Check your calendar for Fall ‘08

Because of the timing of Labor Day and Thanksgiving, there is a three-week break between Weekend College classes this semester. You will have class the weekend of November 14-16 and then have two weekends off. The final weekend of classes is December 5-7. Please make sure you have these dates in your calendar!

Greetings from Graduate Admissions

Dear Graduate Students,

On behalf of graduate admissions, I welcome you to the new academic year. As admissions counselors, we are in the privileged position of working with each of you as you refine your goals, and take steps toward a future full of potential. You will work hard, meet new people, and learn new ways of thinking and doing, and perhaps new ways of being. By earning your degree you are becoming part of the professional body that will define, and redefine your fields. Be it education, business or nursing, you are leaders and have valuable contributions to make.

We know that what you are about achieving is not easy. Not much that is worthwhile every really is. Remember you are a community. Your fellow students are there to help you when needed, and expect your help and support in return. We will need your help as well. Our work is telling people about Alverno College, and making good matches for our programs. YOU are Alverno College. I encourage you to take ownership of that role in our community. What do we need to know about you that will help us represent you well? Who might you know who would benefit from hearing from us?

Our office is here to help form our graduate culture by working with people just like you, who are refining their goals, and are considering steps towards a future full of potential. I know your futures are very bright, and look forward to the great things to come.

Graduate students, WELCOME!
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News about graduate students, graduates and faculty

Current Students
MBA student **Irissol Arce** received a scholarship award at the annual meeting of the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee on August 22. The scholarship sponsor was *Aqui! Milwaukee Magazine* and her citation was read by Raul Vasquez, editor of the magazine.

MSN student **Kay Czaplewski**, Diabetes Educator at Froedtert Hospital, was honored for her work in the May 2008 *Extra Miler Story of the Week* story. She was recognized for her expertise and level of commitment to professional nursing practice with patients diagnosed with diabetes.

MID student **Jacquelin Coby-Beaver** received a promotion here at Aurora Healthcare as an Instructional Designer.

LTM/MA student **Sharon Jensen-Rugaber** has accepted a position at West Milwaukee Middle School.

MSN student **Denise Portz** has assumed a new job as a Nurse Team Leader for Medical Oncology. Her primary function in this new position is to assure the effective and efficient delivery of quality patient care consistent with the goals and values of ProHealth’s Regional Cancer Center.

MAD/MDI student **Alice Ward Johnson** has a new position as Assistant Principal of Destiny High School.

Alums
**LeeAnne Chappelle**, MA’07, is teaching ED 365 in the undergraduate program at Alverno.

**Lettice Pinell**, MA ’04, has been appointed mathematics teacher leader at Trowbridge Elementary School.

**Donna Sayler**, MA ’03, received a Fulbright Scholarship for Administrators. She will be hosting a school principal from Argentina in her home and school for three weeks this fall and she will be going to Argentina for three weeks in July 2009, to stay with her colleague and work with her at her school. There are only such 22 administrator exchanges in the US.

Graduate Program Faculty
Graduate Dean **Mary Diez**, MA faculty member **Suzann Gardner**, and MBA faculty member **Joanne Mack** worked with teachers at South Division High School on August 29. The focus of the workshops was on using the Kolb Learning Cycle to engage high school students in learning; faculty explored how to use the extended time of block scheduling to incorporate multiple approaches to learning activities.
**Judeen Schulte, PhD RN**, Professor and Dean of the Alverno School of Nursing and faculty teaching in the MSN program, published a chapter entitled “Perspectives of the nursing dean at a small liberal arts school” in B. Penn, *Mastering the teaching role: A guide for nurse educators*.

MA faculty member **Vanessa O'Neil** is launching a new venture: a blog and website to provide organizational and instructional design ideas and strategies for organizations that don't have such resources available to them. Typical organizations that would benefit from her offerings would be small to-mid sized organizations, or a smaller area within a large organization. Anyone can participate in the blog free of charge—so spread the word! You can access the blog and website by searching under URL addresses: [http://www.infinitybusinessdiscussions.blogspot.com/](http://www.infinitybusinessdiscussions.blogspot.com/) [http://infinitybusinesstraining.weebly.com/](http://infinitybusinesstraining.weebly.com/)

Several graduate faculty and MA program assessors published a 2008 article in the *Journal of General Education*, Volume 57, No. 1. The authors of “Learning, Reflection, and Electronic Portfolios: Stepping toward an Assessment Practice” are **William H. Rickards**, **Mary E. Diez**, **Linda Ehley**, **Lauralee F. Guilbault**, **Georgine Loacker**, **Judith Reisetter Hart**, and **Paul C. Smith**.

Graduate Dean **Mary Diez** is in Hong Kong from September 6-12, working with the Hong Kong Institute of Education on clarifying their outcomes for teacher education.

**News to share?**
If you have a new position, have made a presentation, have received an honor, or have other news to share, please send the details to your program director: For the MA—[mary.diez@alverno.edu](mailto:mary.diez@alverno.edu); for the MBA—[William.mceachern@alverno.edu](mailto:William.mceachern@alverno.edu); and for the MSN—[Julie.Millenbruch@alverno.edu](mailto:Julie.Millenbruch@alverno.edu).

**Japanese Faculty and Business People Visit Alverno**

Faculty and representatives from several Japanese businesses visited Alverno on Friday, August 22. The Education Improvement Study Mission, a university-industry cooperative project, was hosted by the Kansai Productivity Center located in Osaka, Japan. During their trip to the United States they visited cutting-edge universities and corporations to learn about their programs to improve education. During their visit to Alverno, they met with faculty to learn about our innovative teaching, learning, and assessment methods. **Robert Birney**, Professor of Business and Management, met with them to discuss our business programs. The team also visited Denver University, Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business, Columbia University, Miller Coors Brewing Company, Dupont, and General Electric.
Plan to Attend Graduate Student Forum on 9/20

On Saturday, September 20, the Graduate Program will hold the first in a series of brown bag meetings for, with, and by graduate students. The focus of this first session, scheduled for Alum Hall, from 12:10-12:50, will be on mentoring, in response to graduate student suggestions at the luncheon last spring. At this session we’ll have MA, MBA, and MSN students talk in mixed group about 3-5 questions geared to give the program information on what you’re interested in for mentoring and help shape goals for establishing a meaningful mentoring program.

If you’re interested in joining the planning group for future Graduate Forums, send Bill McEachern an email at William.mceachern@alverno.edu

Tuition Reimbursement Process

While this information is available under “Registrar” on the Alverno web page, some students have asked for it, so we’re also including it in this newsletter:

If you wish your employer to receive a statement of your successful completion of course work, complete a Tuition Reimbursement Letter Request Form. This form must be completed each semester, usually in October and March. The form must be accompanied by the employer's policy statement of reimbursement the first time you apply for reimbursement, change your place of employment, or if there is a policy change within the company. The Registrar's Office processes the information as quickly as possible after the semester has ended, usually within two weeks after final assessments. The form is available outside the Registrar’s Office, LA 204 or online.

Attention December Graduates

Put in your calendar the Grad Finale event Friday, October 17 from 4-5:30 p.m. or Saturday, October 18, 11:00-12:30 p.m. in the TLTC Conference Center. The Grad Finale is a mandatory, one-stop event for all graduates, including those on pending status. You will receive ceremony tickets, caps and gowns, as well as have the opportunity to purchase brunch tickets, announcements, class rings, and meet with various departments regarding commencement. You only need to attend one of the sessions anytime during the times listed above; it’s a come and go event, so you don’t have to be there for the entire time. Graduates not in attendance will be charged a $15 late fee.

Scholarship Opportunities for MSN students

The Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee (HPGM) offer a $2500 scholarship to Wisconsin Hispanic Professionals seeking graduate degrees. The scholarships are applied for tuition only. For more information, visit their web site at: http://www.hpgm.org/
Put the Alverno Debates on your Calendar

The topics and the dates for the Alverno Debates Series for this year have been set. Please mark your calendars! Watch the newsletter for more about these topics including the panelists in the upcoming weeks.

“Our” Middle East/Whose Middle East? Part I: Official Versions/Individual Voices
November 13, 2008
Conference Center, Alverno College

“Our” Middle East/Whose Middle East? Part II: Official Versions/Historical Perspectives
April 16, 2009
Conference Center, Alverno College

Conferences of Interest to MSN Students

ProHealth Care is sponsoring a professional conference entitled: Recent Developments and Trends in Women’s Medicine, Cardiovascular Health, and Diabetes Management on Friday, November 7, 2008 from 7:30-4:45pm at the Delafield Hotel in Delafield, WI. For more information or to register, call Nurse-On-Line at 262-544-2745 or 800-544-2745.

Aurora is sponsoring a CEN Exam Review on September 10-11, 2008 at Aurora Sinai Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI. For more information, contact Christine.binter@aurora.org.

The Scripps Cancer Center is sponsoring the 28th Annual Oncology Nurses Symposium at the Marriott Mission Valley in San Diego, CA from 9/28-10/1/08. For more information, call 858-652-5400 or go on-line at www.scrips.org/conferenceservices

The Racine-Kenosha Wisconsin Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association is sponsoring the 2008 Scholarship Banquet on 9/20/08. Dr. Marc V. Kennedy will be the keynote speaker and will speak on In Pursuit of Health. For more information, contact Juanita Tyler @ 262-634-1786 or Vee O’Neal @ 262-654-7215.

Plan now to attend the 2009 Annual National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists conference in St Louis, MO from March 12-14, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency. For more information, visit www.NACNS.org

Conversations with the President

Alverno is scheduling monthly Conversations with the President for students with President Mary Meehan and the Dean of Students, Virginia Wagner. The conversations will offer an opportunity for the President to share information about the College and for
you to share information about your experience as a student at Alverno. The following questions will be posed:

- Why did you choose Alverno and where else were you looking?
- What do you like best about Alverno?
- If you were President, what would you change?

The meeting on Saturday, November 15, 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall, lunch provided is for graduate students. It will be chaired by the President and attended by approximately 20 students. You can call Student Services (382-6118) or go to Student Services (AF 205) to sign up if you would like to participate. The first 20 students to sign up will be confirmed for the meeting. These conversations will provide an opportunity for you to give feedback and observations that can be used to benefit the College.

Questions raised at meetings will be sent to the respective Administrator/Department Head for responses unless the questions are answered during the meeting. Questions and responses of interest to all students will be included in Campus News Net.

City of Milwaukee Poll Worker Training

Alverno President Mary Meehan has declared November 4, Presidential Election Day, a college holiday in order to give everyone in the Alverno community the chance to participate in a citizen’s most important responsibility: the right to vote. In the spirit of being effective citizens, the Alverno community has an opportunity to engage in the election process more fully as election day poll workers.

- All poll workers must be qualified to vote.
- All poll workers must be trained. Special training sessions will take place on Alverno’s campus in October.
- This is a paid position. $84/full day (6:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.) $42/half-day (6:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or 1:30 – 9:30 p.m.). Poll workers who work on Election Day will also receive an extra $15 for their training time.

To register for training stop by the Internship Office, LA 102, or call the office at 382-6008 (open to students, alum, faculty, & staff). Students and staff may also register on Alverno Links www.myinterface.com/alverno/student (click on the session date you wish to attend)

Upcoming course information for MSN Students

If you are planning ahead for spring 2009, Alverno will offer BSC 256 Probability and Statistics on Sundays from 1:00-5:00pm in the Weekend College time frame. In addition, MSN 601: Nursing Theories and Frameworks and MSN 603: Healthcare Systems: Organization, Economics, and Politics will be offered in summer, 2009. Times will be published in time for registration.
New in the Library

*K-12 Interest*
