Alvernia named to President’s Honor Roll

Alvernia has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, with Distinction, by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Announced today, the Honor Roll recognition comes from the highest levels of the federal government, for the university’s commitment to service and civic engagement on campus and in our nation.

“The Holleran Center is pleased that once again, the President’s Higher Education Honor Roll has recognized Alvernia University’s commitment to community service and civic engagement,” said Director Ginny Hand. “As one of only 17 higher education institutions in Pennsylvania to earn this recognition with distinction, we are grateful for the acknowledgment that our curricular and extracurricular student programs continue to make a positive difference in our community.”

The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, launched in 2006, annually recognizes institutions of higher education for their commitment to and achievement in community service. The Honor Roll increases the public’s awareness of the contributions that colleges and their students make to local communities and the nation as a whole.
Alumni News

Join Alvernia Alumni...

Saturday, March 13
Alumni Night at the Reading Royals:
Game time is 7:05PM
Dinner will be served in the banquet room at 5:30PM
Game Tickets & Dinner - $25
Game Tickets Only - $12.50
Dinner Only (if you already have tickets) - $15

Saturday, March 27
NYC Bus Trip to see “Mary Poppins”
If you like the movie, you’ll probably love the show.
Bus leaves Alvernia at 8AM and leaves NYC at 7PM
Middle Mezzanine seats: $95 for alumni and their guests; $110 for non-alumni

For more information, or to register for these events, please contact Darlene Berk.

Faculty & Staff News

Donna Yarri (theology) will now be the sole editor for the Bioethics sub-section of the Ethics Section of the Religious Studies Review journal. Her responsibility is to oversee all the book reviews on books published in this area.

Spencer S. Stober (biology and Donna Yarri (theology) have received a book contract from Mercer University Press to co-author a volume entitled, God, Darwin, and the Origins of Life, to be published in 2013.

Alvernia in the NEWS...

Alvernia was featured twice in the Reading Eagle yesterday, Feb. 25:

Click here to read a story about an exonerated death row inmate who spoke at Alvernia.

Click here to read an article about Alvernia’s first lacrosse game of the year

Click on the titles below to follow recent coverage about Alvernia:

2-23 Reading Eagle: “Army Reserve, Alvernia starter: McIntyre’s enlistment means deployment ‘going to happen’"

2-12 WFMZ: [Students Make Valentine for Alum Taylor Swift]

2-13 Reading Eagle: [Students at Alvernia Montessori sending Taylor Swift a valentine]

2-14 Reading Eagle: [Singing valentine arrives wrapped in sweet harmony]

2-16 Philadelphia Business Journal: [Two Paperdolls’ owner wanted something she could call her own] (Business owner, former Alvernia employee)

2-7 History News Network: “David Silbey: The Philippine War is Not So Different from Afghanistan"

2-5 Philadelphia Inquirer: “Kicking off a controversy: A Super Bowl ad that tackles abortion has won both praise and criticism.”

BRAND SCENE INVESTIGATOR

Kudos to Tim Blessing (history) for working with the Reading Eagle to find facts about past U.S. Presidents for President’s Day.

Click here to visit his front page article from Feb. 15.
Click here to visit a secondary article from the same day
Godfrey appointed Exec. Director of Franciscan College Association

Alvernia Dean and theology professor Dr. Kevin Godfrey has been named Executive Director of the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities (AFCU) effective July 1. The AFCU is the national organization for Franciscan higher education with 22 member institutions. Dr. Godfrey will complete his term as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Alvernia in June and will then return to the full-time faculty, where he is a valued teacher-scholar in theology, using released time to perform his AFCU responsibilities.

Dr. Godfrey succeeds Sr. Gabrielle Kowalski, Ph.D., the AFCU’s first director. With Dr. Godfrey’s appointment, the national office of the AFCU will move from Cardinal Stritch University (Wis.) to Alvernia, and will continue to support the association’s member institutions.

According to the AFCU, Dr. Godfrey was selected for the role based on his academic and administrative credentials as well as his expertise in Franciscan studies. As executive director, he will work with the AFCU Board, including Alvernia Trustee Sr. Margaret Carney, president of St. Bonaventure University, to chart the strategic direction for the organization. As an advisory board member and regular contributor for the AFCU journal, A Franciscan Perspective in Higher Education, Dr. Godfrey will continue to pursue his scholarship in Franciscan Studies, while ensuring it informs his teaching on Alvernia’s campus.

Rumor Has It...

Any member of faculty or staff is welcome to join the Alvernia book club. We only request that you bring something to contribute to our pot-luck dinner! Yummy food, good wine, and great conversation with your fellow Alvernians—what’s not to love? Contact Victoria Williams if you plan to attend.

Upcoming events:

Mon., Mar. 8, 6PM. The Help, Kathryn Stockett
Mon., May 3, 6PM. Rooftops of Tehran, Mahbod Seraji

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.

What has no beginning, end, or middle?
(Hint: think Lent...)

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

Bragging rights for last week go to Priscilla Price (nursing). Answer: A yardstick.

Do you have news?
Send it to:
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