October 15, 2010

Tip of the Week...

Tomorrow, October 16, will be our first Open House of the year. Though the admissions office typically sees between 100-120 families for this event, they are currently expecting many more than normal.

Be a part of the action! Contact Dan Hartzman for details, or click here for more information.

Upcoming Events

10/15 Bernardine Hall Movie (BLH) 9PM
10/16 Admissions Open House 9AM-2PM
10/16 Lit Fest Pagoda Writers Club (Pagoda) 1PM
10/16 Trip - Flyers vs. Penguins 3:30PM
10/17 Walk-a-Thon for Catholic Education
10/17 Late Night Bowling (Off Campus) 9PM
10/18 Lit Fest Vampire Panel (BHLH) 11AM
10/18 Amish Dinner (Off Campus) 5PM
10/19 Lit Fest Maria Mogford (BHLH) 12:30PM
10/19 GoggleWorks Class (Off Campus) 6PM
10/20 First Annual Nursing Research Symposium
10/20 Speaker - Mark Sterner
10/20 Lit Fest SJ Hart “Lies in Silence” (BLH) 6:30PM
10/21 Lit Fest Berks Bards (Franco) 3PM
10/21 Off to the Movies (Off Campus) TBA
10/22 Lit Fest Book Club/Writers’ Series (Franco) 1PM
10/22 Trick or Treat Night 6PM
10/22 Comedian - Lauren A. Bishop (Crusader) 9PM

Home Athletic Contests

10/18 Volleyball vs Bryn Mawr College 7PM
10/19 Women’s Soccer vs Messiah 6:30PM
10/19 Volleyball vs Lebanon Valley 7PM
10/20 Men’s Soccer vs Messiah 7PM
10/22 Ice Hockey vs East Stroudsburg 8PM

Check out the Athletics website:
http://athletics.alvernia.edu/

Sisters Rosemary, Florence, and Jacinta congratulate Dr. Josephine Elia ’75 (in purple) for winning the Distinguished Alumni Award at Homecoming. Additionally, Dominic Murgido ’79 was awarded the Ellen Frei Gruber award at the ceremony.

Alvernia in the Community

Nurses to gather for first collaborative research symposium

The Berks Regional Nursing Research Alliance — a collaboration of nurse leaders from hospitals, universities, and healthcare organizations around Berks County — will host the first “Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Best Practice Symposium” on Wed., Oct. 20 at the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences.

The symposium will introduce nurses (from all practice settings) to the idea that evidence and collaboration is driving nursing best practices in our community.

The Berks Regional Nursing Research Alliance is working to develop a network that can support nurses and nursing students in evidence-based practice activities. The mission of the Alliance is to promote and improve the health of individuals and communities by supporting evidence-based nursing practice through collaborative efforts. Members currently include nurse leaders from Alvernia University, Berks Visiting Nurse Association, HealthSouth Reading Rehabilitation Hospital, St. Joseph Medical Center, The Reading Hospital and Medical Center, and the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences.

Click here for more information about the symposium.
Student News

Alvernia’s criminal justice department hosted a Scholarship Dinner on Wednesday, September 22 to honor the late Larrie Summer Thomas '04. The memorial scholarship of $1,000 per semester will go to a deserving criminal justice student. This year’s award winner is Erik Schwendeman, a military veteran and father of two young children (1-year-old) with medical issues. A Muhlenberg High School and Alvernia graduate, Larrie Thomas was 24-years-old when she died of cancer. Despite a five-year battle with cancer, Larrie worked through college and served locally as a juvenile correctional officer.

Faculty & Staff News

Chris Ottey, residence life, has accepted a position as Northeastern PA Regional Coordinator for the Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers. He gave a presentation at the group’s conference earlier this month, about how to navigate entry-level student affairs positions.

Neil Penny has recently accepted the responsibility of Occupational Therapy Program Director. Karen Cameron will continue to serve in the role as Occupational Therapy Graduate Coordinator. A special thanks goes to both Karen and Neil for all they do for our students and programs.

NATIONAL DAY OF SAFETY AWARENESS

Alvernia’s South Reading Youth Initiative has now been listed as a participant in the National Lights On Afterschool Program and will be participating in the group’s 11th National Day of Safety Awareness for children after school, on October 21st.

Visit their website for information about the SRYI program.
LONG DISTANCE THERAPY...

On Friday, October 8, students enrolled in Karen Cameron’s OT 502 Technology and Function course enjoyed a live telemedicine session fed, all the way from Afghanistan.

Army Captain Erik Johnson, an occupational therapist stationed in Afghanistan dialed in at 10AM to speak to the class. The students listened to his story, and then completed a virtual assessment on his unit. They also developed initial goals to promote wellness that he in turn will work on with his unit.

The class will be doing ongoing virtual interventions and communicating with Captain Johnson on an ongoing basis throughout the remainder of the semester.

As a follow up, they will be participating in the State of the Science Symposium on Resilience and Overcoming Loss, sponsored by the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Department of Defense.

They will travel today, Friday Oct.15 with Cameron to the National Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Maryland for the symposium. Cameron will also be presenting on chronic sorrow: the impact on rehabilitation and recovery of life roles at the symposium.

Rumor Has It...

As part of a new initiative in partnership with Pennsylvania Campus Compact and PHENND (Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development), the Holleran Center is pleased to announce the Community Fellows Program, which rewards students for their work in the community. In its first year, the Community Fellows program has 13 students enrolled who will complete 300 hours of service to their community throughout the academic year. Click here to learn more.

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Does your office have extra supplies? Don’t throw them out. Post them on the S Drive, and give them a new home. Look for “Clare’s List” for the form.