The Honors & Awards Ceremony on Sunday, May 7, was a wonderful celebration of the diverse academic accomplishments of Albright students, particularly seniors. It was impressive to see what our students accomplish, integrating their studies, work, and co-curricular as well as extracurricular activities. Thank you to all of our faculty and staff who mentor, support, and inspire our students, providing them with the foundation for success at Albright and beyond.

—Mary McGee, Provost

GIVE THANKS!

With gratitude to our colleagues who are leaving us at the end of this academic year; you have shaped our Albright learning community in so many significant ways.

Lex O. McMillan III, President, 12 years of service.

Faculty Retirements

Bruce Auerbach, Professor of Political Science: 23 years of service
Thomas Watcke, Professor of Art: 40 years of service
Kristen Zacharias, Assistant Professor of Philosophy: 37 years of service

Staff Retirement

Lisa Korecky, Secretary, Center for the Arts: 35 years of service

Leaving to pursue new opportunities

Mason Williams, Assistant Professor of History

Visiting Faculty whose appointments have ended

Maria Eugenia Florio, Visiting Instructor of Spanish
Heloise Gille, Visiting Instructor of French
Eileen Wang, Visiting Instructor of Chinese

UPCOMING MAY EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday, May 8: 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., CCSL: McMillan Farewell Reception
Tuesday, May 9: Reading Day
Wednesday, May 10, 4:00 p.m., CCSL: Final Faculty Meeting of the Year
At this final faculty meeting of the year, we recognize our colleagues who are retiring and present faculty awards.
Wednesday, May 10-16: Exam Period
Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13: Board of Trustees Spring Meeting
Wednesday, May 17, 4:00 p.m., CCSL-F: Department Chairs Meeting
Saturday, May 20, 4:00 p.m., Memorial Chapel: Baccalaureate Ceremony
Saturday, May 20, 5:30 p.m., Dining Hall: Jacob Albright Scholars Ceremony and Dinner
At this event we recognize and induct into the Jacob Albright Society those seniors in the traditional day program who have completed requirements for their Albright degree with at least a 3.85 grade point average. RSVP to Karen Shuker at kshuker@alb.edu or extension 7643.

Sunday, May 21, 10:00 a.m., Science Field: Commencement
We will celebrate graduates from all Albright’s programs at this ceremony. Information about Commencement events, including Baccalaureate, can be found at http://www.albright.edu/commencement/spring/index.html

Wednesday, May 24, Roessner Hall, 8:30-3:00: Teaching & Learning Collaboratory
Albright’s annual Teaching & Learning conference provides a great opportunity for us to learn from and be inspired by each other as we exchange ideas about teaching strategies and innovations. All faculty, administration, and staff are invited to attend this day of conversation and workshops about pedagogy, student learning and instructional technologies. This event is sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee with support from Academic Affairs and IT Services. Workshop and registration details coming soon.

FACULTY & STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Arcana Albright (French) presented a paper entitled “Alternate Realities: Perception, Interpretation, and Narrative Technique in Jean-Philippe Toussaint’s La Vérité sur Marié” at the International Colloquium for 20th and 21st-Century French and Francophone Studies on April 7th at Indiana University, Bloomington.
The presentation examined how the novel La Vérité sur Marié nuances our understanding of the concepts real and imaginary and explores the relationship between the two.

Lennie Amores (Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures) presented a paper titled “Spanish Citizens Neutralizing Contested Space in Princesas (2006)” at the 70th Annual KFLC: The Languages, Literatures and Cultures Conference in Lexington on April 22, 2017. The paper examined the interplay of inside/outside space and cultural appropriation in the 2006 Spanish peninsular film, Princesas. It offers an alternative interpretation of the main characters’ friendship that challenges current scholarship.

Michael Armato’s (Political Science) work, “Money and the 2012 Elections,” was recently accepted for publication by Dr. David A. Schultz, editor of Money in American Politics: An Encyclopedia. This peer-reviewed reference work is forthcoming in October of 2017. He also presented “Incorporating Policy Memoranda in the Undergraduate Classroom” at the 2017 New York State Political Science Association Conference at Nazareth College in Rochester, New York and was re-elected as the American Politics Section Chair for the New York State Political Science Association at this conference.

https://academicminutie.org/2017/04/damayanthiceluawalage-albright-college-an-alteration-on-fashion-history/
Matthew Garrison (Art) curated two exhibitions in March for the Brooklyn Art Cluster. Tanya Chaly’s solo exhibition, *Unraveled*, made visible the invisible forces of nature through interventions into her analytical drawings on paper of animals and the ecosystems they inhabit. The group show, *Where Nature Ends*, investigated the shifting lines between the natural landscape and industrialization as insistent forces in harmony and conflict.

Brian Glaze (Art) recently participated in the following four group exhibitions: *"DownEast" Nationally Juried Sculpture Exhibition*, Emerge Gallery, Greenville, NC (two works selected, one gallery and one large outdoor/1year exhibition); *ArtVenice Biennale 4*, The Biennale Project, Venice, Italy (Internationally juried and artist selection); *Frederick H. Gage Memorial Exhibition*, Freiberger Gallery, Penn State Berks, Reading, PA; and *State of the Art: Pennsylvania 2017*, The State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA. He also had a solo exhibition entitled *Explorations in New Media*, Schmidt Gallery at the Goggleworks, Reading, PA which included one interactive video projection and one video display.

Karen Jogan (Spanish) has partnered with Roger Gee Ph.D. Holy Family University, and Profs. Hernan Pereira and Carolina Astudillo from Universidad Arturo Prat (UNAP) in Iquique Chile to produce a multimedia project, “Art of the English Language Interview: Voices for Global Communication.” The project’s goal is to connect Albright College students with Chilean students of advanced English, and to produce authentic materials which teach English as a set of integrated skills along with U.S. culture. Supported by Albright’s IT Division, last semester nine Albright students were interviewed and recorded by Chilean university students using Zoom. With grant funding from UNAP, the Chilean professors travelled to Albright in order to photograph the Albright students last month. The text, with transcribed interviews, will be an important resource for Chilean students as they work with contemporary, formal, spoken American English and learn more about culture of U.S. college students. The academic team also plans a “reverse” project so that Albright students of advanced Spanish will interview Chilean students on similar topics in order to improve Spanish language skills and gain insight into culture of Chilean university students.

Jennifer Koosed (Religious Studies) and Daria Newfeld (Business, Accounting & Economics) received a curriculum development grant from the Interfaith Youth Core for their Synthesis class God and Money. Jennifer Koosed also published *Reading the Bible as a Feminist*, a research guide from Brill.

Julia Matthews (Theatre), Kristen Woodward (Art), David Tanner (Center for the Arts), and Heidi Ziemer (Gingrich Library) were awarded a grant to participate as a team in a workshop on “Integrating Information Fluency in the Arts: History, Theory, and Criticism.” The workshop, jointly sponsored by The Council of Independent Colleges, The Association of College and Research Libraries, and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, was held in New Orleans in April 2017. The workshop was part of a series intended to help institutions move beyond information literacy in general education to information fluency in the Arts disciplines. Campus teams from 26 private liberal arts colleges and universities met in small groups to consider the skills that constitute information fluency in the field, the roles that faculty members and librarians play in developing those skills, and the role that deans and provosts play in providing institutional support for these efforts and creating a campus culture receptive to information fluency programs.

Lex McMillan received the Arthur V. Ciervo Award for “outstanding advocacy and advancement of higher education” presented by College and University Public Relations and Associated
Professionals (CUPRAP) on March 8, 2017. He was very honored by and grateful for the recognition, especially having been nominated by a member of Albright’s College Relations staff.

**Shreeyash Palshikar** (History) presented a paper titled “Contesting Borders in Western India 1908-1960: Maharashtra, MahaGujarat, Vidarbha” at the Lines of Control: Rethinking borders and borderlands in South Asia conference at The University of Chicago March 2-3.

**Nicholas Piro** (Chemistry & Biochemistry) presented his research into “First-row Metal Complexes of Poly(guanidinyl)aryl Ligands” on April 4, 2017, at the 253rd National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Francisco, CA. The research presented was carried out largely in collaboration with James Allen ’18.

**Matthew Sonntag** (Chemistry and Biochemistry) gave a seminar titled “Raman Spectroscopy in the Research Lab and the Classroom” on March 18th at a conference hosted by B&W Tek in Boston, MA.

**David Tran** (Business, Accounting and Economics) and Megan O’Brien ’17 presented a case study “Uber Technologies Inc.” at the 2017 Annual Conference of the Eastern Academy of Management (EAM), May 11-13, 2017, Baltimore (MD). Examining Uber’s innovative business model and competitive strategy as well as analyzing the firm’s most critical challenges in both domestic and international markets, this case was developed to facilitate teaching and learning practices in an undergraduate Strategic Management course. David also served as the track chair of the International Management track, the session chair of the “Successful Expatriates: Personality and Leadership Issues” session, and a reviewer for the CASE Association – an affiliate organization of the EAM.

**STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The following nine Albright students presented their work at the 2017 National Conference on Undergraduate Research in April, at the University of Memphis:

- Toe Aung ’17, a psychobiology major/evolutionary studies minor, presented “An Examination of Eye Gaze for Novel and Repeated Faces that Differ in Attractiveness Level.”
- Prasadi Dangolla ’17, a communications/international relations major, presented “Reflecting the Real World? A Glance at How Media Portrays the Poor.”
- Sierra Lambeth ’18, a chemistry/mathematics major, presented “Probing Single-Molecule Surface-Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy Fluctuations.”
- Ashley Lipshaw ’18, a biochemistry major, presented “Structure and Reactivity of Glassy Material.”
- Stephanie Michel ’17, a psychology major, presented “Meditating Your Way to a Healthy Body Image: A Comparison of Loving Kindness Meditation and Mindful Breathing.”
- Jaya Minhas ’17, a French and Spanish major/women & gender studies minor, presented “The Condition of Indigenous Women in the Andean Region.”
- Marissa Scalese ’17, a business administration major, presented “Estimate the Key Growth Determinants of the ‘Mindfulness Market’ by Analyzing the Elements of Supply Chain that Drive the Industry.”
- Elizabeth Weinelt ’17, a business administration major, presented “A Comparative Analysis of Marketing Strategies Adopted while Targeting Bottom of the Pyramid (BOP) Consumers: Reading, Pa., USA, vs. Rural Karnataka, India.”
• Leah Williams '17, a communications/English/Spanish major, presented “Reviving the Lost Murals of Revolutionary Nicaragua.”

Following is the list of the student presenters at the HECBC Conference held on April 22, 2017. Congratulations to these students and their faculty mentors!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>David Abrams</th>
<th>Jaya Minhas</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Toe Aung</td>
<td>Roemello Monroe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gwenievere Birster</td>
<td>Emma Morrill</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Julia Bongiovanni</td>
<td>Keriann Mosley</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Misha Chemey</td>
<td>Kyleigh Moyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prasadi Dangolla</td>
<td>Richard Moyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rebecca Davis</td>
<td>Emma Musto</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jaclyn Dean</td>
<td>Anh Nguyen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mark Duffy</td>
<td>Megan O’Brien</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trey Eberly</td>
<td>Shannon O’Hara</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alma Felix</td>
<td>Casey Prehotsky</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alyssa Francis</td>
<td>Katlyn Rivera</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Camille Fuller</td>
<td>Elizabeth Rohde</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Charlee Garlanger</td>
<td>Nate Rothermel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eric Hantz</td>
<td>Dylan Rutt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thomas Harrison</td>
<td>Marissa Scalese</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nia Henry</td>
<td>Audrina Shriver</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Justin Hoffman</td>
<td>Andrew Sussingham</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Renee Hunsberger</td>
<td>Mackenzie Tansey</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Natsumi Ito</td>
<td>Destini Torres</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alyssa Kates</td>
<td>Kayleigh Tre_coske</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Frank Kobe</td>
<td>Rebekah Turbett</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Melissa Komand</td>
<td>Nicole Tyson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shui Lon Paul Lam</td>
<td>Tyler Wickkiser</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chanel Lepone</td>
<td>Erica Wilson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Herfa Maitland</td>
<td>Jessica Zamora</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Students in the **Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures** have been quite active:

• **Rachel Roseman '16**, English/Theater major and student of advanced French from Ashland, PA, received a Fulbright student award this year. Since February she has been teaching American civilization and culture and the University of Mons in the French-speaking region of Belgium.

• **Brittany Mayne '17**, Digital Media and Asian Studies co-major from Baltimore who studied Chinese language and culture in the MFLL Department, has been designated as a finalist for the Fulbright student award to Taiwan, where next fall she will study towards a master’s degree in Creative Industries Design at National Cheng Kung University.
• **Leah Williams '17**, a communications/English/Spanish major from Gilbertsville, Pa., presented “Reviving the Lost Murals of Revolutionary Nicaragua” at the 2017 National Conference on Undergraduate Research at the University of Memphis in April. In her study, Leah analyzed images taken by the late Professor of Economics

• **David Schwartz** during his travels to Nicaragua in the 1980s. These unique images, otherwise unavailable, are posted to the Gingrich Library website as part of a digital humanities initiative.

• **Jaya Minhas '17**, a French and Spanish major/women & gender studies minor from Morris Plains, N.J., presented “The Condition of Indigenous Women in the Andean Region” at the 2017 National Conference on Undergraduate Research at the University of Memphis in April.

• **Anthony Benincasa '17**, Business Administration and Spanish major from Philadelphia, has been accepted in the Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE) Teach in Spain program for 2017-2018.

• **Kristina Goshorn '18**, political science and Spanish, is Albright’s first exchange student at Universidad Mayor, Santiago Chile where she is studying international politics.

**Congratulations to the following seniors for the completion of their HONORS THESIS.** Thank you to all of their faculty advisors and readers, as well as the honors committee, including **Dr. Chris Catone** (honors thesis coordinator) for supporting these students in their achievement of this notable academic accomplishment.

Toe Aung
David Basile
Ciani Beatty
Gwenievere Birster
Tia Camarata
Emily Carey
Juliana Carvajal
Angela Cremer
Prasadi Dangolla
Mark Duffy
Alyssa Francis
Tiffany Frey
Camille Fuller
Nia Henry
Kiana Hepburn
Natsumi Ito

Zoe Jacobs
Alexis Jenofsky
Danielle Kelley
Samantha Koller
Stephanie Michel
Keriann Mosley
Emma Musto
Heather Prince
Elizabeth Rohde
Kristina Schnell
Maura Sheehan
London Stever
Destini Torres
Leah Williams
Natalie Wilson
Jordan Zuber
SUMMER ACREs: Fifteen student-faculty pairs will engage in research this summer through the ACRE program:

Julia Pevarnik-Adam Hersberger: Mechanisms of CD4+ T-Cell Evasion by Poxviruses
Ryan Brett-David Osgood: Study of Carbon Sequestration in Barric Island Salt Marshes According to Age
Patrick Minnig-David Osgood: Comparison of Native & Non-Native Plant Success & Varying Timbering Techniques
Lindsey Jones-Paula Trimpey: Classical Ballet Tutu Construction
Edward Luo-Ryan Ludwig: Investigation of the Oxidation Mechanism of Anthracene Supported on TiO2
James Allen-Nicholas Piro: Synthesis of a Novel Bis(guanidine)pyridine Ligand with Potential for Steric & Electronic Tuning
Stephanie Dea-Stephen Mech: Effects of Bot Flies on Survivorship & Reproduction of White-Footed Mice
Zoe Gehman-Nicholas Piro: A Biomimetic Scaffold for Supporting Two Dissimilar Metal Centers to Enhance Chemical Reactivity
Renee Hunsberger-Justin Couchman: Effects of Self-Efficacy on Stress Appraisal
William Adams-Matt Sontag: Development of a New Paradigm for Understanding Vibrational Spectroscopy
Theresa Shafto-Erin Ventresca: Characterization of Isoflavone Binding to the Estrogen-Related Steroid Receptor in Drosophila melangaster Following Ingestion
Connor McLaughlin-Jeff Lentz: The Constellation Project-Charting a Course for the Future of Acting
Elizabeth Eberwein-Lesley Goodman: Kids These Days-An American Tradition of Ephebiphobia
Natalie Torpey-Jeff Lentz: The Constellation Project-Charting a Course for the Future of Acting

STUDY ABROAD: Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Santander Scholarships for study abroad:

Abigail de la Tour: Ireland
Amy Hang: Ireland
Carly Hollinger: Europe
Cassandra Maletz: Europe
Destini Torres: Ireland
Monica Miller: Ireland
Katherine Betz: London, England
Julia Devine: London, England
Bryan Lineweaver: Alicante, Spain
Adamaris Muniz-Tirado: Alicante, Spain
Nathan Rothermel: London, England
Rianna Salm: Nicosia, Cyprus
**ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tuesday, May 9, 4:00 p.m., Chapel**  
**Fouad Kalouche Memorial Lecture**  
Dr. Robert Audi’s memorial lecture for Fouad Kalouche, “Is Religious Faith Sustainable Given the Evils of History?” is scheduled for Tuesday May 9th at 4 pm in the Chapel.

**Open Enrollment**  
Please note our annual benefits open enrollment begins **Tuesday, May 2, 2017**. If you have not yet registered for one of the meetings or webinars offered, please do so to ensure you do not miss the important plan updates that will be communicated!

Open enrollment is an opportunity for all benefit eligible Faculty and Staff to make changes to their benefit elections. The available dates to make changes for the new plan year beginning June 1, 2017 will be **Tuesday, May 2 through Monday, May 15**.

Some of the plan changes this year will include the following:
1. Electronic enrollment form  
2. Important updates regarding Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA)  
3. Open Enrollment webinars

Open Enrollment meetings are being hosted by the Office of Human Resources. Please contact that office for more information.

**NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS WITHIN ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

**Albright Early Learning Center:**  
Throughout March and April, the AELC’s licensed Kindergarten program hosted students from Sheila Simyak’s EDU322 Health and Science Class. Students were able to observe integrated, cross-curricular studies in action as they learned about the importance of balance and stability during a STEAM lesson in mid-March, and a lesson on the water cycle in early April.

**Department of Communications**  
Students in Communications pursued a volunteer project with 13th and Union elementary school, helping 5th graders write and produce their own edition of a newspaper, “Albrightian Jr.” This was in collaboration with ASTEP and the 13th and Union partnership.

**Kate Lehman** presented her research on gender and media at the Society for Cinema and Media Studies conference in Chicago in March.

**Jon Bekken** organized an Experience Event with a speaker from Philadelphia’s Media Mobilizing Project in March.  
- Papers authored by Bekken:  
  - “Cultura Obrera: Building a Transnational Syndicalist Culture in the Atlantic Maritime Trade.” American Journalism Historians Association, October 2016, St.
Petersburg, FL Honorable Mention, Jean Palmegiano Award for Outstanding International/Transnational Journalism History Research.

- Book reviews by Bekken:

In Women’s and Gender Studies, several students presented their research projects at the LVAIC Undergraduate Women’s Studies Conference at Muhlenberg College on March 25.

■ Department of English
On March 24, 2017, Teresa Gilliams presented a paper, "Cultivating Prisoners' the First Year Seminar" as part of the panel at the Northeast Modern Language Association Conference in Baltimore, MD. Gilliams also gave two keynote speeches at recent college affiliated events, the first, entitled "'We Flesh': Revisionary Black Feminism and the Transformative Power of Love" was sponsored by Albright senior, Jaya Minhas who, as part of her Women and a Gender Studies internship, hosted an event on March 30, 2017 in the Main Lounge of the Campus Center entitled "The F Word" (with artistic and scholarly presentations highlighting the role feminism in our global world). For the second, Gilliams, most recently, on April 7, gave the keynote speech at the Olivet Boys and Girls Club in Reading, PA as part of the second year anniversary of the partnership between Albright's chapter of ASTEP (Artists Striving to End Poverty) and the Olivet Boys and Girls Club.

Gary Adlestein finished two experimental videos that I have been working on since last summer: “Reverse Shot” & “Shot/Reverse Shot” (both are visual/aural meditations on the interface of natural artifice and artificial nature and will be submitted to Canyon Cinema in San Francisco and the Filmmakers Cooperative in NYC.)

Lesley Goodman will be presenting a paper entitled "'How like a woman you are, mother': New Women and Old Mothers" at the British Women Writer's Association Conference in June. She also has an article, "The Shades of Our Grandmothers: New Women, Old Mother's, and Generational Thinking" currently under review at Women's Writing and a paper called "The Fantasy of the Naive Reader" under consideration for a panel for next year's MLA Conference.

■ Department of History
Members of the history department had a busy and dynamic winter. Some presented at conferences on topics ranging from the portrayal of nuclear power in comics at a colloquium commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Manhattan project (de Syon,) to discussing border disputes at a colloquium on South Asia held at University of Chicago (Palshikar.)

Patricia Turning supervised an honors thesis by student London Stevers on archives and language, and served as the invited keynote speaker at an Ohio State University conference on Medieval Studies.

Hilary Aquino worked on the OER project for the ADP, and supervised the first student honors thesis to come out of the PUblic Health combined major.
Carlos Dimas is completing his first year in the history department, and while acclimating himself, he also published an article and is preparing to do research in Argentina this summer.

Guillaume de Syon remained focused on supervising student research leading to honors theses. After each earning a 1/2-ACRE stipend to do research at the US Holocaust Museum with de Syon in January, students Mark Duffy, Kristina Schnell and Zoe Jacobs also presented papers at undergraduate conferences on their respective topics (Holocaust in Ukraine, sisterhood in concentration camps, and the plight of Deaf Jews.)

All members of the department remain focused on helping our students succeed. Whether it be field trips to meet history specialists, extra-curricular support and graduation pictures (Pankratz) or organizing experience events (Prof Palshikar invited two female magicians who also spoke to his class on history of magic,) the history department never forgets that the most important element of our identity as teachers is the Albright student.

Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures
13th & Union partnership: Eighteen students in Dr. Lennie Amores’ SPA 204 class are each completing a total of 20 hours during the semester. Three of those students are participating in Homework Club and the other students have been partnered with an ESL elementary school student to work with them in the classroom. Several students also participated in parent/teacher conferences.

PA Migrant Program (NEW): As part of Spanish 325, a group of five students participated in a pilot project between the PA Migrant Education Program and the Spanish program. Albright College students served as tutors for a group of Hispanic children in an after-school program at the 11th and Pike Public Library. Since these children have recently arrived in Reading from Spanish-speaking countries (mainly from the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico), their English proficiency is limited. Therefore, our students have assisted them in completing homework assignments and understanding English.

MFL&L Faculty organized and presented at four Experience Events:

- **Héloïse Gille**, visiting instructor of French, screening and discussion of the 2016 French film *Divines* (April 12)
- **Andrea Olivares**, visiting instructor of Spanish, “Sociocultural Perspectives of Music and Dance in Colombia” (April 18)
- **Eileen Wang**, visiting instructor of Chinese, “China and Chinese People Up Close” (March 31)

Prof. Wang also organized Chinese Culture Week from March 27-March 31 (http://faculty.albright.edu/mfl/chinese-culture-week.html).

**SAVE THE DATES**

10
As you plan your summer, please keep in mind the following important events at the start of our 2017-18 academic year. Additional information about these events will be sent via email.

- **Department Chair Retreat**: Monday, August 21, 2017
- **Faculty Retreat**: Wednesday, August 23, 2017
- **Convocation**: Friday, August 25, 2017
- **New Student Welcome Weekend**: August 24-27 2017
- **Classes Start**: Monday, August 28, 2017

Have a fabulous summer!

---

We do the best we can with what we know, and when we know better we do better.

*Maya Angelou*