Tip of the Week...

This year’s Rabbi Alan Weitzman Award for Community Service will be presented to Steve Elmarzouky at a Seniors College Luncheon, Monday, May 11, at noon, in the Bernardine Franciscan Conference Center. Tickets are $35.

Elmarzouky is a regular teacher for the Alvernia Seniors College and is the owner of Queen City and the Heidelberg Family Restaurants. He is Founder and President of the Islamic Center of Reading and serves as a Police Chaplain for the Reading Police Department, as well as a volunteer clergy member for the Berks County Prison.

Upcoming Events

5/1 Transcultural Nursing Lunch (Crusader) 11AM
5/1 Chorus Music Review (FH Aud) 8PM
5/2 50th Anniversary Celebration Gala 5:30PM
5/3 Trip: Phillies vs. Mets (student activities) 9PM
5/5 Band: Natalie Stovall (FH Aud) 6PM
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5/7 Speaker: Cathy Bean (BH LH) 3:30PM
5/8 Last day of classes
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5/11-15 Final Exams
5/11 Seniors College Luncheon (BFCC) 12PM
5/11 Student Art Exhibit Opening (FH Aud) 7PM
5/11 Cookies, Milk, and Music (Crusader) 8PM
5/12–5/13 Student Art Exhibit (FH Aud) 9AM
5/12 Late Night Breakfast (SC)
5/13 Off to the Movies
5/15 Nursing Pinning Ceremony (PEC) 1PM
5/15 Honors Convocation (PEC) 4PM
5/16 Baccalaureate Mass (PEC) 9:30AM
5/16 Spring Commencement (Sovereign Center) 2PM

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

Alvernia in the Community

Alvernia OT students led a card-making activity for students, faculty, and staff in December and mailed more than 400 cards overseas. Additional cards were made by children at Bethel Elementary School, led by Alvernia education students on student teaching assignments. This response came from Captain Lou Nemec, in Iraq:

Dr. Cameron, OT students, Alvernia students, and Bethel Elementary students:

First and foremost, thank you from all of us in the 571st Sapper Company for the great cards at Christmas time. I’m sorry I’m getting my thanks out to you so late and I’ve really no excuse other than everyone else, it’s been busy over here. Your efforts truly made a difficult time in deployment a little easier for all the soldiers. Being this far away from family and friends is never easy, but is especially difficult during the holidays. Having the support back home from people like you makes all the difference. Hopefully this note is better late than never and finds you wrapping up the school year preparing for a nice summer in PA. Thank you all again!

Sincerely,
Captain Lou Nemec
571st Sapper Company
Balad, Iraq
Student News

Congratulations to the Alvernia University Phi Beta Lambda Chapter for the following awards at the 2009 PBL State Leadership conference (recently held in Harrisburg):

Valerie Mangan – 2nd place State Champion, Management Concepts event
Justine Fronheiser – Who’s Who in PA PBL
Alvernia Chapter/Kelly Stubbs – 2nd place State Champion, Annual Business Report event

The delegation also attended several workshops and business meetings during the three-day conference.

Faculty & Staff News

Heidi Reuter, arts, has participated in a recent art show, and will be participating in the Immaculata art show starting in May. In addition, she was chosen by the University of the Arts to teach at the GoggleWorks this summer and fall. Click here for more details. She also appears in the May issue of Berks County Living Magazine modeling spring fashions, for whom she does regular photography.

Karen Ann Cameron, OT, was named to the Roster of Accreditation Evaluators for the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE). She completed training in February in Crystal City, Va., and will serve a three-year term as an on-site and paper reviewer.

On Wednesday, April 22, Alvernia University received the Carl E. LeVan Award at the United Way of Berks County Dinner. The Carl E. LeVan Award is presented in the memory of Carl E. LeVan and his 35 years of dedicated service to the Red Cross. The award is presented to a non-profit organization that has shown outstanding dedication to the United Way of Berks County. Other non-profits nominated were the City of Reading, Hamburg Area School District, Muhlenberg School District, and Schuylkill Valley School District.

BRAND SCENE INVESTIGATOR

Kudos to Joanna Pressimone, campus ministry, for organizing the rich and meaningful Holocaust Rememberance Day ceremony at Alvernia, held last week on the steps of the Franco Library. This special interfaith event commemorated National Holocaust Rememberance Day. Those in attendance observed the lighting of candles and said prayers for Holocaust victims.
The Alvernia University business department has selected Justine Fronheiser, of Barto, Pennsylvania, as the 2009 William G. McGowan Scholar. Fronheiser, who is majoring in accounting, receives a full scholarship for her senior year at Alvernia. Established in 1995 by MCI Communications’ founding Chairman, William G. McGowan, the Charitable Fund provides select colleges and universities with a program to identify and support outstanding students who are pursuing degrees in business and who contribute to their communities. Students are selected based on excellent academic performance, community service, leadership, exemplary character, and entrepreneurial potential.

Justine Fronheiser maintains a 3.9 GPA, and is continuously involved in several different clubs, honor societies, and service projects through the University. Since joining Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) and the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) at Alvernia, Fronheiser has been a major participant in chapter conferences, dinners, and competitions. Earlier this month, she was awarded a “Who’s Who in PA PBL,” after hard work as Alvernia’s PBL President. “This position has taught me many lessons about leadership, delegating tasks, and working with other people,” she explains.

Though she has been very active in PBL, IMA, and most recently, the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), Fronheiser maintains a very high level of involvement in community service, devoting at least 20 hours of time each semester though both Alvernia and her hometown parish. Additionally, she works as the only accounting tutor in Alvernia’s popular Learning Center and has completed two internships at Herbein and Company (completing tax returns as a sophomore and returning on the company’s request the following year). “My college courses, clubs, and community service involvement have taught me valuable lessons and skills that can be utilized in the business world,” she says. “Upon graduation, I plan to obtain the CPA certification to show my commitment to the profession.”

The McGowan scholarship awards up to $18,000 for the senior academic year of an Alvernia University student. The maximum scholarship received is equal to tuition less institutional, federal, state or private grants and/or scholarships.