



Albion College

Grand Getaway Weekend

September 27-29, 2013

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 27

- noon-7:00 pm Albion College Registration Desk Open
Grand Terrace
- 3:30 pm-5:00 pm Afternoon Tea (optional, \$25 per person)
Grand Hotel Parlor
- 4:00 pm Grand Hotel Check-In Begins (early check-in may be available)
- 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Albion College Welcome Reception
Grand Hotel Terrace Room
- 7:00 pm Five-Course Dinner
Albion College reserved section of the Main Dining Room
- 8:00 pm-10:00 pm Albion College Information Desk Open
Grand Hotel Lobby
- 9:00 pm-close “**Albion with a View**” College Gathering
Grand Hotel Cupola Bar
- 9:00 pm-close “**Purple Goes Pink**” Albion College Gathering.
The Pink Pony Bar and Restaurant, located in the Chippewa Hotel on the Mackinac Island waterfront and owned by the Benser and Nephew families, both with strong Albion ties.

Saturday, September 28

- 7:30 am-9:30 am Breakfast
Main Dining Room Open Seating
- 8:00 am-6:30 pm Albion College Information Desk Open
Grand Hotel Lobby
- 9:00 am-10:30 am Faculty Showcase
Grand Hotel Terrace Room
- 9:30 am-11:00 am Continental Breakfast
Geranium Bar





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9:30 am-5:00 pm	Explore the Grand Hotel and the Island <i>Look for details when you arrive for casual activities organized and staffed by Albion College. A variety of options will be offered, such as a bike ride around the island, hike to Arch Rock, or tour Fort Mackinac.</i>
Noon	Lunch on your own in the hotel or in town
3:30 pm-5:00 pm	Afternoon Tea (optional, \$25 per person) <i>Grand Hotel Parlor</i>
5:30 pm-6:30 pm	Albion College Reception <i>Grand Hotel Terrace Room</i>
6:30 pm	Five-Course Dinner <i>Albion College reserved section of the Main Dining Room</i> Reserve a seat when you check in Friday for a seat at a table hosted by a faculty member or student. Seating limited.
8:30 pm-10:00 pm	Albion College Celebration Dessert, cordials and dancing – music from the Albion College Jazz Band <i>Grand Hotel Theatre</i>
9:30 pm-10:30 pm	Albion College Information Desk Open <i>Grand Hotel Lobby</i>

Sunday, September 29

7:30 am-9:00 am	Breakfast <i>Main Dining Room Open Seating</i>
8:00 am- noon	Albion College Information Desk Open <i>Grand Hotel Lobby</i>
9:30 am-10:30 am	Albion College Worship Service Officiated by Albion College Reverend Faith Fowler, '81 <i>The Grand Pavilion Room</i>
11:00 am	Grand Hotel Check-Out Time

*** Please note that this schedule is subject to change.** You will receive a finalized schedule from the Albion College Registration Desk when you arrive at the hotel. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the Albion College Alumni Engagement Office at 517/629-0448 or alumniengagement@albion.edu.





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General Information

Transportation

We encourage you to take the Arnold Line ferries to and from Mackinac Island. Arnold is offering a discounted rate for guests of the Grand Getaway. From either the St. Ignace or the Mackinaw City docks, your roundtrip ticket will be \$16. When you arrive at the docks, simply identify yourself as a member of the **Albion College Grand Getaway** group. No coupons are required. A schedule for the Arnold Line ferries is included in this mailing.

Horse-drawn taxis are the best way to get around the island when it is not convenient to walk. Taxis will meet your ferry boat at the dock to take you up to the Grand Hotel. Hotel staff can help you arrange taxis as needed during the weekend as well. Taxi fares from the hotel begin at \$4.75 per person one way; all fares are payable in cash as you exit the taxi. Tipping the taxi driver is appreciated.

Albion College Student Greeters

When you arrive at the ferry docks on Friday afternoon, please introduce yourself to the Albion College students in Albion hats. We hope you'll enjoy meeting these enthusiastic greeters who are there to welcome you to the event and answer any of your questions. You will see them throughout the weekend and we encourage you to take the opportunity to hear about life at Albion today. For a more in-depth conversation, be sure to sign up at the registration table for dinner with a student Saturday evening.

Luggage

The helpful Arnold Line ferry employees will tag your luggage at the mainland ferry dock and it will be delivered directly to your room at the Grand Hotel. Please keep your luggage claim check with you to show at the front desk of the hotel during check-in.

It may take up to two hours for your luggage to arrive at your room. ***If you are arriving on a late afternoon ferry, you may want to keep your luggage with you.*** The first Grand Getaway activity is a 6:00 pm cocktail hour on Friday when evening attire is required.

Hotel Check-In and the Albion Registration Desk

You may check into the Grand Hotel beginning at 4 pm on Friday, September 27. However, early check-in may be available. Unless prior arrangements have been made, rooms will be held only until 6:00 pm on the day of arrival. Please call the hotel at 1-800-33-GRAND if you plan to arrive later than 6:00 pm.

When you check into the Grand Hotel, you will be given a guest card that will be your access to meals and activities at the hotel. **Please keep this with you at all times.** Most guests find it convenient to insert it in the name tag provided to you by Albion College.

After you check in at the hotel's front desk, stop by the Albion registration desk in the Grand Terrace to pick up your name tag, Albion goodies and information for the weekend. For the remainder of the Grand Getaway weekend, an Albion College information desk will be open and





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staffed. This desk will be located on the lower level across from the elevators and near the Grand Hotel front desk.

Tipping

Tipping is not permitted to any employee within the Grand Hotel. However, tipping is appreciated on island taxis and other Grand Hotel properties, including The Gate House, Woods Restaurant, Fort Mackinac Team Room, and the Jockey Club at the Grand Stand.

Attire

While the weekend will be casual, the Grand Hotel requires evening attire every day after 6:30 p.m. Men should be in a coat and tie. Women need to be dressed in their finest—a dress, skirt or pantsuit. This policy is in effect in all areas of the hotel except the Cupola Bar where casual dress is acceptable at any time.

Dining at the Grand Hotel

Breakfasts and dinners are included in your Grand Getaway package. These meals will be held in the Main Dining Room of the hotel. Each guest must show his or her guest card to be seated for the meal. Albion College will have a special section of the Main Dining Room reserved for dinner on Friday and Saturday nights. There is no assigned seating. **However, if you would like to sit with a specific group of people, please enter the dining room as a group and tell the host or hostess the number in your party.** They will do their best to accommodate the size of your group.

New this year is the opportunity to eat with an Albion College student or faculty member on Saturday evening. Seating is limited and reservations will be taken by Albion staff at the College registration table Friday afternoon. If there are still spots available, you can register at the College information desk Saturday until 4:00 pm.

If you have special dietary needs, please visit the concierge desk in the Parlor to review the menu prior to dining. The Grand Hotel will be happy to prepare a meal that accommodates your needs. A children's menu is also available at each meal and can be requested from your server.

Weekend Activities

You are welcome to take advantage of all that the island has to offer. Spend your days biking, shopping, touring the Fort, or simply enjoying the view from the Grand Hotel porch. There are a number of optional Grand Hotel activities as well as the Albion College events. New offerings this year include a faculty showcase Saturday morning and group activities Saturday afternoon. You can find more details in the enclosed New This Year sheet.

Evening Receptions

Guests of the Grand Getaway are invited to exclusive cocktail hour events before dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings. You will be asked to show your guest card when you arrive. These events, hosted by Dan Musser, '86, provide an excellent opportunity to mingle with Albion guests, Interim President Mike Frandsen, and members of the Albion College faculty and staff.





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Friday Night Gatherings

After dinner on Friday, there will be two opportunities to gather with other Albion College guests on the island. We hope that you will join us for one or both of these optional events.

- Join us at the Pink Pony Bar and Restaurant at 9:00 pm on Friday for **Purple Goes Pink**. The Pink Pony is located in the Chippewa Hotel on the Mackinac Island waterfront. For this festive event, we expect to see you in your best (casual) purple attire!
- If you'd prefer to stay at the hotel, join other Grand Getaway guests at the Cupola Bar beginning at 9:00 pm for **Albion with a View**. Feel free to change after dinner – this casual event will allow you to mingle with other Albion guests while enjoying a beautiful view of the island from the top floor of the Hotel.

Albion College Celebration

We will celebrate the spirit of Albion on Saturday, September 28. Following dinner in the Main Dining Room, Grand Getaway guests will be treated to dessert and cordials in the hotel Theatre with music provided by the Albion College Jazz Band. Don't forget your dancing shoes!

Sunday Morning Worship

Before you leave the beautiful island, you're welcome to join us for an Albion College worship service in the Grand Hotel Grand Pavilion at 9:30 am. The Reverend Faith Fowler, '81 will be leading the hour-long service that will draw upon Albion's Methodist roots. Attire is casual. If you would like to volunteer for a role in the service, please contact Liberty Kyser at lkyser@albion.edu or 517/629-0768.

Check-out

Grand Hotel check-out time is 11:00 am. Guest's will receive letters under their doors on Saturday night with outgoing luggage tags and instructions. In addition, transportation and luggage pick-up details will be available at the Albion information desk.

