Your University, Your Community, Your News.

For the third year in a row, the Holleran Center for Community Engagement (HCCE) collected gifts from the Alvernia community as part of the Angel Tree project. This year, the Center collected more than 220 gifts for the Olivets Boys and Girls Club and the Second Street Learning Center at Opportunity House.

Meghann Burton and Jessica Umbenhauer (HCCE) coordinated the collection along with the help of work study students, and a $100 donation helped the group exceed last year’s offerings.

At Olivets, gifts will be given to children who attend their after-school programs, and at Opportunity House, the Second Street Learning Center will use donated infant and toddler items to replenish inventory for their 24-hour day care.

Both organizations are very grateful for the support that they receive around the holidays from the Alvernia University community each year. The Holleran Center is also grateful for everyone’s contributions and wishes everyone a merry and bright holiday.

Tip of the Week...

Add Alvernia to your Christmas gift list!

In order to get a tax deduction for 2009, gifts to Alvernia must be postmarked or received by the Advancement office by December 31, 2009.

Follow the links below for more information about:

- Types of Gifts
- Giving back and feeling good (article)
- Comparing different types of gifts
- Ways to Give
- Using your IRA to help Alvernia

Alvernia Holidays:

December 24-28
December 31-January 3

Spring Academic Schedule:

1/4 Winterim begins (2 weeks)
1/5 Last day to add/drop Winterim courses
1/15 Last day of Winterim
1/18 Martin Luther King Holiday
1/19 Mod 3 Classes begin
1/23 Saturday classes begin

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

Please welcome the new Class of 2009 to the Alvernia Alumni community, and visit the online community for photos from Winter commencement.

See page three for details about the event.

Student News

Alvernia junior marketing major, Corey Buller, was recently featured in a Lancaster Sunday News article for his repeat title role in the Ephrata Performing Arts Center production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” Buller said, “It’s funny, and it’s light, and it teaches real values. This is a show about someone finding value in who he is and realizing the value of putting others before yourself.”

Faculty & Staff News

Congratulations to Ed and Peggy (Bowen) Hartung who were married on Monday, December 14 in Alvernia’s Crusader Café. In addition, Peggy recently received tenure and promotion, making both bride and groom Associate Professors of Criminal Justice.

Other faculty tenure/promotions announced include: Spence Stober (promotion to Professor) Professor Terri Adams (tenure), Rose Chinni (tenure and promotion to Associate Professor), Professor Debbie Greenawald (tenure), and Mary Schreiner (tenure and promotion to Associate Professor).

Please welcome Creative Director Steve Thomas to the Alvernia Marketing & Communications Department.

Alvernia in the NEWS...

Articles and announcements about the upcoming John Updike Conference (to be hosted at Alvernia in the fall) have been spotted in newspaper, television, radio, and online media sources across the country. See the links below for more information.

Read a Morning Call article
Visit the Updike Society’s story
Visit Alvernia’s Conference site

Trustee emeriti, Carolyn and Jerry Holleran were recently featured in a Reading Eagle article titled, “LEEDing by example.” After donating their previous home to Alvernia, the Hollerans have been busy building a new energy and environmentally friendly home in Spring Township.

Click here to read the full story

BRAND SCENE INVESTIGATOR

Kudos to Kathleen Muzevich (education) who is running for the Exeter Township School Board. Muzevich has been an Exeter resident for 16 years and has 28 years of experience with public education. In addition to her role as Assistant Professor at Alvernia, she has served as a teacher, assistant superintendent, and administrator in the public education system.
Snapshots...December Graduation

(Left) Col. Deborah L. Geiger ’83 served as one of five alumni flagbearers for Winter Commencement.

(Below) Gail Metzger (OT) congratulates an MBA graduate as she receives her hood. This year’s hooding ceremony became part of Commencement after ice caused delays for graduates and participants.

(Above) Dr. Flynn conferred degrees to hundreds of new graduates during the ceremony. More than 300 students make up the Winter Class of 2009.

(Above) Graduates from Philadelphia and Schuylkill areas made the trip to Alvernia’s main campus to walk across the stage.

(Left) Jay Worrall, IV, this year’s Outstanding Master in Business Administration award winner, offered a moving speech to a crowd of more than 1000 people.

What has no beginning, end, or middle and touches every continent?

Be the first to answer correctly! Send your answer to: Carey.Manzolillo@alvernia.edu

Bragging rights for last week go to Sharon Helms (registrar). Answer: Mississippi.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS? SEND IT TO: CAREY.MANZOLILLO@ALVERNIA.EDU

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