If you missed getting your student ID . . .

If you missed having a photo taken for your student ID, go to Student Affairs any weekday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Your student ID contains your library barcode and can be used in the La Verna Commons if you add funds to your ID.

Graduate Student Suggestion Box

A link to the Graduate Student Suggestion Box has been created on the Graduate News website http://depts.alverno.edu/masters for you to submit your suggestions, ideas, and comments regarding the Alverno graduate programs. We look forward to your feedback!

If you would like a personal response to your suggestion, please provide your name and email address.

Alverno Campus’ Online Calendar of Events

A direct link to all campus events

https://scheduling.emp.alverno.edu/mastercalendar/MasterCalendar.aspx

Contribute YOUR News!

If you have a new position, made a presentation, received an honor, or have other news to share, please send the details to your program director:

MA: Desiree.Pointer-Mace@alverno.edu

MBA: Eileen.Sherman@alverno.edu

MSCP: Kimberly.Skerven@alverno.edu

MSN: Karin.Wasiullah@alverno.edu

Over the past two weeks I have been fortunate to hear a couple of conversations about “carrying on”. One of the conversations was about how to continue to be a healing, just presence in a society where people daily suffer at the hands of racism, heterosexism, misogyny, and a general fear of the “other”. One person was thinking of “giving up” and another was offering the reminder that there is no giving up as long as the world is in need of our strong voice or our healing hand.

Another conversation particularly intrigued me. It was between two of our faculty leaders in the graduate program (one from education and one from community psychology). They were problem solving about ways to use social media as a tool to encourage academic curiosity, rather than as one to find simple answers that have no supportive evidence. They were wondering how they might help others to see past our societal proclivity for proclamation and to examine the evidence associated with statements or practices or resolutions. Rather than to be simply dismayed about a general lack of informed discourse, they were working on ways to make informed exchanges about people, places and things in our everyday media conversations.

This conversation gave me great hope for they present a challenge to which each of us can rise. It means something to be working on a Master's (or doctoral) degree in your field. It means that you are opening yourself to growth; the growing that comes from the dual responsibility of learning the expertise of your field and how to use that expertise with integrity as you encounter the opportunity and need that arises in your community and in the world.

Perhaps you can practice this in your classroom work and assignments. Perhaps you can engage with others in the important conversations of our time as you gather at the Graduate Luncheon on March 4th. Maybe you will seek out one of the Alverno College Forums or Conferences that are publicized in Grad News and learn new things in an area that has been previously unknown to you. In any case, may you remember, “there is work to be done in every heart, there is the power to do it”.

Sandra Graham
Explore Job Opportunities at the WorkForce Career Fair
Tuesday, February 21 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Wisconsin State Fair Park Expo Center.
Alverno graduate students are invited to attend the WorkForce Career Fair. This annual event, co-hosted by the Wisconsin private colleges, offers students an opportunity to network with a wide variety of employers and learn about both local and national jobs.

To learn more and view a list of participating employers, visit [www.alverno.edu/career](http://www.alverno.edu/career).

**The Center for Academic Excellence: Seminar Series**

“DIY Milwaukee: Social Entrepreneurship and a Quadruple Bottom Line for Change from Within”

**Juli Kaufmann, Serial Entrepreneur, President of Fix Development, and Co-Founder of Fund Milwaukee**

**Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

La Verna Commons

**Free and open to the public**

Juli leads projects that help create a sustainable future. With Fix Development, she has driven more than $25 million in social enterprise projects which benefit people, planet, and profit. Fund Milwaukee, an investment group that supports local entrepreneurs, has raised more than $1 million in local capital and has invested in businesses such as Purple Door Ice Cream, Outpost Natural Food Co-Op, Mushroom Mike, Brenner Brewing Company, Coast In Bikes, and more.

Juli also serves on the boards of area non-profits such as 88.9 Radio Milwaukee and Bublr Bikes. Join a conversation about opportunities in Milwaukee with this “serial entrepreneur!”

Sponsored by the Center for Academic Excellence. Contact Laura Sear for additional information: [laura.sear@alverno.edu](mailto:laura.sear@alverno.edu).
Upcoming Events, continued

Community Celebration
On March 4, you are invited for a complimentary lunch, relaxation and a guest speaker. The morning classes will end at 11:50 a.m. and afternoon classes will begin at 1:10 p.m.

Saturday, March 4
12 – 1 p.m.
Joel Read Rotunda
Bucyrus Conference Center

Please RSVP no later than Monday, February 20 by responding to nancy.sawyer@alverno.edu

Beginning the Countdown to Spring Graduation
For some of you, graduation is right around the corner. Here are some important points for May graduates to know:

📚 Spring graduation will be on Friday, May 19.

📚 Associate Registrar Lori Szarynski will be sending you a letter along with a graduation application that needs to be returned to ensure the accuracy of your diploma. These documents will arrive via your Alverno email, so please check it regularly. Applications are due back by Sunday, March 5.

📚 Check your Alverno email regularly. Student Affairs will soon be contacting you with details about ordering graduation materials, including a gown and invitations. Please be sure to read and follow these communications carefully.

📚 Have an enriching final semester here at Alverno College!

Lori Szarynski
Associate Registrar
Upcoming Events

Using Meditation as a Wellness Tool
February 27, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Come learn how meditation and mindfulness can improve your mental health, and make these important practices a part of your wellness lifestyle!

*see the NAMI 2017 Monthly Education Meeting Schedule at the end of this newsletter for the location, meeting dates and topics for 2017.

I hope your semester is off to a great start! Here are a few upcoming dates to keep on your radar:

February 18 – From 12:15 - 12:45 p.m., the Practicum and Internship Orientation Session will be held in Alexia Hall, 201.

Anyone planning to begin practicum/internship during the spring 2018 semester should attend. Feel free to bring your lunch to the session. If you are unsure about when you will begin internship, refer to your MSCP Student Handbook for information. As a general suggestion, most students complete their practicum/internship during the final 3 semesters of their graduate program. Additionally, you will need to have successfully completed MCP 660 and MCP 680 (and MCP 688 is highly recommended) prior to your internship. If you have already attended an orientation session, you do not need to attend another one.

Remember that you must go through the application process before you may begin practicum and internship!

Please direct questions to Jessica Brumm-Larson.

March 4 – From 11:45 - 12:15 p.m., the Graduate Student Luncheon will be taking place. Please plan to attend!

March 13 - 26 – This is the Graduate Student Advising Period.

Also, I have a reminder for all May graduates who are interested in earning the Certificate in Trauma-Informed Care. Remember that you must successfully complete both trauma courses (MCP 640 and MCP 642), and also have your internship supervisor sign the form attesting to the fact that you have received supervision in trauma-informed care. You should submit that signed form to Kim Skerven either in person or via email at kimberly.skerven@alverno.edu. She will need to have the form about a month before graduation in order to allow enough time for the certificates to be printed!

Please direct questions to Kim Skerven.
Master of Science in Nursing

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 20
President’s Day
College is closed

Thursday, February 23
“Addiction: A Community Affair”
Delta Gamma Event
Cardinal Stritch University
Kliebhan Conference Center
5:30 - 8 p.m.
(Please note: Cost involved to attend and must pre-register)

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Interprofessionalism in Practice:
Alverno College and Concordia University at the Milwaukee County Drug Court

Alverno College nursing students have partnered with students in multiple disciplines from Concordia University in an effort to better understand how an interprofessional relationship can be of benefit in providing care to clients enrolled in the Milwaukee County Drug Court and Justice Point. This project began in the fall, 2015, where the initial team consisted of students representing the disciplines of nursing, mental health nurse practitioner, physician assistant, occupational therapy, social work and pharmacy. We have continued this partnership for the 2016-2017 school year and have five Alverno nursing students involved this year: Theresa Briggs, Carrie Fuhrmann, Kym Kostuch-Schwartz, Clair Rivera and Crystal Sadowski. For the fall, 2016 semester, students observed the staffing of Drug Court which consists of social workers, case managers, probation officers, police officers, a judge and attorneys from both the Office of the Public Defender and the District Attorney to learn how successful teamwork, communication, and professional work roles can produce client-centered care that focuses on rehabilitation versus incarceration. Students also became familiar with the clients enrolled in Drug Court and the hardships they have encountered.

For the spring, 2017 semester, case managers from Justice Point (a non-profit that provides targeted case management) will choose appropriate clients for student teams to work with. Our goal is to interview clients to find gaps in their healthcare, research referral opportunities, and provide our findings to both the client and case managers. Last spring we were able to make active referrals to women’s health services, dental services, primary care providers, and community resources to meet the health needs of these clients.

This interprofessional venture has opened the eyes of our students in many ways. Most students were unaware that the Milwaukee County Drug Court exists and that the goal of drug court is to rehabilitate those with addiction issues. Students feel that they have a better understanding of what services other healthcare disciplines can provide to clients and how their care may be similar or different. With opioid abuse issues on the rise, students are learning first-hand that addiction can happen to anyone and the repercussions of addiction. We are looking forward to working actively with clients this semester and hope to keep this experience available to students for the 2017-2018 school year. Any graduate student who is interested in joining this interprofessional experience can contact Karin Wasiullah, Alverno Faculty Liaison, for further details at Karin.wasiullah@alverno.edu or 414-382-6275.
Dorothy Day: The World will be Saved by Beauty

A discussion with author Kate Hennessy

Tuesday, Feb 21, 2017
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Join Kate Hennessy, youngest granddaughter of Dorothy Day, in a reflective and heartfelt discussion of the social activist, pacifist, and co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement.

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

For information or to RSVP, email academic.excellence@alverno.edu

This event repeats on Feb. 22, 2:30 p.m. at Marquette University. Visit Marquette-hennessy.eventbrite.com.
DIY Milwaukee: Social Entrepreneurship and a Quadruple Bottom Line for Change from Within

“...if someone is doing something innovative in the community, chances are, Juli is involved.” - Mayor Tom Barrett

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Alverno College Founders Hall
Free and open to the public
academic.excellence@alverno.edu
2017 Monthly Education Meeting Schedule

NAMI Greater Milwaukee is a community-based, self-help, support, education, and advocacy organization dedicated to improving the lives of those living with mental illness, their families, and those touched by mental illness.

**All Monthly Education Meetings take place at NAMI Greater Milwaukee, 3200 S. 3rd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53207. We are accessible via the 51 MCTS bus line.**

**January 30th, 6:30-8:00 pm - “Nutrition and Mental Health”**
Presented by MKE Mind Body Wellness, this presentation will give individuals the tools they need to make healthy nutrition and dietary choices. Kick off 2017 by learning about the foods your body needs to be and feel your best!

**February 27th, 6:30-8:00 pm - “Using Meditation as a Wellness Tool”**
Presented by Jeanne Lowry, RN and meditation expert, participants will explore different meditation techniques and practices. Come learn how meditation and mindfulness can improve your mental health, and make these important practices a part of your wellness lifestyle!

**March 27th, 6:30-8:00 pm - “A.S.K. Access, Support, and Knowledge”**
Presented by Brenda Wesley, Director of Education and Outreach, ASK is a free mental health presentation that will present information on signs and symptoms, advocacy, stigma, and where to turn for help in facing issues involving mental illness. You are not alone. There is help and hope. Get the facts!

**April 24th, 6:30-8:00 pm - “Verbal Resource Fair”**
A variety of community non-profits will meet to share the services they provide, the successes they have had, and how they help our community. This is an opportunity to ask questions, learn about community supports, and connect with others. Some of the local resources that will meet include La Causa, Inc., Grand Avenue Club, Disability Rights Wisconsin, and NAMI Greater Milwaukee.

**May 22nd, 6:30-8:00 pm - “Chapter 51: The Civil Commitment Process”**
Presented by Dr. Tony Thrasher, MD, this session will give family members and those with lived experience information about the civil commitment process. A question and answer session will be included.

**June 26th, 6:30-8:00 pm - “Coping with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)”**
Presented by Mark Flower, a veteran and co-founder of DryHootch of America, will share his story of recovery. Additionally, a short presentation about the symptoms and treatments options available to individuals that may have PTSD will be offered.

**July 31st, 6:30-8:00 pm - “The Art of Healing: Using Art Therapy as a Recovery Tool”**
Presented by Michelle Laga, MAT, CPS. Michelle is the Adult Services Coordinator at La Causa, Inc., and an art therapist. Her presentation will highlight the benefits of art therapy and provide a creative space for individuals to explore their emotions.

**August 28th, 6:30-8:00 pm - “Youth Mental Health: A Provider, Family, and Peer’s Perspective”**
Presented by Sue McKenzie, Program Director of Rogers InHealth, this presentation will provide the participant the opportunity to explore the complexities of youth mental health from a variety of perspectives. This meeting will include a HOP (Honest, Open, and Proud) Presentation by a teen in recovery from mental health struggles.

**September 25th, 6:30-8:00 pm - “QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer”**
Presented by Marie Perry, a Certified Peer Specialist and QPR Facilitator. QPR is a suicide prevention model that is accessible to everyone. Participants will learn the warning signs of suicide, and what to do if someone is at risk of death by suicide.

**October 30th, 6:30-8:00 pm - To Be Determined...Contact NAMI for more details or to make a recommendation! We appreciate your input!**

***Please note: NAMI Greater Milwaukee makes every effort to provide reasonable accommodations to individuals seeking our services. Please contact our offices at (414) 344-0447 at least one week in advance to make your accommodations request.***