



Albion College

Grand Getaway Weekend

September 26-28, 2014

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 26

- 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 Theater
- 7:00 pm Five-Course Dinner
Main Dining Room - Albion College Reserved Section
- 8:00 pm-10:00 pm Albion College Information Desk Open
Grand Hotel Lobby
- 9:00 pm-close **“Albion with a View”** Albion 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, is owned by the Benser and Nephew families, both of whom have strong Albion ties.

Saturday, September 27

- 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
- 8:30 am-10:30 am **Faculty Showcase and Admissions Table**
Art Gallery
Engage in conversation with several of our faculty members as they present their work in a casual showcase.
- 9:30 am-11:00 am Continental Breakfast
Geranium Bar
- 10:00 am The Future is Bright, with President Mauri Ditzler
Terrace Room



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Explore the Grand and the Island with Fellow Brits

Meet at the Albion College information desk if you would like to take part in the following activities:

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| 11:30 am | Hike to Arch Rock |
| 12:30 pm | Bike Ride around the Island (Bike rental \$8/hour) |
| 2:00 pm | Tour Fort Mackinac (Youth 5-17 years \$7, Adult \$12) |
| 3:00 pm | Visit the Butterfly House (Youth 4-11 years \$2.50, 12 years and up \$4) |
| 3:30 pm | Afternoon Tea (optional, \$25 per person),
<i>(Meet in the Grand Hotel Parlor)</i> |
| 5:00 pm-6:00pm | Photos on the Porch Albion College photographer will capture your special moment |
| 5:30 pm-6:30 pm | Albion College Reception
<i>Grand Hotel Porch (rain location - Terrace Room)</i> |
| 6:30 pm | Five-Course Dinner
<i>Albion College reserved section of the Main Dining Room</i> |
| 8:30 pm-10:00 pm | Albion College Celebration
Dessert, cordials and dancing – music from the Grand Hotel Orchestra
<i>Grand Hotel Theater</i> |
| 9:30 pm-10:30 pm | Albion College Information Desk Open
<i>Grand Hotel Lobby</i> |

Sunday, September 28

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| 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 Chaplain Daniel McQuown
<i>The Grand Pavilion Room</i> |
| 9:30 am-11:00 am | Continental Breakfast
<i>Geranium Bar</i> |
| 11:00 am | Grand Hotel Check-Out Time |



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General Information

Transportation

There are several ferries that will take you to the island, such as Arnold, Shepler's, and Star Line. Shepler's 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 \$18. Tickets can be purchased when you arrive or ahead of time online. To purchase tickets online, use promo code: "Albion" after September 10th. When you arrive at the docks, simply identify yourself as a member of the **Albion Grand Getaway** group. No coupons are required. Please go to sheplersferry.com to find the ferry schedule and/or to purchase tickets ahead of time.

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 Shepler's 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.

Luggage

The helpful 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 26. 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 staffed. This desk will be located on the lower level across from the elevators and near the Grand Hotel front desk.



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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 pm. 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 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.

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, golfing, 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. Albion College activities this year include a **Faculty Showcase, Admissions Table, and Greetings from President Ditzler** on Saturday morning as well as group activities on Saturday afternoon.

Come by the Admission table and learn more about the new Alumni & Parent Referral Scholarship. When your referred student applies to Albion and is admitted, that student's acceptance letter will include a \$1000 scholarship for 4 years, in your name. College admission applications are coming in every day, so it's important to get your referrals in first, now! John Hille, Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management, and Angela Scott Sheets '82, Admission Ambassador Chair, will be on hand to discuss the new program, answer your questions, and give you tips on how to find students to refer!

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 the President of Grand Hotel, Dan Musser, '86, provide an excellent opportunity to mingle with Albion guests, President Mauri Ditzler, 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 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 would 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.

Saturday Albion College Celebration

The grand finale of the weekend will take place following dinner on Saturday evening. Grand Getaway guests will be treated to dessert and cordials in the hotel Theater with music provided by the Grand Hotel Orchestra. 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, found through the main dining room, at 9:30 am. Albion College Chaplain Daniel McQuown will be leading the hour-long service drawing upon Albion's Methodist roots. Attire is casual.

Check-Out

Grand Hotel check-out time is 11:00 am. Guests 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.