Dear Assumption Alumni,

Happy Winter! For our alumni in the Northeast, we hope you are enjoying the WEEKLY fresh snow! our alumni in other climates, we hope it has warmed up for you!

The students came back to campus this week and with them comes a new vitality, which in turn, invigorates us.

Please remember to turn on the Miss American Pageant on Saturday, January 30 at 8:00 p.m. on the TLC channel to cheer on AC senior Laura Hall who is competing as Miss Vermont! There is also a new voter-interaction program on Friday, January 29 at 10:00 p.m. - it is a one-hour documentary about the Miss America experience and viewers have the opportunity to vote for four contestants who will automatically make it into the top 15 on Saturday night. PLEASE VOTE for Laura!

And...let’s hope the Groundhog does NOT see his shadow!

Diane Laska-Nixon ’76

Alumni Events

- **Winter Homecoming/Winter Carnival** TOMORROW, January 23, 2010. Warm up with some exciting women’s (1:30 p.m.) and men’s (3:30 p.m.) basketball in the renovated gymnasium. Then stay for more fun. Kids can enjoy a magician, fried dough, hot cider/chocolate, cotton candy and more (run by the Student Government Association) – while adults can relax in Charlie’s lounge - hosted by the Central MA Regional Club. **FREE game tickets - at the door - for all alumni, and their immediate families** courtesy of Athletics! For additional information, please go to the Alumni Calendar of Events at [http://www1.assumption.edu/alums/Alumni/events.html](http://www1.assumption.edu/alums/Alumni/events.html). There will also be several activities that day to help students raise valuable dollars for the Haiti Relief efforts.

- **Ice Hockey Alumni Game**. Saturday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m. at the Buffone Rink, 284 Lake Avenue in Worcester. To register, e-mail [merc@assumption.edu](mailto:merc@assumption.edu) or call 508-767-7240. The AC Ice Dogs then host conference rival Southern New Hampshire at 6:30 p.m.

- **Florida Receptions**. President Cesareo will again be hosting receptions for Assumption alumni, parents and friends in Palm Beach (February 23) and in Naples (February 25). If you expect to be in Florida this winter, please let us know your Florida contact information by e-mailing dlaska@assumption.edu.

- **Class of 2010 Welcome Reception**. Friday, February 19 at 8:00 p.m. in Charlie’s (Hagan Campus Center). The Alumni Association will be hosting a reception for our future alumni. Please join us in welcoming our newest members. If you can join us, just let me know via email at dlaska@assumption.edu.
2nd Annual **Alumni Family Easter Program.** Sunday, March 21 beginning with Mass at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch in Taylor Dining Hall. For additional information, please go to [http://www1.assumption.edu/alums/Alumni/events.html](http://www1.assumption.edu/alums/Alumni/events.html).

**Campus Events/News**

- **President’s Lecture Series:** The next program in this year-long series is **Tuesday, February 16,** at 7:00 p.m. – George Yancy, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Philosophy, Duquesne University. White Gazes and the Fear of Black Bodies. Hagan Campus Center. Free and open to the public. RSVP to sbousquet@assumption.edu.

- **Career Services Seminars:** The Career Services department of the Graduate and Career & Continuing Education programs cordially invites all alumni to their upcoming campus seminars. For additional information and/or to register, contact ppaolucci@assumption.edu.
  1. Session I, **Saturday, January 30** from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m.: The 21st Century Job Search: Essential Strategies for Success in Any Economy
  2. Session II, **Saturday, January 30** from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.: Marketing Yourself with Effective Cover Letters and Resumes
  3. Session I, **Saturday, February 20** from 10 to 11:00 a.m.: Networking Fundamentals: Expanding Your Career Connections
  4. Session II, **Saturday, February 20** from 11:15 to 12:45 a.m.: Putting Your Best Foot Forward: Effective Interviewing Techniques

- **HumanArts Series:** **Saturday, February 13** at 7:30 p.m., Chapel of the Holy Spirit - Worcester Chamber Music Society - Brandenburg Concerti Concert. For a complete schedule, please go to their web-site at [www1.assumption.edu/dept/humanarts/](http://www1.assumption.edu/dept/humanarts/).

- **Career and Continuing Education:** Reminder...all alumni and their spouses are eligible for a **50% discount** for Career and Continuing Education courses! For details, e-mail the new CCE Director, Dennis Braun at dbraun@assumption.edu.

**Alumni Travel Opportunities**

- **Italy & Greece.** October 23-November 1, 2010: Join us for our 2nd Alumni European trip! We first visit Venice then sail to Bari, Italy; several Greek Islands; and Dubrovnik, Croatia. If interested, please contact Diane Laska-Nixon ’76, Director of Alumni Relations at 508-767-7239 or dlaska@assumption.edu. The final price will be about $2,600 PER PERSON based on double occupancy for an inside cabin (outside and balcony cabins are also available at a higher price).

  **First Deposit of $250 per person, for the Greece trip, is due February 23, 2010.**

- **Bus Tour to Washington, D.C., April 8-11, 2010.** Enjoy the beauty of our nation’s Capital during cherry blossom season! Approximately $489 per person based on double occupancy. If interested, please contact Diane Laska-Nixon ’76 at 508-767-7239 or dlaska@assumption.edu.

  Please note: All trips require a minimum number of passengers.

**Athletic News**

- **Game Webcasts:** You can now watch many of the Assumption games right from your own home! To learn more on which games are available and how to access the webcasts, contact merc@assumption.edu.

- **Ice Hockey Alumni Game.** **Saturday, January 30** at 4:00 p.m. at the Buffone Rink in Worcester. To register, e-mail ihockey@assumption.edu or call 508-767-7240.

- **The Tuesday, February 9th** home basketball games will be promoting **Breast Cancer awareness.** Breast cancer survivors and their immediate family members will receive free admission. For information, contact Bethany Ellis at bjeilis@assumption.edu.

  For complete Athletic News and information, visit their web-site at [www.assumptiongreyhounds.com/splash/index](http://www.assumptiongreyhounds.com/splash/index).

**Save-the-Date!**
Reunion. June 4, 5 & 6, 2010: Renew Friendships, Relive Memories! Join your class committee (for classes ending in “0” or “5”) and help plan your weekend. Class Directories will be in the mail shortly - please use them to reconnect with good friends and meet up at Reunion.

Fr. Bissionnette Invitational (FBI) Golf Tournament. Monday, June 21 at historic Worcester Country Club. The FBI provides additional financial aid to students with unmet need so they can continue their Assumption College experience. Please consider supporting this essential fundraiser! Opportunities include sponsorship, playing in the tournament, purchasing an ad in the program book, and/or donating an item for the live and silent auctions (popular items are Red Sox, Celtics and Patriots tickets, weekend stays in New England, Broadway shows, and restaurant gift certificates). For more information, visit www.assumption.edu/alums/FBI.

Other News/Information

Admissions Ambassadors: Get involved by volunteering to be an Admissions Ambassador. Work a high school college fair and/or make a few calls to welcome accepted students in your area. If interested, e-mail kpuntillo@assumption.edu. Don’t forget...all alumni are welcome to recommend a relative/friend and get the $50 Application Fee waived. For a mail-in coupon click http://www1.assumption.edu/alums/Alumni/aladmiss.html.

Class Notes and Address Changes: Have a new addition to the family; a new job; promotion; change of address? Just click onto http://www1.assumption.edu/alums/Alumni/infochg.php and let us know what is new!

Donate on-line at https://res.assumption.edu/alumni/donations.php. Please consider making a gift to the 2010 Annual Fund which provides valuable financial aid dollars for our current students!

E-Mail Addresses: Thank you to our many alumni (now almost two-thirds) who have provided us with their e-mail address. This has saved a tremendous amount of money in printing, labor, and postage costs. For the most part, all event invitations/flyers/notices are now provided via e-mail ONLY. THANK YOU AGAIN and please keep spreading the word to all alumni that we need their e-mail address. To update, click onto http://www1.assumption.edu/alums/Alumni/infochg.php.

Facebook: An official Assumption College Alumni Relations Facebook Fanpage is now “live”! Please check it out and become a “Fan” at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Worcester-MA/Assumption-College-Alumni-Relations/11557854763.

Networking/Job Searching: We have a great web-site where hundreds of alumni have posted a profile. Please consider joining us at https://res.assumption.edu/alumni. Just click on “Networking/Job Postings” to post your profile – to potentially help fellow alumni and enhance your own career!

Student Mentoring: Thank you to our many alumni who have signed up to be ALUMNI mentors to students. The Office of Career/Academic/Lifetime Learning (CALLS) invites you to join the Hound Explorer ONLINE Mentoring Network which provides undergraduates the opportunity to ask alumni career related questions. Please contact coordinator Suellen Lazarek Dean at slazarek@assumption.edu or 508-767-7689 for more information, or log onto http://collegecentral.com/assumption.

Young Alumni Events: We would like to hold frequent Young Alumni events, especially in the Central MA, Boston, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York areas. If you are planning on getting together with a group of friends from Assumption and/or would like to put one together, just let us know and we’ll send out an e-mail letting people know the date, time and location. We’ll even send you an AC banner so everyone will feel more comfortable meeting each other. These are fun and provide great, informal, networking opportunities!

For continuous and complete listings of events, please refer to the following web-sites frequently:
Campus events - http://www.socialweb.net/Clients/Assumption/
Alumni events - http://www.assumption.edu/alumni/
In accordance with the mission statement of the College, as the official representative group of the Assumption College Alumni Association, the Alumni Advisory Board shall support the stated objectives of the Alumni Association with particular emphasis in the following areas:

* Overall promotion of the College (i.e., Admissions, PR, Community Relations, etc.)
* Networking with alumni and students
* Financial and other resource support
* Providing a responsive voice to College policy

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