

NEW THIS YEAR

You spoke and we listened! This year's Albion College Grand Getaway weekend offers several opportunities to interact with Albion students, staff, and faculty.

Faculty Showcase

**Saturday, September 28, 9-10:30 a.m.
Terrace Room**

A new aspect of the Grand Getaway weekend includes insight into several of the academic accomplishments of our faculty and students. Four current faculty members will present their work in a casual showcase event on Saturday morning. Each will give a short presentation followed by an open house with time to mingle and hear from them about the projects, programs, and research they are working on.



Nonye Alozie

Dr. Nonye Alozie developed a summer science program that engages high school students in lab bench activities, scientific discourse, outdoor experiences, and educational/career planning mentorship. This program aligns with the liberal arts vision where students receive and experience a breadth of knowledge. Nonye is an assistant professor of K – 12 math/science education at Albion College. She has a BS in organismic biology, ecology and evolution from UCLA, an MS in biology, ecology, evolution and behavior and a PhD in science education both from the University of Michigan. She was a post-doctoral fellow with the Institute of Environmental Health Sciences at Wayne State University.



Brad Chase

(B.A. Northwestern University, Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison) Dr. Brad Chase is an archaeologist who has been at Albion College since 2008. With field experience in the United States, Turkey, and Pakistan, he has worked primarily in India for much of the last decade. He recently returned from a research trip to India accompanied by an Albion College student who assisted with the collection of samples of tooth enamel for chemical analyses. This research is shedding new light on changes in ancient agricultural and economic organization with the emergence and decline of the Indus Civilization (2600-1900 BC), South Asia's first urban society.



Ian MacInnes

(B.A. Swarthmore College, Ph.D. University of Virginia) Dr. Ian MacInnes is chair and professor of English at Albion College. His scholarship focuses on representations of animals in Renaissance literature, particularly in Shakespeare. He led students in a Bronze Age chariot project that was part of an interdisciplinary first-year seminar called "Equus: The Horse in Western Culture." The project combined his broad interest in the cultural history of animals with his desire to explore project-based teaching methods that rely on students' curiosity and sense of play.



Thomas Wilch

Dr. Thom Wilch is a geologist and the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Trustees' Professor in the Sciences. Thom's teaching and research focus on earth surface processes and landscapes, and he has traveled extensively with ongoing research in Antarctica, Utah, and Michigan. He believes that the best student learning happens in student research experiences. The geology curriculum is infused with research opportunities at all levels and includes a requirement that all majors complete an independent research project. Geology research experiences at Albion are directly linked to post-Albion success stories, including grad school acceptance and careers in the resource and environmental fields.

Connect with Campus

Dinner with Students and Faculty

Eight current Albion College students and four faculty members will each host a table at dinner in the Grand Hotel dining room Saturday evening. Sign up at the registration table when you check in Friday afternoon and take advantage of this opportunity to hear about life on campus and the student and faculty experience. Seating is limited and taken on a first come - first served basis.

Connect with Each Other

Optional Saturday Group Activities

Gather in the lobby at various times on Saturday to enjoy a group activity with other Albion guests. Details will be provided at check-in Friday afternoon. Activities will include:

Bike around the Island

With over 70 miles of natural and paved trails, Mackinac Island is a biker's paradise. Explore the island at your own speed or bike the island's eight-mile perimeter on picturesque (and paved) Lake Shore Boulevard. Biking around the island is relatively flat, and takes generally 1-1½ hours. Bicycles can be rented at Grand Hotel's Tennis Shop. You can also bring your own bicycles to Mackinac Island. Special Grand Hotel box lunches are available and can be enjoyed at any of the picnic spots throughout the island and along the bike trails. (Bike rental \$8/hour)



Tour Fort Mackinac

Relive the past inside the stately stone walls where it's a different time. The cannon blasts, the rifles fire, the soldiers march and history comes alive. The oldest building in Michigan and 13 other historical structures boast exhibits explaining everything from military training and battles to medical treatments to family life within the fort. Located within the fort, the Tea Room provides a dining experience with spectacular views over Marquette Park. More than just a military outpost, Fort Mackinac served as a home for soldiers and their families and eventually the headquarters for Mackinac National Park, where tourists to the island visited the great fortress on the bluff, much like they do today. (Adult \$11, Youth 5-17 years \$6.50)



Hike to Arch Rock

One of the most photographed spots on Mackinac Island, Arch Rock, a geological formation of a natural limestone arch, is a truly breathtaking and wondrous attraction. This amazing site to see was formed during the Nipissing post-glacial period, a period of high Lake Huron levels following the end of the Wisconsin glaciation. To this day Arch Rock stands on the Lake Huron shoreline 146 ft (45m) above the water. This type of formation is quite rare in the North American Great Lakes region. The Native Americans saw Arch Rock as a place of numinous power and told many stories and legends about it. Its presence was a major element in the decision to create Mackinac National Park in 1875 and its successor, Mackinac Island State Park in 1895. "Arch Rock Road" is a dedicated road that follows a relatively straight route from Fort Mackinac to Arch Rock on the eastern shore of the island.

Afternoon Tea

In keeping with more than 100 years of Grand Hotel tradition, Afternoon Tea is served each day in the Parlor from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Gather during this lovely event and enjoy casual conversation with fellow Grand Getaway attendees. Guests enjoy tea, sherry and champagne, petite finger sandwiches, fresh-baked scones, and an array of pastries, accompanied by a chamber music recital. (\$25 per person)

Butterfly House

The Original Mackinac Island Butterfly House is the first of its kind in Michigan, and the third oldest LIVE butterfly exhibit in the United States. The world-renowned facility has 1800 sq ft of tropical garden filled with hundreds of live butterflies from four continents. Insect World was a part of the building renovation in 2006 and turned into an attraction, as an addition to the butterfly exhibit. And with 16" walking sticks, the world's heaviest bug, too many species of beetles to name here, and walls of insect displays from around the world, educational information and live insects - the newest part of the attraction has been a huge success. (Adults 12 years and up - \$4.00, Children 4-11 years - \$2.50)



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