduate will receive four tickets for on-field seating; the bleachers are open to anyone. All seating is on a “first-come” basis. Parking will be available in our main parking lot, 13th and Bern Streets; the Gene Shirk Stadium parking lot, 13th and Exeter Streets; the Schumo Center parking lot, 13th and Richmond Streets; the Rockland Professional Center parking lot, 13th and Rockland Streets; and the parking lot at 13th and Union Elementary School.

In the event of rain, Commencement will be held in the Bollman Center. In this eventuality, each graduate will receive six tickets for admission. The College will provide rain location announcements by 7 a.m. on May 19.

Breakfast will be available in the Campus Center Dining Hall from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at a cost of $4 per guest. Lunch will be available on Kelchner Field from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at a cost of $7 per guest. There is no charge for graduates and children under the age of five. Tickets will be available at the cashier’s office, newly located on the second floor of the Camp Building, until 4:30 p.m. on May 18. Tickets will be available at the main gate entrance to Shirk Stadium on May 20.

Graduates can pick up their tickets during Senior Night, Tuesday, May 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Campus Center. Proper identification and a signature are required to secure tickets. Caps and gowns can be obtained during Senior Night or in the Bookstore beginning May 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A national collegiate photographic house 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.

For more information about graduation, please visit www.albright.edu/commencement or contact Susan Miller at 610-921-7654 or by email at smiller@alb.edu.
GRADUATION & ALBRIGHT COLLEGE ALUMNI LEGACY PROGRAM

The legacy program involves graduating seniors who are related to Albright alumni family members. Whether they are related through parent(s), brother/sister, or a distant cousin, Albright provides a unique way for these alumni to participate during the graduation ceremony. After the graduating students cross the stage, they meet their alumni legacy family member(s) and then pose for a group photograph to commemorate the occasion.

If you would like to participate in the program, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 1-877-411-7510 or via e-mail at alumni@alb.edu.

RESIDENCE HALL CLOSE-DOWN INFORMATION

All residential students will receive detailed close-down information at 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 15, at 6 p.m.
- Residence halls close for graduating seniors on Sunday, May 20, at 4 p.m.

All students should make arrangements to vacate their residence hall by the above times. Students must reserve a time with the resident assistant on duty in their residence hall 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.

RENOVATIONS

Renovations to the Campus Center Dining Hall will begin Monday, May 21. The work is expected to be completed in August, in time to welcome new and returning students. When they return to campus, students will see dramatically improved facilities and services, including a brick oven for making pizzas, artisan hearth breads, and Moroccan tagines, among other culinary creations.

The emphasis of the Dining Hall redesign is a “kitchen-less kitchen,” which elevates food preparation to a daily performance platform of cooking stations in which everyone can share. Stations include the bakery, which will feature fresh blueberry muffins, scones, made-to-order crepes and “Susie’s Showcase,” a weekly spotlight featuring what’s hot, new and trending in baked delectables. Our vegan/vegetarian station will complement the “Farmer’s Market Salad/Nature Bar.” The allergen-free zone will cater to the dietary needs of those with celiac disease, lactose intolerance, dairy intolerance, and nut allergies.

The chef’s table will be part of a “Cooking Suite” venue through which many facets of kitchen and catering preparation will be showcased, including rotisserie ovens, pasta cookers and char broilers. The chef’s table will also incorporate an “Evo Mongolian Grill” used to prepare omelets, Asian stir-fry, skewered meats and vegetables, and even late-night breakfast options such as chocolate chip pancakes and eggs made to order.

The new Dining Hall and retail locations will complement the new meal plan offerings, which will include an unlimited plan, block plans for our commuter students, and more bonus dollars than previously offered to allow students the flexibility their schedules demand.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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