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The opening of a new academic year at Albertus Magnus College is always an exciting time for our entire community—a time of renewal, of promise and of looking to the future. So it is with great joy that we begin this special year in which we celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the College in 1925 by the dedicated Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, who are now known as the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

At Albertus, we honor our past, promote our present and proclaim our future. Ours is an extraordinarily rich history, rooted in our Dominican heritage and reminding us always of the brilliance of Albertus Magnus—St. Albert the Great—patron of the College and of St. Thomas Aquinas, his equally as remarkable student.

Albertus remains committed to its mission of providing women and men with an education that promotes the search for truth in all its dimensions and is practical in its application. Here, the liberal arts partner with newer disciplines and our use of leading edge technologies meshes tradition with innovation. We also take advantage of cutting edge technologies in order to prepare students for their future careers. New thinking inspires us all at Albertus. We have been blessed since our founding with distinguished erudite faculty and with students who are eager and encouraged to make a difference in society.

Dr. Julia M. McNamara, President

As part of the College's 85th Anniversary celebration, we are con-Here are some of those stories; others will appear throughout the

Albertus is like a family, truly a community. I was impressed with the amount of care my professor showed for me. He made all of us feel that he was setting us up for success. I felt he really understood the challenges I was facing, working a nine-hour day. College offers you an array of opportunities; there are certain jobs that you will not even get an opportunity to apply for if you don't have a degree. You can start with just one course; you will eventually get there.

James Scott '07

When I first came to Albertus, I wasn't sure I'd like such a small school, but I soon realized it wasn't claustrophobic, it was a community—one that alumni remain part of even after graduation.

Jaime Guidi '09

It has been 71 years since I graduated.

Many changes have occurred at Albertus. I have been happy to see the College grow. My education has been a great help over the years—getting my first job and then giving me the knowledge to be a good mother, grandmother and great grandmother. It also helped me to be a leader in every organization I joined.

Rita Savarese Moule '39

Albertus saved my soul. My husband had become terminally ill, I had two teen-aged sons, and a friend said I should go back to college. So, I did. I had spent one year at UConn and began with just a couple of classes; then my husband died and I became a full-time student.

I had some of the best of the Albertus faculty, including Mary Farnham Davis, Sister Rita Mary and Larry DeNardis, who was my faculty advisor and became a lifelong friend and advisor.

Albertus not only gave me a 'home' during the bad times, but it taught me well and with love.

Joan Baldwin Chapman '76

I feel so fortunate to have attended Albertus. It set the tone for the rest of my life. Although I hadn't intended to teach, Albertus provided me with all the tools: intellectual curiosity, empathy, leadership and a sense of adventure. After graduation, I spent two years teaching in Nigeria and then over 30 years at Eastchester High School in N.Y., where I specialized in global studies and humanities. I was fortunate to have had numerous grants in India, Southeast Asia and Japan, which solidified my interest in travel. It all started with Albertus!

Anne Shaughnessy McNally '60

Whenever anyone disparages a liberal arts education, I am a staunch defender. I always have been. At AMC, I did not learn what to think, I learned how to think. As a result of that, I have crafted a fulfilling 35-year career in the field of spinal cord injury medicine, which I could never have envisioned when I received my Albertus diploma. I had always hoped that I was destined to make a difference in the world. Thanks in part to my four years at AMC, I have been able to do that.

Lesley Hudson '70

The New Dimensions program provided the means to fulfill my lifelong dream. When my youngest child went to college, it was my turn to attend. Because I was working full time, the format of one evening at class and one evening with the study group was perfect for me. The graduation walk through the gates of Albertus Magnus was the culmination of not only hard work, but seeing the fruition of my lifelong dream at a time in my life when going back to school seemed daunting. Thank you for giving me the tools to attain that four-year degree.

Lorraine Wry '04

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Rosary Hall, a magnificent 1906 mansion and the first building acquired for the campus, met the educational, spiritual, residential and social needs of a fledgling college. Today serving as the library and information center, Rosary remains the traditional heart of the campus. Graduating students still receive diplomas in front of this iconic structure. The traditional Candlelight Ceremony is now held in the Tagliatela Academic Center's St. Albert Atrium, a soaring contemporary space. The ideal of honor continues as an integral part of life here.

The greatest innovation in the history of the College is the creation of the instituto a need expressed by a parent for a Catholic liberal arts residential college for withinking, to the endless quest for truth, has endured here across generations of secome the hallmark of an Albertus Magnus College education now available to for the adult student, Albertus has helped make the dream of a college degree confidence of their families forever. New course delivery systems, blended and online course are the Arts in Art Therapy degree in Connecticut—all testify to our ability to meet the



ollecting stories from alumni about their Albertus experiences. he 2010–2011 academic year in various publications.

I was originally a member of the class of 1961, but was unable to remain at Albertus due to financial reasons. I was second youngest of 12 children, and my Dad had died a week before my fifth birthday... I left Albertus after the first semester of my second year, and proceeded to find employment with a local bank for the next 27 years. As my job of branch manager was radically changing, I began to think of a major change for myself.

I turned to Albertus, and its new
Continuing Education Program (now the
Accelerated Degree Program), first
obtaining my Associate's degree in 1989,
and then my Bachelor's in Business
and Economics in 1992. I finally felt a
more complete person, and, in retrospect,
I really enjoyed my Liberal Arts education the most! I am now retired from
banking/credit union work, and hope
that Albertus is always the wonderful
place of learning that I found.

Sara Keyes '92

Now that I find myself teaching, I think back to Albertus a great deal. I thank my professors for providing me with tools to navigate my future, and it is with pride that I am now passing these skill and tools on to other students.

Joan Shea '85

The value of a liberal arts education comes into sharper focus as the years pass since graduation. The ability to write, think and reason are the true virtues of those who graduate from AMC. I have come to appreciate this more and more over the years.

Laura Lupoli '84

College impacted my life by showing me that in spite of my situations, I could attend school and graduate. Marriage, children and work were not a hindrance to achieving my education, but a motivation. College taught me that anything is achievable if one sets realistic goals and keeps pushing, even when it gets tough. I have now gone on to a Master's in Education program, because I now realize, everything I need to succeed is inside of me.

Charlotte Pearson '09

It was very important to me personally and professionally to complete my studies and obtain my degree. I'm very proud to be the first in my immediate family to have graduated with a four-year degree, and to be the first student from the New Dimensions to give remarks at the College's Laurel night ceremonies.

Larry Cole '97

The editors of our yearbook set forth this goal for members of our class: to face the challenge of life and to act in terms of eternity, to be valiant women. Albertus gave me the confidence to go forth and make a difference. I have tried to accept God's plan for me and have done my best to fulfill what I perceive as His will. Albertus—still and always—my Alma Mater, my fostering mother.

Bette Ann Curtin Bailey '52

Since I graduated with my BS in accounting, my life has changed tremendously. Professionally I am much happier. I currently work for the Defense Department and have earned a graduate degree.

John Blazek '05

My MSM degree has opened the doors

to teaching at Housatonic Community
College where I also serve as assistant
to the dean of students. I am a police
commissioner for the City of Bridgeport
and second vice president for the
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of
Greater Bridgeport.

Anna Cruz '09

Do you have a story? If so, please send it to alumni@albertus.edu or call 203-773-8502.

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Tradition and innovation blend seamlessly at Albertus, inspiring excellence. Our graduates have pursued further study at some of the nation's most prestigious universities, beginning with two women of the first graduating class in 1928 who went on to study at Yale that fall. Thousands of alumni-judges, teachers, lawyers, homemakers, computer specialists, entrepreneurs, bankers, writers, business owners, scientists have led fulfilling lives built on the foundation of an Albertus education.

85th Anniversary Events

Check our Web site frequently during our 85th Anniversary year for details and additional event announcements! Reservations for some events can be made online at www.albertus.edu/alumni. For more information or questions about upcoming events, visit our web site or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 203-773-8502 or email alumni@alberuts.edu.

Come cheer on the AMC Falcons! Fall sports include: men's and women's soccer, women's tennis, men's and women's cross country, and women's volleyball. Visit the Athletics section of our web site at http://athletics.albertus.edu for a complete schedule of games, times and locations. **GO FALCONS!**

September

8 Campus Mass

Feast celebration: Nativity of Mary, SCSC 12:15 p.m.

14 Lecture*

"Why Our Constitution Needs You—Now!" presented by author and attorney Brandt Goldstein, 11:15 a.m., St. Albert Atrium, TAC

22 Candlelight Ceremony, 12:15 p.m., St. Albert Atrium, TAC

25 85th Anniversary Celebration*

4:00 p.m. Mass, BCR/HCC

5:00-7:30 p.m. Reception, St. Albert Atrium, TAC

29 Faculty Forum*

Reflections on China Hear Professor Clara Munson and Associate Professor Norman Davis of the department of business administration and management share their insights based on recent visits to China.

12:15 p.m., St. Albert Atrium, TAC (A Tagliatela School of Business and Leadership Event)

October

8 Campus Mass

Fall Fest Mass for the Athletes, St. Albert Atrium, TAC 12:15 p.m.

9 Fall Foot

Noon-end of men's soccer game (see details at right)

14 Tipoff Madness

Join students and fellow alumni at the first practice of the basketball season! CMMAC doors open at $7:30~\rm p.m.$, festivities begin at $8:30~\rm p.m.$

20 MBA Program Reception*

Meet current students, faculty and fellow alumni from our Master in Business Administration program for a networking reception. St. Albert Atrium, TAC 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. with a brief speaking program at 6:30.

23 Boston Area Alumni Reception*

Brunch at *Bravo*, the Museum of Fine Arts signature restaurant, Boston MA Noon–2:30 p.m. No charge to attend, alumni and their guests are welcome. R.S.V.P. by 10/15/2010.

November

1 All Saints Day Mass* and Alumni Luncheon*/**

Noon, Mass, BCR/HCC

Luncheon to follow Mass in the DeDominicis Dining Hall, HCC Cost \$15 per person, \$10 for Golden Society Members. R.S.V.P. by 10/25/2010.

3 Lecture*

Ali Zaheer, former project manager and senior researcher of the Malcolm X Project at Columbia University, Noon, St. Albert Atrium, TAC

5-7, 12-14, 19-21 Act 2 Theatre presents Working: The Musical*/** Friday & Saturday at 7 p.m., Sunday Matinee at 2 p.m.

Call the box office at 203-773-8984 for tickets. Alumni discount applies.

13 Open House* for prospective undergraduate day program students

Do you know a young person who might be interested in Albertus? Please refer them to the undergraduate admissions office. Email to *admissions@albertus.edu* or call 203-773-8501. Open House day is a great opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to visit our campus, meet faculty and staff and current AMC students.

15 Campus Mass

Feast of St. Albert, SCSC, 12:15 p.m.

28 Basketball Game

Our season home opener against Becker College. GNAC Championship Banner will be raised, 1000 Points Club inductees will be recognized. CMMAC/gymnasium $1:00\ \mathrm{p.m.}$ Alumni gathering in the Falcon's Nest $30\ \mathrm{minutes}$ prior to game time.

December

8 Campus Mass

Feast celebration: Immaculate Conception, SCSC, 12:15 p.m.

Mark your calendars for spring 2011.....

Be sure to check out the men's and women's basketball schedules online at http://athletics.albertus.edu. Also in the spring: men's tennis, men's baseball and women's softball

Check our web site frequently for announcements about spring 2011 alumni events.

Campus Mass Schedule

Mass is scheduled in the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel at 12:15 p.m. January 28—Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas February 11—Feast celebration: Lady of Lourdes March 16—Lenten Mass April 29—Feast of St. Catherine of Siena

May

14/15 Commencement Weekend

14—Baccalaureate Mass followed by the Laurel Awards Ceremony 15—Graduation Exercises

June

10/11 Reunion Weekend*/**

Milestone reunions for classes ending in 1 and 6

14th Annual Fall Fest October 9, 2010

3:15 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Suffolk

Schedule of Events

12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Concessions Open 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Family Fun Activities Open 12:30-end of Men's soccer game Alumni Hospitality Tent Open 1:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Suffolk 1:00 p.m. Women's Tennis vs St. Joseph's of CT

Admission to Fall Fest is free to all members of the Albertus Magnus College Community and their guests. **To best serve our guests, reservations are requested.** We want to be sure we have enough for everyone. R.S.V.P. online at http://www.albertus.edu/alumni/events.html. Reservations also accepted by email to alumni@albertus.edu or via phone at 203-773-8502. Please respond by October 1, 2010.

Please note: this year, all concessions and activities (including beverages in the alumni tent) will be offered through a ticket system.

Tickets can be purchased for \$1 at the ticket tent. Once again, the wrist band system will be in place at the Alumni Tent. Valid ID required.

Our vendors will be offering fried dough, cotton candy, popcorn, sno cones and much more.

$PLUS-visits\ from\ The\ Cupcake\ Truck\ and\ The\ Soup\ Truck!$

(Note: The Cupcake Truck and Soup Truck are cash purchase items.)

For more information, please visit our website at www.albertus.edu/alumni. We hope to see you there!

All events will take place outdoors on the AMC soccer field and surrounding grounds. Soccer matches will be played rain or shine. In case of severe weather, non-sporting events will be moved to the Hubert Campus Center. Rain locations: Concessions—DeDominicis Dining Hall; Alumni Hospitality Tent—House of Bollstadt; Family Fun—Behan Community Room.

*Event requires reservations; **Fee to attend R.S.V.P. for events to alumni@albertus.edu or call 203-773-8502

LOCATION KEY

SCSC-Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel; HCC-Hubert Campus Center; BCR-Behan Community Room, located in the HCC; TAC-Tagliatela Academic Center; CMMAC—Cosgrove, Marcus, Messer Athletic Center



Keeping in touch with alumni of Albertus Magnus College who remember their days on Prospect Hill.

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