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# Dear Scots,

Last year was a year of reinvention, but this year was a year of new ideas and talent. With only 5 returning staff members, we had the difficult task of keeping the momentum of the book going while also teaching a brand new staff the in's and out's of the book, program, and techniques. We spent the first few weeks of the year brainstorming ideas for the book without introducing rules to the new members; we wanted to let the creativity flow without restrictions. After asking ourselves how we could make the book even better from last year, we went to work.

We held weekly meetings that were spent focusing on developing the quality of the book. In order to provide the Alma community with the best book possible, we wanted to incorporate every aspect of the life of a Scot: academics, campus clubs and organizations, sports, Greek Life and administration. Instead of just photographing and writing about the mundane moments, this year we strove to uncover and capture the most important stories for each page that you will want to reread after your time at Alma.

Continuing from last year, the theme of this book is the Alma Scot pride that we all have and love. The colors of our plaid have been deconstructed and used to design each page for its own unique layout.

As you turn through the pages in this book, the entire Scot staff hopes that you are able to place yourself into each picture and relive the most memorable moments from the 2016 year.

## ~Hannah Billig 2016 Editor-in-Chief

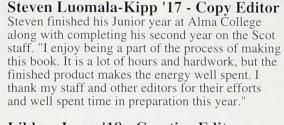






#### **Meet the Editors**







Libbey Jones '18 - Creative Editor
As a sophomore, Libbey was able to continue working on the Scot staff as creative editor. She has always had a passion for design and expressing herself with creativity and hopes to one day bring that passion into a classroom as an elementary school teacher. She is a member of the Alma College Cross Country team, Alma Choir, as well as a Student Ministry Coordinator for the Alma College Chapel.



Jordie Hayes '18 - Photography Editor
Jordie found her passion of photography at a young
age and continued to develop for hobby until it
turned into a job. As Photography Editor, she has
been able to help capture the moments of this year
on campus. Jordie also is an active photographer of
the athletic department. She is also an active
member of the Alma College Cheer and STUNT
team.



Hannah Billig '18 2016 Editor-in-Chief

As a Sophomore, Hannah took on the role as Editor-in-Chief, stepping up from her position as copy editor the year prior. She loves seeing how the book progresses through the years and looks forward to seeing what she and the staff can put together next year. Hannah recently studied abroad in Ecuador for a semester, found a new love for traveling and hopes to pursue a career that can combine all of her passions of Physiology, Spanish and traveling.





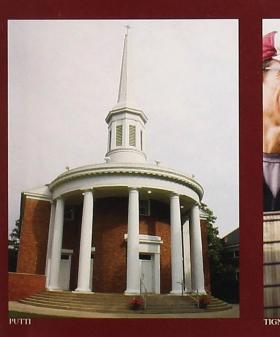
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# [Campus Life]

Alma College is an academically prestigious school with a beautiful campus. However, the most important aspect of Alma College is the "home-away-from-home" feeling for all. The friendly and supportive staff, the fellow students that turn into family, and the unbelievable opportunities all combine to make the four years at Alma College some of the most memorable moments of a lifetime. Incoming students start their paths here during orientation week in which they get acquainted with the small campus atmosphere and learn about everything it has to offer: religious life, campus jobs, and all the continuous engagement and connections of Alma's supportive alumni. Regardless of one's hobbies or major(s), there will always be something to spark interest. Recently, the campus has undergone numerous construction projects. Abby Schaitkin '18 stated that "when the college was uplifting West Superior it was hard to get around, but it was worth the small inconvenience. The street is beautiful and the lights make the campus safer and more inviting." From remodeling the old Gelston Halls and alumni building, to uplifting the entrance of the school and updating West Superior Street, and building a completely new weight room for the student athletes, this quaint college is ever-changing and evolving to meet the needs of its future Scots.











# [ Campus Tour ]

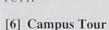
#### LIGHTING UP WEST SUPERIOR.

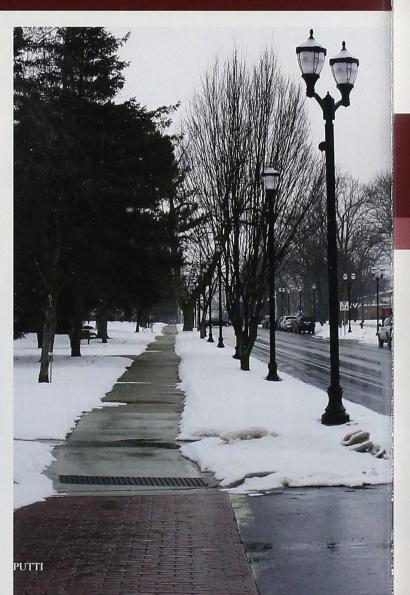
After a long summer of waiting, Alma students were thrilled for the unveiling of the new entrance to the school. The new side walks, imprinted crosswalks, and freshly paved roads make the campus more inviting. The new street lights provide a historical look and improved safety for the students and staff at night.

#### LEAVES OF CHANGE.

The beauty of this campus is everlasting. "No matter what season you visit Alma, the beauty of campus pulls you right in," Taylor Busse '18 describing Alma's campus as her home-away-





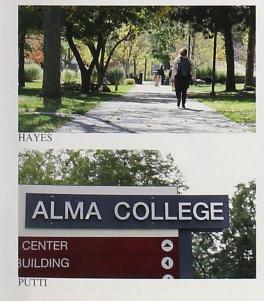




#### A GROWING CAMPUS.

All of the upgrades around campus don't hinder the deep, historical roots of our small community. Established in 1886, Alma College has been designated as a historical landmark in Michigan. As the size of our student body grows, our campus is growing with us. With two major projects on campus and many other minor projects, everywhere you look there seems to be some type of construction. Towards the back of campus, there is the beautiful, new weight room and entrance of the Hogan Center. Looking to the front of campus, West Superior Street got a major facelift.

#### [ Home is where the heart is ]







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#### A NEW CHAPTER.

Nerves and uncertainty met the class of 2019 as 386 students from 16 states and six countries pulled into Alma College for the first time this year. Move-In Day was filled with organized chaos as students, family members, and faculty all tried to simultaneously move freshmen in to their new "home-away-from-home." However, this "home-away-from-home" was not without fear: fear of the unknown. Many new variables were coming into this new chapter: roommates, college-level classes, and independent living being a few. For most of the first-year-students, this would be the first time living with a stranger, and freshman Sydney Wilding was no exception. "Meeting my roommate was like looking at the face of a future sister," Wilding said. "We smiled at each other and tentatively walked into our room together, never taking our eyes off each other. We both knew this was going to be a new experience, but now that we've been living together for a few months, I can't image going to sleep without her in her bunk on top of mine, or coming back from class and not seeing her there. We're more than roommates: we're friends." The rainy day made for an interesting setup, but the high hopes of the first years made the day brighter.





HELPING HANDS.

As the skies open up and the rain pours, the Class of 2019, along with their families, attempt to move into the dorms on day one of college. The students were aided by many, including President Abernathy who said, "We are a family at Alma, and helping the students to move in is the first opportunity to show them that." Others who assisted were staff, Resident Assistants, and First Year Guides, who also helped the students with their transitions from high school to college by leading them to their first ever college class and answering questions. Everyone shared a common goal: to move in the students without soaking their belongings. Although the skies were grey, smiles were shared all around as the excitement for a new part of life met the freshman.



BEGINNING OF A JOURNEY.

The rain clears up as the freshman follow their class into the opening convocation where they are met with welcoming speeches and advice for prospering in college. Kayla Thomas '19 said, "I was anxious, but excited to start my college journey and the rest of my life.'



#### TRADITION.

The freshmen gather in Hamilton Commons for the yearly Traditions Dinner. Each received a sapling tree in the hopes that as the students grew over the years, the tree would as well. "It was very cool to see my whole class in one building," said Maya Keener '19. "Everyone looked so beautiful, and it was such a bonding experience for my FYS class and I."



#### STRESS LESS.

Activities were planned out all week long for the students to participate in. There was a wide range of events, from bubble soccer to mini golf. "Bubble soccer was fun to watch. I've never seen anything like it before," said Kaydee Hall '19. Playfair provided the students with a night to have fun and get to know their class. "Playfair was a great experience. Walking in with all of the students made me feel so welcomed at Alma College," said Ellie Lake '19.

#### Why do you love your job?



"Working at the Writing Center allows me to improve other students' writing skills as well as my own. It is a great job!" -Paige Daniel '18



"We love watching football, so it is awesome that we can be working, but also be apart of the sideline action. -Nick Swanson '18



"I am able to interact with other students, and I get to see what it could potentially be like to own a small business working at Java." -Jared Jacob '17



At the entrance of the Alma College library, students are greeted by the congenial front desk employees. Jacqueline Velez '16 is a Circulation Desk Supervisor. She is the one who checks out everyone's books, and makes sure the library is running smoothly. Velez has been working at the library ever since her freshman year, and absolutely loves the environment. "The library is a great atmosphere, and I have been working here for four years and wouldn't trade it for the world," Velez professed. The library provides students the opportunity to work at the front desk, maintenance, writing center, or Highland Java, which is ran by Entrepreneurs in Action: a student led organization that provides everyones' caffeine fix during intense exam weeks. Alma College prides itself in employing students in a variety of jobs such as lab assistants, custodians, tutors, first year guides, resident assistants, athletic trainers, and much more. Working on campus is a great opportunity to gain work experience, earn money, and build a professional profile and connections. The on campus job atmosphere offers more flexibility for students around their busy class schedule.





CAFFEINE FIX.

The College Corner Coffee & Books' employees, David Foster '16, Jonah Oberschlake '17, Tia Wilson '16, and Jordan Skully '16, take a break from their hectic job to pose for a "family" picture. Working at the College Corner is not always easy. They work tirelessly to make student's, faculty's, and the community's food and drinks to perfection. This is a common place students come to get their caffeine fix before they cram for hours of studying.



EXCELLENCE IN ALMA. Freshman Brianna Fitzpatrick coordinates all the visits for the admissions office. The admissions office is essential to Alma College. They recruit all the future students, and provide tours for potential students to fall in love with Alma College. Fitzpatrick enjoys organizing tours, and talking to students about the excellence Alma College prides itself in.



#### YOU'VE GOT MAIL.

Every college student loves getting mail. Junior Julia Knebl is elated she is able to share that joy with students as their eyes light up when they receive a package. The Mailing and Printing Center at Alma College provides students with mailing services, and the option to purchase stamps, or make copies for any educational purpose.

# [ Campus Jobs ]







LET'S GET PHYSICAL. Senior Justin Thelen checks a student into the Stone Center for Recreation. "The Rec," as it has come to be known by students, provides Alma College students and the Alma community with an abundance of heart pumping activities. Whether you are playing a sport, using their exercise equipment, or pumping iron, they have it all for you. The Stone Center for Recreation also provides intramural sports for students to participate in, which creates a friendly, but competitive atmosphere at night. They also have a rock climbing wall and suspended track for indoor activities in the winter months.











# [Chapel]

#### CULTIVATING FAITH.

Weekly chapel services allow students to deepen their faith along with other members of their community. "Our goal is to be the Body of Christ, growing together through worship and active love to the glory of God," stated Chaplain Noel Synder.

#### PEACE AND QUIET.

Unknown to most students, the chapel provides quiet study rooms beneath its main building. Offering a series of conference rooms and open spaces, the chapel provides a relaxing sanctuary for those who wish to get away from the business of college life. "Although they are hardly ever used, the study rooms provide a secluded area, useful for studying," explains chapel secretary Angela Sherwood.







Whether faithful, or not, the chapel provides students with the ability to escape life for a little, while in a peaceful and comfortable atmosphere. Chaplain Noel Synder stated, "It's my job to cultivate a Christian community for students of different denominations, give resources to integrate faith into studies, grow into a more adult level faith, and give an opportunity for worship." The chapel offers many opportunities for students to grow in their faith with weekly chapel services, Bible studies, service projects, and recreational events to have fun. "My goal is to create a community that supports each other in their faith, and a place where students can deepen their faith, be challenged in intellectuals, and be able to grow spiritually," explained Synder.

#### [ Centered in Christ ]









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[Religious Life]



#### FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL.

Alma College has a historic affiliation with the Presbyterian Church, and those values remain important to its mission. The college also seeks to foster a diverse community by encouraging people of all religions, as well as those with no faith, to find their home on campus and share in the mission to serve generously and be responsible stewards of our communities. Our campus has a diverse range of student religious groups, including Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Tea Time with God, Interfaith Council, New Life, Catholic Student Organization (CSO), and many more. The Catholic Student Organization seeks to improve individuals' faith, as well as give others the opportunity to share their joy of Catholicism. The Interfaith Council works to promote acceptance and understanding between people of all religions and backgrounds. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes fosters community between coaches and athletes of faith through games and service projects. Tea Time with God is another way for students of faith to find community. It meets weekly for tea and conversation and allows students to "get away from the stresses of life for more than a moment," explained Aeriel Stroven '18.



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#### HELPING OTHERS IN NEED.

Members of Fellowship of Christian Athletes worked with Parker Street Ministries to clean up the community and work with the youth in Lakeland, Florida. Senior Kassidi Adams said, "I enjoy helping others and making a difference. I hope to have more opportunities similar to this." The group stayed in a local church in order to really experience the community's love of God. "It was an empowering experience to work in an underprivileged community in an area where God's light really needed to be shown," stated Sean McDonald '16. The experience is one the members will soon not forget. So many times, we can get caught up in our own life and we forget how fortunate we really are. It is times similar to this excursion where people can step back and really begin to appreciate what they have and what they have to offer. Senior Brent Luplow explained that "being able to help these people was a great opportunity, and being there surrounded by people who also want to help and care, is even better." This is just a small snapshot of what FCA does around the community and states. The group is also a welcoming home to anyone on campus who is looking to make friends or just be involved. It is another great way to step back away from the chaotic pace of life and just relax with peers and friends. Justin Thelen '16 stated, "FCA is a great organization on campus, and I encourage anyone and everyone to come out and join us for our weekly meetings." You don't have to be religious to be in this group. You just have to have an open mind and a big heart. There main goal is supporting athletes on campus and providing a safe haven for anyone interested.













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#### Alumni in the Spotlight



Alumni of the Alma College Men's soccer team and Women's team gather for an alumni game under the lights on Bahlke Field to celebrate the life of Paul Masnjak '89.



Brother Ken Burns '16 and sister Annie Burns '19 participate in a bike tour of Brittany and Normandy with alumni Christina Rann '14 and Paul Burns '81.



Cross Country Alumni and Friends gather together to put their old skills to the test in the Crystal Lake Team Marathon.



James McIntyre '69, Steve Meyer '80, and Alma College President Jeff Abernathy all participated in the ground breaking for the new Delta Gamma Tau House. DGT was founded in 1938 and officially recognized in 1939 after its first accepted pledge. Their founding was inspired by the crusaders of the Middle Ages and the "alma mater." The members of DGT work every day to incorporate such chivalry, friendliness, bravery, and honor of the crusaders and the pursuit of intellectual mastery encapsulated in the "alma mater." Delta Gamma Tau is proudly one of the most diverse groups of individuals on campus and hosts events such as the Turkey Warrior Bowl and monthly Big Brothers Big Sisters events. Excitingly, the soon to be 6,500 square foot house will allow an astonishing new atmosphere to continue such eclectic happenings. It is replacing its former 100 year house and will feature one single, seven double, and a separate RA suite, a kitchen, study lounge, chapter room, and basement laundry. The new DGT house is also being built with numerous safety features in mind. Alumni and friends worked incredibly hard to raise the funds to begin construction.





#### MAKING THE WORLD BETTER.

Alma College graduate Robert Schultz III '77 works hard to make the world a better place. Schultz has spent years studying issues ranging from marriage equality to the death penalty. He co-founded an organization for the African-American LGBT community and also serves on the board of the Howard Brown Health Center, the largest LGBT health provider in the Midwest. "Trying to give people hope is an important part of what I do," says Schultz.



#### CONTINUOUS INVOLVEMENT.

Kaleena Liedke, although graduated in 2005, didn't end her involvement with Alma College there. Liedke has spent the past six years serving as the chapter advisor and recently promoted to regional coordinator for Gamma Phi Beta, all while raising a family. In addition, Liedke demonstrates her skills in a couple Transportation and Oil companies as well as the co-ownership and designer of the home-based business Two Tutu Ladies.



#### PREPARATION.

Jacob Schroeder, class of 2003, regularly looks for ways to tie his success in the business world to Alma College contributions. Schroeder works for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation as director of services for Pure Michigan Business Connect. Yet, he always offers personal time to help prepare Alma College students achieve a higher level standard that will put them above the rest in the real world.

# [ Alumni ]



#### UKRAINE TO ALMA.

vitlana Kobzar, a 2004 graduate of Alma college, works to influence European Union Policies. Originally from Ukraine, Kobzar has lready influenced the world in incredible ways. Going from being really not confident and not mowing English that well, to thinking, 'Oh, I can oursue all these opportunities,' that change nappened at Alma," said Kobzar. Kobzar is the nead of the Department of International Affairs at Visuals College as well as the academic director of European Peace and Security Studies. Her avorite part about her work is the ability to teach and interact with students and advise olicymakers.



#### ALMA TO AUTOMOTIVE.

Jeffrey Leestma '78, is yet another notable alumni. Leestma's father, brothers, sister-in-law, and daughter all attended Alma College. In addition to providing determined spirit and excitement to all of the alumni, Leester is also creative director at Jack Morton Worldwide and a corporate writer on the General Motors account. He has worked in public relations for Honda and Chrysler and served as President of the Automotive Hall of Fame. Leestma exceeded his success as the managing editor of Automobile Quarterly magazine.



#### "IT'S A BLESSING".

Rev. Amjad Samuel, class of 1992, continuously pursues his intellectual curiosities thanks to Alma College. Samuel finished Alma in two years then proceeded to Duke University. "The thing that kept me working through the night was wanting the world to be a good place for everyone," said Samuel. "I feel very blessed that I had this opportunity to come to the U.S., then go back and apply it in Pakistan, and come back and be more reflective." Samuel is currently the rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Shelton,

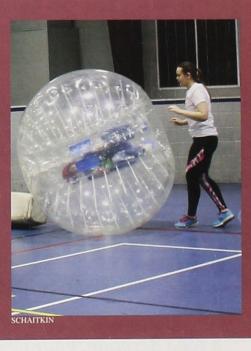


# [Campus Events]

On the campus of Alma College, there is never a dull moment. Education and fun mix together to create exciting events on campus all year long. Students and alumni first came out on a rainy, October Saturday to celebrate our Scottish pride. Students, staff, clubs and organizations united for a fighting cause during Relay For Life. A fan favorite event returned: Little Sib Weekend. This event allows students to have some quality bonding time with their younger siblings. Not only do the younger siblings spend time with their older brother or sister, but they also experience college life first hand. Another popular event on campus is Alma Con. Alma Con is an anime and gaming convention hosted by Otaku and Gamers at Alma College. Freshman Dominick Adams took part in the excitement saying, "I was part of Alma Con's Registration Committee. We handled the money for the whole event and made over a thousand dollars in three days. I was excited and filled with joy to see people dressed as their favorite characters from anime to comic book heroes. It felt like I was in Otaku heaven!"









Alma's offensive line gets set in the first quarter as freshman Oscar Flores prepares to snap the ball to Dylan Zaborowski '18. Zaborowski attempts to throw a corner route to senior Sean McDonald. The pass was hurried by Trine's defense and sailed over McDonald's head. "Being the first conference game, we had a lot riding on it to see what type of team we were," Flores said. "I feel like both teams played to the last whistle." This year's homecoming game started out with all the hype that Alma could give; the cheerleader's were loud, the fans in the crowd were anxious, and even some of the TKE brothers were painted up again. The afternoon began a little chilly, and everyone was hoping the bad weather would stay away. Bad weather, or not, the Scots came out fearless and determined to make this another win against Trine University. The Scots conquered their last opponent, Rockford University 42-21 which brought them in unfaltering. Homecoming progressed as the game was underway. Alma led the way through the first and second quarter without letting Trine score: at halftime the score was at 7-0. After the half, the cold and rain started, but the Scots were at it again. They increased their lead to 14-0 when Nick Sullivan '17 caught a 25 yard pass from Zaborowski and took it into the end zone. "I felt like we were very prepared going into the game," Sullivan said, "We played great for most of the game, but we had a couple plays that hurt us." Trine eventually found some room to break away and get a touchdown to decrease Alma's lead: 14-7. After some missed field goals and a few penalties, Trine took the lead in the fourth quarter partially due to a few penalty plays by the Scots, and then, ultimately, the game with a 21-20 victory. "It was a great atmosphere to play in, and I wish we could have come out on top, stated Zaborowski. "We played pretty well as a team, but couldn't ever bury them...Thanks to all the fans, the students, and the band members who sat through the bad weather. It was a lot of fun." With the number of students and parents in the stands, even after the rain started, it proved that the Scots played an intense and exciting game. Coach Greg Pscodna relayed some thoughts saying, "we played 'till the end...but sometimes those penalty plays hurt worse in the end." A great student turnout and encouraging Alma community members kept the team playing to the end to make for a memorable and exciting Homecoming 2015 Football game.





#### IN THE MOMENT.

Daniel Hugan '18 kneels as he takes a moment to himself before getting together with his team for preparation in the game against Trine. The number 95 signifies the remembrance of Rishaul Nital, who passed away before the season started.



#### LONG PASS.

Scrambling to his right, quarterback Dylan Zaborowski '18 sees a window as he is quick to pass off to his wide out Erik Hines '16. This was one of 15 passes he completed in the game to go with a touchdown.













"Loyal hearts will cherish ever, thoughts of thee throughout the year, pledging thee a fond devotion, guardian of thy hopes and fears. Alma, Alma sing of Alma mater, thy loyal children, chant thy hymn of praise." -Alma College Alma Mater



#### TIME OUT.

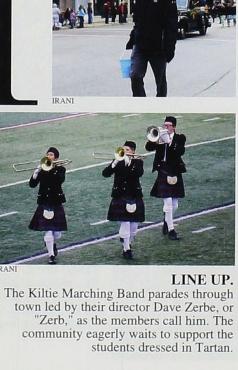
The team meets out on the field as they surround the coaches to celebrate and quickly prepare for defense against Trine at the start of the second quarter. The Scot's forced a punt to keep their lead of 7-0, but, ultimately, fell to the Thunder 21-20.





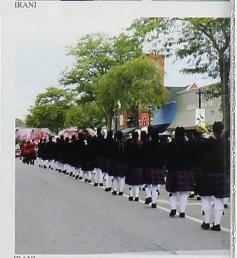


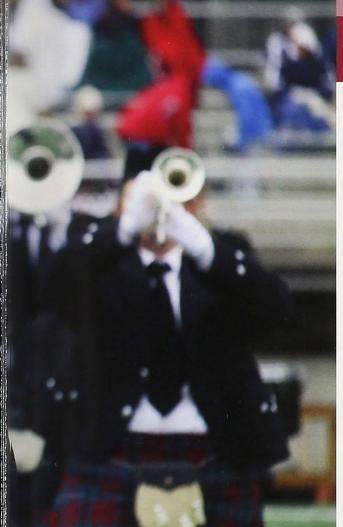
















Homecoming Weekend 2015.

MORE THAN JUST THE GAME.

Drum Major Emily Danks '17 stands at attention in front of the Kiltie Marching Band as they play Alma College's fight song during the pregame show. "We have a tradition during pregame: [the alumni] join us on the field and play the fight song," Danks said. "It shows that once you become a member of the Kiltie Marching Band, it never truly leaves you." Their pregame and halftime show were executed with pride and expertise, as always, despite the cold, rainy weather that started right as they went on for halftime. This year their show was named Within the Circle including the songs: "First Circle/Beat 70," "In Her Family," and "Third Wind/First Circle." Though the game and band are some of the most integral parts, many other organizations and groups come together to make the weekend well-rounded. Some fans were at the football game, and others were at the Soccer game over at Scotland Yard. Updates were being relayed to fans at each location about the other team to make the day the most inclusive it could be. Every year, an Alma class holds their 50th reunion during homecoming week, and this year, the class of 1965 reunited together. While the old was being reflected, the current memories were being made. Alma College's Percussion performed Friday night to kick the weekend off and get Alma excited. Saturday morning the Annual Matt Reinke 5k Color Run/Walk was held by the IPHS honorary. One of the IPHS students who helped organize the event was Allison Brown '17. "The 5k color run/race had a great turnout this year...we hope to continue the event in the future to encourage health within the Alma community," stated Brown. Into the later morning, DGT had their House Ground-breaking where their new house will be. "We are incredibly excited for this upcoming April, which is supposed to be the month when [the house] will be finally done. This unseasonable weather has worked to our advantage, and it seems that the house is going to be ready to be the canvas of new brotherhood experiences sooner than expected," said DGT brother, Jose Antonio Maldonado '17. Progressing through the day, the Homecoming parade came and went along with the Alumni Picnic. Later in the evening, Alma College choir ended the night to make it a wonderful





Laughing in astonishment, TJ Koehler '16 and Nicole Eccles '16 are more than surprised while their names are being announced as Alma's 2015 Homecoming King and Queen. They looked directly at each other in absolute amazement, and Eccles reminisced saying, "It



















This year's Relay For Life of Alma College marks another successful year for Relayers in the community of Alma. The members of the organization Colleges Against Cancer have picked a different theme and organized the event differently each year to add variety and spur interest. This year's theme, MargaRelayville, allowed the campus to escape the chilly temperatures on March 19th for a tropical 16 hours in the Recreational Center. Members of Pi Mu Alpha sang to the Relayers at the Opening Ceremony, kick starting the day. The Survivor Ceremony followed later in the afternoon in honor of the cancer survivors who have held a special place in the hearts of the Relayers. Those survivors able to attend the event were provided with t-shirts and a special honorary dinner. Following the dinner, Relayers moved outside for a balloon release. In between ceremonies, Colleges Against Cancer members had planned various activities that participants were free to get involved in. These activities varied from a wing eating contest, jump house fun, a magician, karaoke and more. Students from various organizations competed for prizes, victories, and laughs. They also hosted their own tables with donation-raising activities, ranging from food sales, pieing a member in the face, sending a friend to jail, stress-free packages, and silent auction goods. There were also events that matched the beach themed decorations, including a limbo contest. As the night progressed, Relayers' attention was drawn to a more serious and sentimental Ceremony, the Luminaria Ceremony. This ceremony provided participants with a song performance from Alma's singing group Scots On the Rocks followed by a slideshow of those who have lost, are still fighting, or have won their battle against cancer. Relayers came together for the Fight Back Ceremony, which consisted of a volleyball tournament to demonstrate the physical fight back. By Closing Ceremonies, Alma had concluded one of the most successful Relay For Life events that

# Cancer Is a Beach

the campus had ever seen.

[ Relay for Life ]











#### SURVIVOR SUCCESS.

One member shared insight about this year's survivors. "We were able to bring in a lot of survivors-both family members of students and faculty and members of the community," offered Warren Elmer '18.

#### COMMUNITY WITH UNITY.

Relay For Life showed many improvements this year. "It was amazing watching the alma communitycome together and prove that we are more than just that—we are a family," expressed Danielle Harm '16.

#### DO IT TO DONATE.

DGT brothers raised donations by having Relayers pie them in the face. "Relay is a great way for different organizations to come together for a great cause," stated Amanda Kline '18.







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begin, Alma College often provides support to a variety of things by inviting the community to participate in theme events. For example, Throwdown In A-Town provides coaches, players, and staff the opportunity to demonstrate their appreciation for the community. Alma's "Stomping Out the Suicide Stigma" is also well known around campus. "We always get up super early to put all the flags out and by the end of it you're looking at a field covered in morning mist and yellow flags and it's just a lot to take in seeing a visual representation of how many people we lost to suicide every year," said Active Minds Secretary Mairi Clow '16. The support offered by students, staff and family can be overwhelming. That's just one of the many heartwarming characteristics Alma College possesses. Throughout the school year, students often find themselves stressed and in need of a bit of relief. Alma offers therapy dogs in the library. It's a fantastic way for students to get their mind out of the books for a little while and unwind. Such intense studying leads us to Alma's Honor's Day. Students have the opportunity to present research and their findings. The shared final products often consist of months, if not years of dedicated studies, travels, publication and interpretation. Occasionally, select scholars participate in what is known as Alma College TedX talks. Such program allows selforganized participants to bring their ideas together sparking deep discussions and connections. TedX talks provide guidance to individuals and often renew and accentuate passions about certain topics. This year in particular, COM major Avery Van Ess '16 feels called to "give youth a voice to embrace their individuality because of the many times she felt voiceless and insignificant as a young girl trying to come into herself. In the future, Van Ess would like to open a youth organization emphasizing tutoring/ education for children, exposure to cultural activities, and much more.

Alma College is home to countless events each and every year. Come one, come all to campus to participate in the broad variety of things offered. To

#### SURVIVOR SUCCESS.

Former Alma Women's Basketball Coach Keisha Brown's husband guest speaks at Alma's Pink Game in honor of Coach Brown's Angel Wings Foundation. This year alone, over \$2000 was raised by students, friends, and families.

#### LITTLE SIBS.

Alma College student and little sister are seen with Scotty before enduring all the wonderful activities Alma College offers on Little Sibs weekend.

#### COMMUNICATE.

Kristin Olbertson, Associate Professor of History, appeared as a guest speaker for one of Alma's TedX talks. As a member of the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, Olbertson talks the importance of good conversation around mental health by advocating improved access to quality mental health care for all people, especially children.











# [Events]



#### ALMA CON.

Each year, hundreds gather at Alma College for Alma Con. Individuals have the opportunity to be themselves, meet life long friends, and dress the part of their favorite characters at this anime and gaming convention. "Everyone is just so accepting of each other here. These conventions feel like home," explained one participant.



















On Honors Day, Alma College celebrates the tradition of the liberal arts by canceling regular classes and hosting a campus-wide conference showcasing major research projects and creative work from across the disciplines. For example, Ali Ahmed '17 examined the impact of state interventions in the marketplace on the well-being of ordinary citizens. C.J. Oswald offered a philosophical justification for "moral vegetarianism," while Isabelle Limondin showcased her ballet choreography. Whether the topic be advanced economics or philosophy or dance, one attribute remained constant throughout every presentation—each revealed the student's passion for their work. During the day, five sessions took place with numerous presentations going on at once.



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THE POLITICAL PROFESSOR.

Jake Fox '16 lectures on the "Court Packing" plan created by Franklin Roosevelt to expand the Supreme Court. Fox was inspired by a Constitutional History Class taught by Dr. Olbertson and continued his research in the FDR archival library.



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#### HEALTH FOR SCHOOLS.

In creating her program B.E.A.T.S., Sarah Schneider '16 hoped to address the problem of obesity in Gratiot County by teaching children about health and exercise.



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# [ Honors Day ]

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"Honors Day is a chance for students to present all of the hardwork they've been focusing on all year" -Emily Price





Rebecca Blasius '16 presents a poem from the *Pine River Anthology* that expresses the stress and turmoil of life and depicts us as blank canvases upon which we express our inner colors.

# GOLF

[30] Campus Life

# [Academics]

Alma College is committed to the liberal arts, and that means that academics are about more than just passing tests and getting good grades. "Our goal, as always," says President Abernathy, "is to assure that Alma graduates are prepared to be lifelong learners and contributors to their local, regional, and global communities." Each of the academic disciplines at Alma challenges its students to go beyond the classroom and connect what they are learning to the larger world. The faculty challenges students to reach for their potential, and the college expects the same of its professors. This year, the college received a grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation to challenge faculty to think outside the box and be innovative in their approach to the classroom. "Our faculty are asking: What do we do when we do our best? What is distinctive about what we do?" noted, President Abernathy. "The answers to these questions will guide our exploration of curricular change that highlights our strengths, improves student learning and enhances what a liberal arts college is all about."







# Faculty Spotlight







#### THE GAME OF POLITICS.

From taking students to Scotland to study Scottish separatism first hand to engaging them in comparative politics through games, Political Science Professor Britt Cartrite has a passion for helping students think critically about the world of politics. Cartrite was recognized with the Barlow Award for Faculty Excellence for his commtiment to innovative teaching, his long record of service, and his scholarship. Cartrite has expertise in comparative politics and ethnopolitics.

#### BEYOND THE EXPECTED.

Visiting Professor of Anthropology Megan McCullen arrived on campus in 2010 under the expectation that she would help teach classes. She did that... and so much more. This year, McCullen was awarded the Barlow Award for Faculty Excellence in recognition of the ways she has gone above and beyond, excelling not only in the roles expected of her, but also taking on a level of mentoring, advising, committee work, and community engagement that is, in the words of her colleagues, "extraordinary." McCullen is an ethnohistorian who focuses on 17th century indigenous cultures of the Great Lakes.

#### THE POWER OF EMPATHY.

For Assistant Professor of History Danny Wasserman, exploring the distant past means cultivating the empathy necessary to understand the lives and the belief systems of people who lived many years ago. It is through the power of empathy that we discover figures that "surprise us... We often say that we should study history so that we avoid repeating the mistakes of the past," Wasserman noted. "But I would emphasize the opposite: so often, history gives us amazing people whose example is worth emulating in many ways." Wasserman was recognized with the 2016 Andison Award for Excellence in Teaching.







#### LIVE IN THE MOMENT.

On stage and off, Professor Emeritus Joe Jezewski continues to influence alumni like Jonathon Musser '05 and Jacquese Smart '02. For Musser, the most impactful lesson has been "to live in the moment"—both on stage and off. Focusing on the moment "releases the past, eliminates anxiety about the future" and reminds us that "all you need is directly in front of you. For Jezewski, a successful theater program has to encourage students to "take risks and stretch themselves beyond their comfort zone... they need a place where they are not afraid of failure and where success is measured in terms of individual growth and development." It is this emphasis on reaching "students on deeply personal levels" that Musser remembers best. After 33 years directing the theater program, Jezewski leaves behind a strong and vibrant culture of theater and many current and former students who have been transformed by his teaching and mentorship.

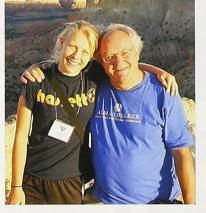
#### RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP.

When Professors Murray Borrello and Ed Lorenz nominated Professor of Communication Michael Vickery for the title of Professor Emeritus, they shared the words of the many alumni who wrote in to honor Vickery on his retirement. Vickery, alumni noted, taught them to "think big," to "follow your natural curiousity, "and use what they learned to foster a "fair and responsible world." He also taught "the true value of words. Words should be measured, meaningful, impactful, and backed by action." Vickery, who began teaching at Alma in 1992, has two enduring legacies. He founded the Department of Communication and has been a shaping influence in the Center for Responsible Leadership. In retirement, he looks forward to devoting time to fly fishing in Michigan's many rivers.

#### DR. MR. AND DR. MRS.

Emeritus Professors Wally and Gwyneth Beagley, known by their students as "Dr. Mr. and Dr. Mrs.," will cherish memories of the "amazing things" accomplished by students and alumni of Psychology. For Wally Beagley, who began teaching at Alma in 1976, teaching has been a way to promote "a sense of wonder about the natural world," as well as to develop the toolkit that allows students a "polite skepticism toward experts and authorities." Gwyneth Beagley, who began in 1985, has especially enjoyed working with students on independent research projects. Through the challenges of these projects, students gain "a sense of what research is," as well as what they are capable of, For Hailey Albert '16, her work with "Dr. Mrs," taught her the patience to embrace the fact that "every brain is different," and that means that "imperfections are a beautiful thing in research," even as they can make it challenging. Both Beagleys look forward to more time for "friends, family (especially grandchildren) and travel.

















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# Great Scots



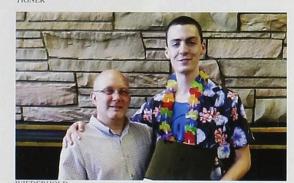
#### SERVING GENEROUSLY.

Alma College prides itself of its culture of service; this year Service Learning Coordinator Anne Ritz was awarded the 2016 Michigan Campus Compact's Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of her role in growing that campus culture. "Anne has taken service-learning at Alma College to new heights," said Robin Lynn Grinnell, executive director of Michigan Campus Compact.... her tireless dedication to creating positive experiences for students inspires all of us to go a little farther in our work." Ritz, who departed from Alma in May, leaves behind a legacy will endure for years to come.



#### INCLUDING ALL.

South Complex Coordinator Willard Korson has an impressive history as an effective advocate—on who has worked hard to ensure Alma's campus is inclusive and safe for all students regardless of race. ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. This year, Korson was awarded a Great Scot Award for his leadership in developing a plan for offering gender-inclusive bathroom facilities. "Working with others across campus, Willard played a lead role in highlighting the need for gender inclusive restroom facilities and identifying a low cost approach to meeting this need on campus," said President Abernathy.



#### RECOGNIZING OTHERS.

Custodian Trent Wiederhold poses with Cameron Spitzfaden, this year's recipient of a scholarship Wiederhold established for residence assistants. Wiederhold wanted to recognize the work of RAs because "even when they are not on duty, they are looked to as someone there to help." An avid photographer, Wiederhold also documents campus events and shares his images with students on Facebook. "It's fun. I get to know students." Wiederhold noted. Wiederhold was awarded the Commitment to Service Award in honor of his contributions to student life and to making students feel at home on campus.





#### ADVANCING ALMA.

Behind the scenes, a team of people work to make academic life at Alma College possible. This group, the Advancement team, is responsible for fundraising. Under the leadership of Matt vandenBerg, Alma's new Vice President of Advancement, Alma has just ended its best year in fundraising in college history. For their work in rethinking how we raise funds, President Abernathy awarded them a Great Scot award. "Structural changes to this year's annual fund enabled donors to direct their gifts toward areas they care deeply about," said Abernathy. "Donors provided Alma College with budget relief (Alma Fund), supplied students with scholarships (Scot Scholarship Fund), and enriched a wide range of academic and athletic programs." Beyond the ways that this record year helps the college's bottom line, it speaks to the fact that donors and alumni "believe in what we do here," Abernathy noted.

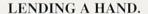


#### MANAGING INFORMATION.

IT staff work behind the scenes to manage they systems we all depend on. This year, Tony King and Larry Elliot took the lead in migrating the college to the new Office 365 email platform. Alan Crowley worked with Courtney Koch in Admissions to implement a new customer relationship management system for Admissions. All four earned a Great Scot in thanks for helping us manage information better.



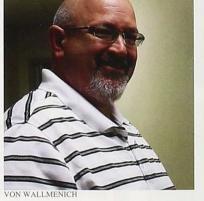
When you walk into the library, chances are one of the first faces you see will be Melissa Hovey's. Hovey was recognized with a Great Scot for her outstanding service and courtesy.



Whether she is helping staff manage budgets or teaching Girl Scouts how to sell more cookies, Assistant Controller Cassie Tennant goes out of her way to help others make ends meet. Tennant was awarded both a Great Scot Award and a Commitment to Service Award for her tireless efforts to both help manage college resources and be a bridge between the college and the community through her service.

#### THE GLUE.

Kelly Austin is more than the administrative assistant to the Vice President of Enrollment. According to her colleagues, she is the "glue that holds the enrollment team together." Austin was recognized with a Great Scot for her efforts to keep Admissions running smoothly as it adjusted to the dramatic increase in applications this year.













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# Internships & Research



#### DEVELOPING EXPERIENCE.

What started as an idea soon turned into a reality for Grace Sutherland 17 and Bonnie Hamilton '17. In the hills of Scotland, they studied the renewable and sustainable development of the soil. As assistants for the University of Edinburgh, the girls spent time working on projects and traveling around the country learning about 14th century agriculture. "We experienced a lot of the real world, and I discovered how much I enjoyed working in the field," said Hamilton. With connections from the University, both students are interested in continuing their education in Scotland.



#### YOU DON'T KNOW DETROIT.

Detroit has recently been looking towards rebranding their city. Working with Team Detroit, Morgan Markowiz '16 helped in the accounting section of the agency. Out of four intern groups, Markowiz's team won the competition and was awarded the chance to present their idea, "You Don't Know Detroit," to the city council. This was the first big presentation Markowiz had ever given, and the city decided to put the plan into action. After having this amazing opportunity, Markowiz would like to work for an advertising agency after Alma, following in her mother's and aunt's footsteps.



#### TEDIOUS TODDLERS.

With an interest in psychology, Marissa Nivison '18 knew that she wanted to work with research. Dr. Brandi Stupica helped Nivison throughout the summer as her research assistant. Together, they studied children of all ages and spent hours doing tedious data analysis. Nivison was also given the chance to be trained in Ecmans facial decoding system. "Research is very important to get into grad school, and I did not want to wait until my senior thesis to start, "said Nivison, "I like getting to work with people, producing work, and understanding their behavior and thought process. Research is a lot of fun!









#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

At St. Mark's Anglican Church in Mzuzu, Malawi, 50 orphans and their guardians gathered for a hot meal. Katherine Vaillancourt '16 helped the church make rice for their regular Saturday morning feeding program.



Mason Molesky '17 and Sarah Jack '16 worked at the NASA Ames Research Center disrupting small meteorites in a vacuum chamber with aluminum bullets. After the chamber was cleaned, they sized and weighed the particles left behind and determined how the bullet affects the meteorite.

#### PRESERVING HISTORY.

In the northern Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Jacob Judd '16 learned how to restore and preserve old documentations. Keweenaw National Historical Park gave Judd the opportunity to work at their museum with 18th century historical artifacts.





#### SCIENCE IN THE BOG.

After three years of extensive work with Dr. John Rowe, three students are wrapping up their data analysis of turtles and snakes in Vestaburg, MI. Out at Alma College's Ecological station, Tyler Goerge '17, Billy Mulligan '17 and Chelsea Martin '16 have spent many long hours at the bog. Their long term project consisted of looking at the behavior and temperatures of snapping turtles and three species of snakes found in a particular area of the bog. Radio telemetry helped the team track the whereabouts of the turtles. They paddled out into the middle of the lake and held out the radio transmitter listening for a beep. Goerge stated, "It's similar to a game of hot and cold. The beep gets louder the closer you are to the turtle." Three times a day, seven days a week, the data was collected on five turtles. The experiment was designed to see what kind of microhabitats and moving patterns the turtles have. The transmitter in the turtle also recorded their temperatures every 15 minutes for the past three years. Similar transmitters, called "pit tags," were placed under the skin of the snakes to capture the same data. Every morning, snakes were collected, tagged, charted, and weighed so that when they are captured again, the students could see the changes in them. Mulligan said that "some of the coolest and most beautiful things I have ever seen, or done, have been at the bog. Because of my research, I will have great opportunities in the future." All of his work with snakes and turtles sparked Goerge's interest in doing the same type of research with sharks. For three weeks over the summer, he worked with a group of scientists down in Fiji studying the behavior of small sharks. Satellite tracking of sharks will help people figure out where the sharks are mating and living so that those areas of the ocean can be











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# Study Abroad





FAMILY TREE. For Mackenzie Kalisiewicz '17, her study abroad program was something she fought for. Growing up in a family that has polish roots and traditions, it had always been her dream to study in Poland. Living in the dorms of Warsaw School of economics, A history major, Kalisiewicz studied the Jewish culture in Poland. One week during her semester, she visited four countries: Poland, England, Italy and Germany. She visited friends in England, toured Berlin and met friends in Rome where they saw the sights. "I kept a small book where I wrote down different facts that I learned and memories" in order to remember every part of the trip, commented Kalisiewicz.



#### ADVENTURE IS OUT THERE.

While learning Spanish in high school, junior Marianna Smith was taught by a teacher who studied the language in Chile. This inspired her to adventure to Chile for a semester. She lived with a host family and went to a school where not many spoke English. "My main goal was greater control over the language. I wanted to enjoy a semester of traveling, hiking, and having adventures in another country." On one adventure she spent 6 hours hiking to the top of a volcano. Making new friends is a great benefit of traveling internationally. Smith created bonds with girls that cannot be broken by distance, they have plans to go back to Chile again for one of her host sister's graduation.



#### FUTURE ABROAD.

Before her time at Alma College was complete, Lauren Cain '16 decided to study abroad in Scotland, a beautifully green country where she could study Scottish literature and medieval law. Cain mentioned, "My study abroad experience was so amazing that I have decided to go to law school at the University of Glasgow in the fall. I fell in love with being abroad and traveling. I really enjoyed being surrounded by different cultures every day." She also was able to visit other countries in Europe like Ireland and Switzerland and gain more knowledge of different cultures and more personal independence.







#### AUSTRALIA.

Emma Hogan '17 decided to spend a semester at the University of Wollongong in Australia. There Hogan was able to take history and theatre classes. Hogan explained "I wanted my time abroad to teach me more about myself, and I think it has.'



For Maria Ribadeneira '18 Alma College gave her the opportunity to study in Heidelberg, Germany. Her time there helped refresh her German speaking skills and learn that there is so much to discover in



While studying Spanish in Ecuador, Max Short '18 traveled to many beautiful places. He zip-lined in El Banos, went off road biking down an active volcano, balanced an egg on the Equator, and got lost in the city. He even tried a local delicacy, roasted guinea pig!





#### FRANCE.

For five months, Allison Smith '17 learned and lived in the city of Rennes, France: a small town in western France that is very student-oriented. The program that Smith traveled through allowed her to stay with a host family, which allowed her to practice her French speaking skills. "The language barrier was a huge obstacle that I did not think would have a huge impact on my experience, but I was very wrong! You do not realize how difficult and almost painful it is to try and express yourself without knowing the vocabulary,' explained Smith. As a French major, Smith quickly fell in love with Rennes rich Celtic history, medieval buildings, and the traditional Breton culture. One event that Smith got to be apart was the fest noz: a night party with dancing and music dating back to the medieval times. An important part of studying abroad in Europe is the opportunity you have to experience several different countries and their beauty. During semester breaks, Smith tried her hand at navigating Europe's complex transportations systems: meeting a large amount of interesting people along the way. The Castellane in the Gorges du Verdon was her favorite place that she visited in the south of France because of the breathtaking views that came in every direction. "Throughout the semester I gained a confidence that I didn't know I'd lost. As a child, I always wanted to travel and fearlessly explore the world, but somewhere along the way, I became scared. I don't feel that way anymore! Traveling forced me to expand my comfort zone: from backpacking the gorges in southern France, and biking in Amsterdam to navigating the water taxis in Venice. Smith plans to continue using French so that she does not lose what she has learned and continue to improve. Her appreciation for the world, global community, and all the little things we overlook in our daily lives have started to stand in a new light for Smith.









# Spring Term



#### COMING HOME.

Julia Palaian '17 celebrates a return to her ancestral home in the Armenian countryside. Since she was a young child, she has dreamed of visiting her family's homeland, "the land where my blood, roots, and ancestors originated." Palaian spent her spring term volunteering at Our Lady of Armenia Orphanage in Gyumri, which serves about 45 orphaned girls from ages 6 to 18. She also studied the effects of the Armenian genocide and the comparative differences between U.S. and Armenian educational systems. For Palaian, it was "an indescribable feeling" to live and work in Armenia. "I knew I was home," she said.

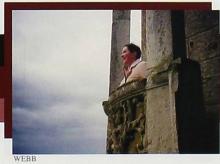
#### NEW PASSIONS.

Hannah Billig '18 explores the unique properties of the equator by balancing an egg at the midpoint between the poles. Billig, an integrated physiology major, spent her spring semester with several other Alma students attending classes at Academia Latinoamericana in Quito, Ecuador. Beyond deepening both her Spanish-language skills and her appreciation for Ecuador's rich culture, the experience unlocked a new passion for travel. "I had never been out of the country," Billig said, "now I don't want to leave Ecuador." In fact, Billig did not leave; she extended her stay for a whole semester in order to learn, travel and experience more.



#### KIGALI CONNECTIONS.

Calin Deck '18 spends time with a student during recess at Little Angels School in Kigali, Rwanda. Deck, who is majoring in elementary education and special education, spent her spring term observing and teaching in the kindergarten classroom of alumna Kelsey Merz '11, who has been teaching in Kigali since 2013. For Deck, this was a chance to teach in a classroom with students from many different nationalities and learn more about the differences between U.S. and Rwandan educational systems, as well as the role of Christian missionary schools in Africa.



#### WRITER'S PARADISE.

While most might picture tropical beaches and sail boats when thinking of Key West, for the literaryminded crowd, Key West is a paradise of a different sort. Few other communities can boast as impressive a concentration of world class, pulitzer prize winning writers, from Ernest Hemingway to Elizabeth Bishop. For Professor Steven Vest, it is this "incredible tradition of writing" produced in Key West that makes it an ideal location for a poetry workshop. Living on Key West for a month provides students a chance to retreat and experience the isolation of this place that is "literally the end of the road." While students might expect beach resorts, what they discover is "a quiet place of gardens" and a self-contained community that moves as a slower, island pace, said Vest. "It is a place that encourages you to think, to read, and to write." Vest noted, but it is also a "place where you find yourself." For Vest, it is these conditions that make Key West into a vibrant writer's paradise.







#### CHINA'S PEOPLE.

Ben Thelen '17 and Becka Bale '18 show their Alma spirit while hiking the Great Wall of China. While it might not seem that there is a clear link between the calculus classroom and the Great Wall, it was there that mathematics professor Zhewei Dai first got the idea for a spring term course that would travel to China. "My occasional tangents in a Calculus classroom usually involved stories of my upbringing and learning mathematics in school," Dai said. "I suppose the stories piqued my students interest; one day a few said "Dr. Dai, you should take students to China!" The course immerses students in the diverse culture and people of China, from urban Hong Kong to rural Henan Province. The twenty day excursion ends with a hike along the Great Wall before students return to campus.





#### HOBBITS AT HOME.

Ally LaDuke '17 takes a break from New Zealand's spectacular scenery to visit everyone's favorite Hobbit village in Matamata. Beyond its fame as the location for the Lord of the Rings films, New Zealand's unique island setting provides students a way to explore the interconnected relationships between geography, biology, and human culture. Visiting all three islands of the nation, students saw the diverse landscapes and cultures. While hiking and bungie jumping were fun, for LaDuke, it was the home stay that was the most impactful part of the course. "We were able to break away from the group and embrace the everyday life of a New Zealander," she said. Lead by Eric Calhoun, a professor of biology, and Tincy Goggin, an instructor of mathematics, the course focused on an interdisciplinary study of the natural history, economics, politics, culture and climate of the southwestern Pacific Ocean nation.















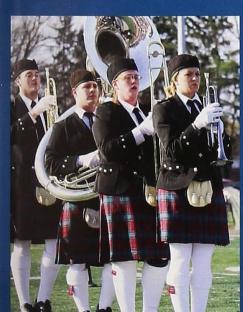
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[40] Academics



# [Arts]

At Alma, the arts are taken very seriously, but they are also full of compassion and fun. Many artistic groups at Alma take pride when they perform and, as a school, we take pride in having such a wonderful performing arts program. "I love going to the shows Alma College students prepare and perform for us," stated Sophmore Becka Bale. "They put alot of heart into them, and you can tell it means a lot, and I like that." Alma College's Art program involves a wide range of programs, including Theater, Marching Band, Dance Company, Highland Dancing, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Orchestra, Concert Band, Scots On The Rocks, Pretty In Plaid, and Choir. Along with these comes an amazing program of visiting artists on campus and an art gallery full of art created by local, regional, and student artists. Many of these performing arts have outstanding performances that are known nationally. Many students in the arts convey high quality music, seriousness, and some fun. Elizabeth Bierlein states that "as a freshman, I love being apart of the arts here at Alma College. Not only do I have family and friends that I can go to, but I also have teachers to help improve my musical quality along with growing as a person. Knowing this is great because being a freshman here is so much change, but you have people to fall back on." Without all of the directors and staff members in the arts, there wouldn't be an outlet for creative students to display their talents and skills.







#### The Flora Kirsh Beck Art Gallery



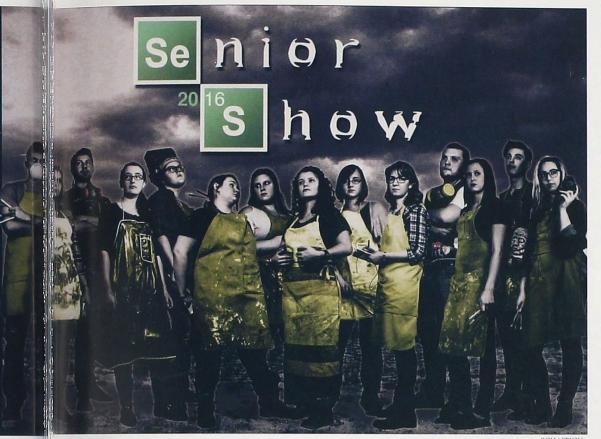
#### VINCE TORANO.

The award winning painter left his mark on the art world by taking famous pieces of work and adding an unexpected twist to them. This show was a selection of paintings that showed his development of intimate and diaristic themes throughout his life.



#### VALERIE ALLEN AND ARMIN MERSAMANN

The husband and wife team from Midland shared their explorations of abstraction and realism through different media forms and techniques. Allen's wax-based large pieces of work balances the intricate nature and intimate portrait projects of



In the last month of their college career, fourteen seniors showed their final works in the Flora Kirsch Beck Gallery. "This is the culmination of the students' entire experience in the Alma Art Department. They have worked hard to develop a particular body of work," said Benjamin Lambert, Assistant Professor of Art and Design. This was the first year the seniors had to defend their work for their senior thesis to graduate. In the past, seniors were encouraged to present class assignments throughout their time at Alma. The senior show allows the students to exhibit their work in a professional space and to gain experience that will help them after graduation. "This is how the practicing art world functions," noted Assistant Professor of Art Jillian Dickson, "and that is what we are encouraging." The senior show allows students to produce "a body of work" that can help them compete when applying to a professional gallery or graduate program.



#### JERI HOLLISTER.

As a native Michigander, Jeri Hollister's passion for horses and clay can be traced back to his roots in the mitten state. He continues exploring these passion by experimenting with ceramic processes. His exhibit expanded three decades of work, including recent work shown in France.





like to experiment with how drawings can communicate and influence clay forms."

fire clay techniques. Cupples stated, "I also

TWELVE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC. After the curve ball of being told the seniors had to produce all new work for their capstone art show, Jerry Cupples was inspired to look for a solution, much like how ancient people looked to the stars for answers resulting with the Zodiac Signs. Cupples used clay and the many different

SAVE THE WORLD WITH ART. Anniegrace Heise was inspired by the environmental factors that are currently affecting the ecosystem. Heise said, "I have been asked 'why did you put black water in that fish bowl?' numerous times. If these people were REALLY looking at the painting. They would have realized that the black water is really a captive Orca whale."



#### MIXING MUSIC AND ART.

Mary Frances Eshleman '16 fused art and music for her senior show work. She drew inspiration from the piano piece Clair de Lune by Claude Debussy. "My work includes five white pencil/ charcoal drawings that depict my hands as I play Clair de Lune. I even recorded myself playing the piece so viewers can also listen and experience the mood firsthand," said Eshleman.

#### [The Final Masterpiece]











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#### The annual Festival of Carols has been a campus tradition for 22 years. It is a holiday celebration in which the various choir groups sing traditional hymns and Christmas songs, and for many in the community, it is an important part of their holiday season. The production is a three day trek (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) that draws the attention of students, faculties, families, and the community alike. This year's program included: "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Zion Hears the Watchmen Calling," "We Three Kings," "Mary Had a Baby," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman," and much more. The choir also sang the original piece "One by One." Accompanied by piano, the song was by Murray Gross an associate professor of music and director of the Alma Symphony Orchestra. The song was a celebration of Hanukkah and the traditional lighting of the Menorah. The event was held in the Oscar E. Remick Heritage Center for the Performing Arts. Senior Jordan Skully, member of the Alma College Chorale, said of the event, "[The Festival of Carols] is the largest choir concert that is put on by the choir each year. It is held at the end of first semester and brings in a lot of families and people from town. It is a lot of fun for everyone and seems to get the spirit of the holidays out there." All were encouraged to come, and students and faculty of Alma College gained free admission, but as with past years, it was important to get tickets in advance; the performance always sells out. The festival was a great way to kick off the holidays and listen to the sacred carols that have brought joy and serenity to our society for centuries. If nothing else, the Festival of Carols can be seen as a bonding event for those involved in the production. "The choir has always had a strong bond and a hard work ethic; whether you're in choir, glee club, or chorale, you will create great friendships with those around you," explained Skully. The choir is a large part of campus and anyone interested in pursuing it, or just trying it out to see what it is about, is strongly encouraged to contact Mr. Nichols, or

# WORKING TOGETHER.

# SINGING IN THE HOLIDAYS

anyone in the music department.

[Choir]









The much anticipated event that is the Festival of Carols is normally announced as a choir production, but there are multiple groups that make up this glorious event. There are more than 110 members in the Alma College Glee club, College Chorale, and Alma Choir. "I was a member of the Alma College Chorale all four years," stated Jordan Skully '16. "My most memorable choir moment was actually singing with my friend Matt Wallace. He no longer goes to Alma, but it was really awesome to see him at school and in the choir." The Festival of Carols is directed by Will Nichols and accompanied by pianist Tony Patterson.





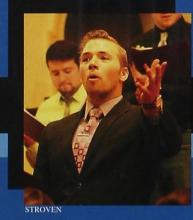




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For the last ten years, Scots on the Rocks has continued to gain musical fame on Alma's campus with unique medleys and fancy plaid vests. For two years, the group has been led by Senior Cody Rozeveld. Every member sings with the Alma College choir and performs a separate piece of their choice at every choir concert. Dedication to practices several times during the week keeps the men in good company with one another and creates a stronger bond between them. While traveling with the Alma College choir on their spring tour, the ensemble performed their medley mash up of "Cheerleader" and "Hot Hot." This was a crowd and group favorite. Rozeveld '16 noted, "We have done some great pieces in my time, and I truly enjoyed our Christmas song last year: '12 Days of Christmas,' arranged by the group Straight No Chaser." Along with the College's female acapella group, the SOTR helped open the show with a soft rendition of "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas." The future of this group is in great hands as more sophomores and juniors will be there to cheer on each other while continuing to stay

### Musical Cheerleaders

#### [ Scots On The Rocks ]

#### THE BIG FINISH.

With the end of the year in sight, the members of Scot on the Rocks and Pretty in Plaid decided to put together a final treat for campus in the Chapel. Together they put on a final show during exam week filled with crowd favorites. For SOTR this was an opportunity for them to introduce some of their new members who will carry on the group's lecacy next year. For the campus, this was a great opportunity to take a break from exam studying and reenergize to the harmonic stylings of Alma College's two acapella groups.





#### Songfest Champions.

As one of the newer choir groups on Alma's campus, the Pretty in Plaid group entered the ACUB sponsored event. Songfest. They wanted to create an awareness of their group and to show people their sound. This was the first time that the group had entered the competition; they were successful in winning this year and would like to continue to enter in the years to follow. The group performed a medley by the band Imagine Dragon, covering the popular song "Radioactive." "It was really gratifying to win, it was almost a sign that what we're doing is worthwhile," said Naria Ford-Thompson '18. Second and third place for Songfest went to Gabrielle Fazio '16 and Max Bourne '16 pictured on the left with Pretty in Plaid after the winners were announced.





## Welcome to the New Age

[ Pretty In Plaid ]

Music effects people in different ways. For the members of Pretty in Plaid, there is something special about the effects created when the only instrument is the human voice. Whether they were remixing popular hits or traditional favorites, the women in Pretty in Plaid worked hard this year to perfect their sound and grow the group's visibility and reputation on campus. Summer Eipper '18 was elected as the group's leader at the beginning of the year and has been helping the group grow as a team. "The future of Pretty in Plaid is very bright," said Eipper, "with new members on the horizon and more upbeat and popular song selections." During every choir concert, Pretty in Plaid is given a chance to share one of their song medleys with the audience. While traveling over spring break, the group performed "Long Time Traveler" by Wailin' Jenny because it is a beautiful song that fit all of their voices perfectly. During Festival of Carols the group started the show, warming up the audience and preparing them for the rest of the night's festive Christmas classics. One of the ensemble's senior members, Joanna Delpaz, exclaimed, "It was fun to start the show off. It was entertaining to see the faces in the audience get excited as the show was about to begin.











#### Marching band shifts gears this fall and aims toward creating a new storyline with their performances. With 97 sets to practice and memorize in the two weeks of band camp, the marching band demonstrated high strengths in teamwork and dedication. "For the first two weeks of band camp, we wanted to get at least the first set down. By the end of the two weeks of camp, we had all three sets down. That was shocking," said sophomore James Gaddy. The band took pride in this accomplishment and their ability to succeed. "We have definitely succeeded in putting the sets together and making a really nice production that everyone should love and make alumni come back and say, 'Wow, it's great to be a kiltie." stated Freshman Benjamin Elliot. Their hard work and enthusiasm created a more light-hearted and fun way to get the audience involved in supporting the band. The band and football team also built morale by practicing with one another throughout the season. The entire season of positive contributions led up to one of the marching band's biggest events: the indoor show. The indoor show pushed the marching band to practice longer, more intense hours. "We practice a lot. The week before indoor show is intense," said Junior Jill Kemper. One way of eliminating pressure for the band is by performing a new, more adventurous set in addition to the halftime show. According to Junior Erika Zenchak, the 2015 indoor show was unlike last year's because "the music that we played was Van Halen, and it was more popular songs. This year, the songs are different and not as well known." The indoor show consisted of the sets that were performed at half-time during football games, and the Earth, Wind, and Fire performance. The Earth, Wind, and Fire set included the songs "September," "Faces," and "In the Stone." It was also spiced up with various fun, new elements, such as thematic costumes, intricate stage

# That's the

#### [ Marching Band ]

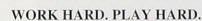












During half time at Bahlke Field, Jill Kemper '17 plays "In Her Family" on the marimba. "We want people to know that Alma has a really good marching band," stated Kemper.





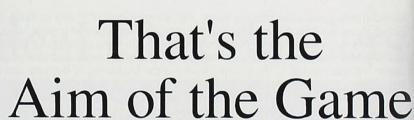
EXPRESSIVE ELEMENTS.

The marching band plays the *Earth, Wind, and Fire* set at the indoor show. The performance called for the band to dress up in costumes representing the '70s or the elements earth, wind, and fire.

was kind of nervous, but then I met with my section and we really got to know each other," said Benjamin Elliot '19.





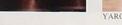


lighting, and new musical styles. The indoor show ended the season of marching band with a fiery new touch in taste and



















Working with Alma's Symphony Orchestra for his 12th season, Dr. Murray Gross spends many hours choosing appropriate music with a modern twist so that the audience and the musicians enjoy themselves. "It's all about balance," Dr. Gross stated, "trying to come up with a good mix in terms of time periods and nationalities. It's like doing a very complicated jigsaw puzzle.' More than half of the musicians in the orchestra are from the community, and this adds more diversity to each section in the orchestra. Performing with the Alma Symphony Orchestra is an act of love for most of the students who perform with the orchestra. Each student has a passion for music and spends extra hours in the day perfecting their part to create a well-rounded sound. "I joined orchestra because it's an amazing experience and helps me improve on my skills in different ways," commented Benjamin Elliot '19. A highlight for many of the students was performing "Fanstasia on a Theme" by Thomas Tallis, composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams, during their fall show, which was titled "Audience Favorites." Senior Carrie Berkompas noted that "there is always such a variety of pieces for each concert, and it's extremely rewarding to get to perform this kind of music for so many friends and community members."

### It's All About Balance

[ Alma Symphony Orchestra ]

#### STARS OF TOMORROW.

The Alma Symphony Orchestra puts on a competition for student musicians every other year. Students who want to audition for the concert competition perform their selected piece in front a panel of judges. The best of these performers are invited to perform as a soloist during the orchestra's winter show. One of this year's featured soloists was Shanley Dorn '17, who performed on the marimba. "It was a crazy experience," Dorn noted. "It was an honor and privilege to be able to share with the audience the long musical journey that I have traveled." Three other artists were featured this year; Luke Bent '16 on the piano, Rachel Dobyns '18 on the flute, and Eric Ferrara '19 on his trombone. Each soloist exemplified the exceptional individual musicianship that combines to create the larger sound of the Alma Symphony Orchestra.



#### PLAYING IN THE WIND.

The winter concert performance showcased the talents of the Kiltie Wind Ensemble. One highlight of the performance was the extended solo by oboist Phillip Commissaris '16 during Ola Gjeilo's "Serenity." Other pieces included "Commando March." by Samuel Barber, excerpts from Aaron Copeland's "Appalachian Spring," and "Mambo" from Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story. Throughout the evening, the connections between pieces was not in theme, but rather in sound. "I try to make sure each show has a wide variety of music," said Zerbe. "There's a little something that everyone can relate to, and maybe through that they can relate to the other music. I like all the music and how it fits together.'

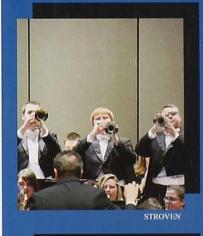


[ Concert Band ]

# Musical Imagination

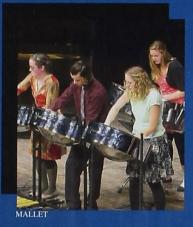
This year's winter concert band performance featured music that caught the imagination and allowed for the band to experiment with creating new sounds. One example of this was their performance of David R. Gillingham's lush, atmospheric, and sweeping composition, "Angels of the Apocalypse." Although the piece was originally composed for percussion ensemble, it was later reworked into a wind ensemble piece by Japanese conductor Minoru Otaki. According to Associate Professor Daye Zerbe, who conducted the concert, the composition was inspired by the Book of Revelations and built so that "different sections of the piece portray each of the angels of the apocalypse." The piece has personal significance for conductor Dave Zerbe, who studied with Gillingham during his graduate studies. "I've been a fan of Gillingham's work for a long time," Zerbe noted, praising his love of experimentation and his influence on his students. "We were his guinea pigs for creating new sounds," Zerbe said. In addition to "Angels of the Apocalypse," winds and percussion joined together to perform Jack Stamp's "Fanfair for a New Era," "Dusk" by Steven Briant, and "Night on Fire" by John Mackey.

















Taken away by the beats and rhythm, James Gaddy '18 and Joe Kennedy '17 steadily play in the background on the steal drums. With high spirits all around, the percussion band is a fantastic group full of musical talents, compassion, and friendships that will last a lifetime. "Speaking in generalities, my favorite thing about this group is that you can be yourself with no judgement. There are vast moments of total hilarity, seriousness, and compassion. We are honestly a family. We each genuinely want each other to succeed by doing what we love," explains Chelsea Bertagnoli '16. This year the percussion band traveled to Notre Dame to perform in front of professional jazz musicians. There they received positive feedback and criticism to improve their performance. Many of the students expressed high spirits about their performances at Notre Dame. Jeremy Fieber said that "as a freshman, it was initially intimidating to be in the Percussion Band, but after our first few performances, it became really rewarding to be able to play our entire show memorized and at a high level. I am very happy that I joined, and that I am a part of something so unique, challenging, and fun."

# Unique

[ Percussion Band ]

#### TRAVELING IN TIME.

Jeremy Fieber '19 plays the base guitar during a number called "Time Machine," As the title suggests, the composition creates the impression of traveling through time. "I loved performing in this time machine music," James Gaddy '18. "It was very quirky, and I like it a lot! It was different from many other pieces that we have performed and pushed us to play our very best." While the music itself was rewarding, the best part of the number for Gaddy was its effect: "the reaction of the audience was priceless." Beyond great performances, this year was also special because it was the 20th anniversary of the Percussion Band. Throughout the year they celebrated breaking records and history of graduating performers and teachers that make a lasting impression in the arts.

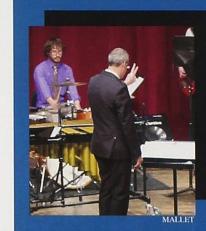






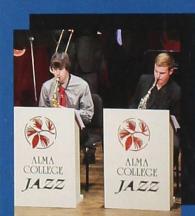
#### PLAYING SOLO.

During the performance of "Woodchopper Ball," an up beat song by Woody Herman, Alma High School seniors Jacob Bowen and Clifton Metcalf perform outstanding solos along with jazz ensemble students Emily Allison 17', Elliot Bates '16, Jeremy Weber '16, Bennet DuBois '18, and Adam Mossoian 16. "This was one of my most favorable performances. I like how the kids got to perform their own solos. It really shows how amazing Alma College performing arts and students are," commented one parent who attended the show. For performers, too, the solos were a highlight. "It was a lot of fun getting to do these solos because most of the time we just play, but these solos came from the heart," said Bennet DuBois '18.









# **Standing Ovation**

[ Jazz Ensemble ]

The jazz ensemble, directed by Jeff Ayres, performs an exquisite show full of sweet jazz melodies. This show featured a solo from each performer in an ensemble that included Alma College students, CMU graduates, Shepherd High School seniors, and Alma High School seniors. The diverse group meshed well and gave an outstanding performance that earned them a standing ovation. This ability to adapt, listen, and respond to other players was something the Jazz Ensemble cultivated all year. Throughout the year, they were asked to stand back to back and listen to each other playing the same notes. For students, this was often a favorite activity because it helped them recognize the tones and really listen. "My favorite memory from jazz this year is when the trumpets started a solo battle in the song "Straight, No Chaser." They tossed a melody back and forth, and changed it up a little each time," stated Emily Allison '17. For its third annual concert, the Jazz Ensemble played a mix of big band jazz and jazz combo. They also had the pleasure of hosting an annual high school jazz festival on Alma's campus, embodying the idea that jazz crosses boundaries and builds community.









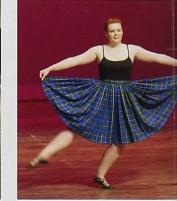


This year in Highland Arts, Kiltie dancers and bagpipers have both been reaching out to higher goals. Alma's deep commitment to and support for Highland Arts makes it a special place for the students in the program. It is "one of the only schools in the country that has highland dance" and strong programs such as the Kiltie bagpipers, offered Sophomore Matilda Enis. Performing throughout her life, Enis discovered on her arrival at Alma that a number of her dance-mates in Kiltie Dance have been her competirors in country-wide competitions throughout her career. Most of the dancers are from out of state, but this common background helped them quickly build and deepen relationships with each other. While the Kiltie pipers are featured in many campus ceremonies, the dancers are primarily seen on campus for Homecoming and the Fall and Spring shows. This is something the group hopes to change, performing at more student organizations and events throughout the year. Of course, there are also big goals and extend beyond campus. Some of Alma's very own dancers attended The Royal Edinborough Military Tattoo Competition over the last year. Matilda Enis and Katie Okhs represented the United States, competing against dancers from Canada, Scotland, and Australia. The Kiltie Dancers international reach was reflected in their final performance this year, which combined Highland dance with moves inspired by other regional dance styles from Africa, Italy, and Ireland. They finished that performance with their dance to Rachel Platten's "Fight Song." Like the Kiltie Dancers, the bagpipers have also been making a name for themselves far beyond Alma. Currently ranked with a grade rating of four out of five, the Kiltie Bagpipers are motivated to put in the hard work to earn higher scores from the judges in this year's upcoming competition. This would enable the team to move up to a grade three level and provide new opportunities for competitions and challenges

# Ready, Set, Perform

[ Highland Arts ]









#### SCOTTISH PRIDE.

These performers found more than just dance at Alma College. "Alma College has given me a chance to make life long bonds with other Scottish dancers and bagpipers who share my love for the Scottish arts," said Morgan Pell '17.





KILTIE SPIRIT. "We work really hard together as a team. Most of us have danced together for a few years, so it is more comfortable and fun when we perform," offered Mairi Clow '17.

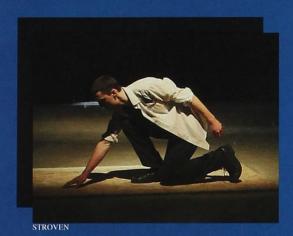
#### TEN TARTANS, ONE TEAM.

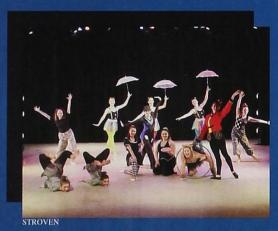
"I think one of the really cool things about the Kiltie Dancers is that we grew up in different states, competing against one another, and now we dance together as a team," stated Matilda Enis '18.



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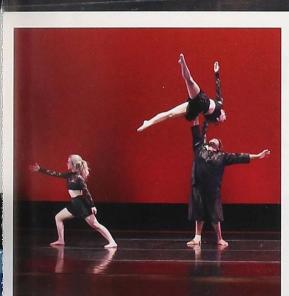


This was a year of many transitions for the Alma College Dance Company, but despite the new faculty, new challenges, and many changes, one thing remained true. While the days are long, the choreography is difficult, and the demands are high, the bond developed between dancers is forever. This season began with a Fall show that highlighted the breadth of the dance program, from jazz to modern to ballet, and featured the choreography of faculty members Crystal Fullmer, Kristin Bennett and Lynn Bowman. The student choreographer's show in January provided a chance each member of the company an opportunity to be the choreographer, stage director, and light director, as well as a dancer. Many pieces in this show included movement, songs and props that helped the dancers connect to a personal story. For Senior Miranda Stutzman, that meant focusing on the tragic death of one of her students, Hannah. "My dance was very personal," she noted, but also something many can relate to. "As I created the dance, I wanted each individual person to think of an instance that was personal to them." The spring show included a performance of Act II of the classical 1841 ballet Giselle. "There's a lot of historical significance with this particular ballet, the epitome of romantic era ballets," said Visiting Assistant Professor Crystal Fullmer. Both because the ballet is so well-known and because it contains "really challenging choreography," it was an ambitious choice for student dancers. Noting that nothing in the show was simplified from the expectation placed in professional dancers, Fulmer noted that "the dancers have to really work on their stamina" in order to preform, especially the soloists. The spring show also featured two pieces choreographed by students. Melanie Yost '16 designed her piece, "Blame Game," to reflect the emotions of indecisiveness and regret and their effect on relationships, dramatized on stage by Cameron Spitzfaden '17 and Laura Lowe '18. This season the company put together an additional show, a fundraiser called MELT. Each piece was paired with a delicious desert for the audience to enjoy. To attract more community members to the performance, the company invited local artists and their dancers to come and

# Dancing Through Life

perform with the dance company.

[ Dance ]









#### LAST CHANCE.

Seniors Isabelle Limondin, Melanie Yost and Morgan Markowicz had their final moments performing together for the annual Student Choreographers Concert.

#### NEW HEIGHTS.

This year's fall show not only featured new dancers and choreographers, but new challenges as well. A highlight of the night was witnessing this lift in Car Radio by Edwin Ramos '19 and Laura Lowe '18.

#### WOODWORK.

For Vivienne Walton '17, the inspiration for her dance was about the bond between friends and the trust that's built along the way. It was a stressful time for her, but seeing the finished product made her feel proud of what she had accomplished.











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Students across campus spend various weekends attending Alma College's dramatic and captivating theatre productions. Beginning the year with two seperate plays, Nora and Julie, the theatre crew managed to work with a schedule more timeconsuming and strenuous than in previous years. Generally in the past, retiring director Joe Jezewski has had actors study and memorize their lines with the intention of performing the first two plays at seperate times, one play directly following the other. For his last year, however, Jezewski managed to direct both play productions at the same time. The result was having the plays, Julie and Nora, open and performed on alternating nights throughout the course of one week. The audience's enthusiastic reaction and the high viewer numbers demonstrated that this new method was well-received in the Alma College community, perhaps opening opportunities for theatre productions for years to come. As first semester came to a close, there were four one-acts performed: Pie and the Sky, Extracurricular, Passing Fancy, and In Memory of Calvinball. Four of Alma College's theatre majors, Jessica Ferguson '16, Jared Sheldon '16, and alumni Joshua Zeitler '14 and Tara Reidel '13, were given the opportunity to direct these one-act performances. "It was really cool to see them go from actors to directors, working a different level of 'professional' in such a short period of time," offered Sophomore Haley Valente, reflecting on her experiences with the student and alumni directors. During winter semester two plays were produced. The first of the semester, Censored On Final Approach, was a huge success across campus in part due to its inspiring message regarding women's rights. "The plays all have a meaning that we are trying to convey. There are always lessons," offered Sophomore Maxwell Flagler about the theatre's selection of productions. Jezewski ended the semester on a sentimental note with one final production, Our Country's Good, being the first and last production he directed at Alma.



# Lights, Camera, Acting

[Theatre]







ALL FOR ONE, ONE FOR ALL.

NOT ALL FUN AND GAMES.

emotionally hurt his wife.'

Junior Antonio Garza discussed lessons from Nora, stating "Torvald was very concerned about his family's status and image, which blinded his judgement and

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE. During the single-act performances, Sophomore Haley Valente found her role to be interesting and unique. "I got to dress up like it was the '80s and see what looking back on highschool feels like," she offered.

Actors sent the Jezewski off with one last memorable performance. "Our Country's Good meant so much to our director that it became that much more important to all of us" stated Amber Isaacson 17.







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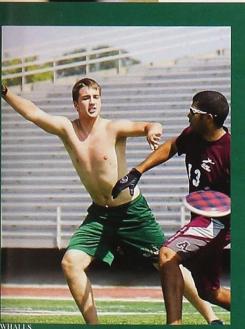


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# [62] Clubs and Organizations

# [Clubs and Organizations]

Alma College is known for its wide variety of activities that draw the attention of all of its students. If you are not involved in sports or greek life, there are an array of clubs and organizations that can keep you involved in campus life. Along with making new friends and having fun, students gain experiences that build their resumes and develop life skills that make them more well rounded individuals. In the pages that follow, one can dive further into the life of an Alma College student and see the great opportunities and experiences that these clubs and organizations have to offer. Despite the colorful images and smiling faces displayed on every page, these pictures and stories could not possibly come close to explaining all of the amazing memories that these clubs will provide you with. Students will find that the people in these organizations are passionate, inspirational, driven and eager for new students to join in their passionate hobby.







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#### "HERE WE GO RED WINGS."

"Score!" The students gather on the ice at Joe Louis Ice Arena following the Red Wings win against the Predators. This was just one of the events organized this year by ACUB. ACUB is a student-run club that organizes a variety of fun and innovative events for the entertainment of the campus community. The game was one of ACUB's most popular and successful off-campus events. "It was super cool that ACUB gave us this opportunity," Natalie Murrey 19 exclaimed. All the students projected high spirit and energy throughout the entire game. "This was my first Red Wings game ever! It was such a great game to be a part of, and I will never forget it," said Nick VanDuser '17. The day consisted of a ride down to Detroit, the game, and a picture on the ice. "It was awesome actually being there in that moment," Naria Ford-Thompson '18 said. "It was so inexpensive and great seats all around! It is something that I will never forget!" For many of the students, being able to step on the ice the Wings had just beaten the Predators on was particularly exciting. "It's not be a students, being able to step on the ice the Wings had just beaten the Predators on was particularly exciting." every day you get to go watch professionals perform and then step on the arena where the played," said Emily Hinman '18. For others, the game itself was the real treat. The Red Wings played the Predators and won five to four in overtime. Student Ashley Bonam '18 said, "It was awesome being able to experience an exciting overtime win with my boyfriend and friends. It was also very exciting to see Dylan Larkin play and score because I attended high school with him.'

# [ACUB]

#### CASINO NIGHT!

During the year ACUB puts on an event that involves gambling for prizes. Many students enjoy this and go home with amazing prizes. The big win this year was an iPad Mini, claimed by Jared Dennis '16. "I was so excited and shocked when I won this iPad mini! Out of all the people I didn't think I was goanna win," explained Jared. Jared, along with many other students, shared a grin as they left not empty handed.

#### COMPASSIONATE STAFF.

The 2015-2016 ACUB staff takes a moment to rest from the effort put into every event they host. " I am glad to be a staff member of ACUB." said Victoria Sheffer '17. Although the staff works hard, the entire campus benefits from what they do.





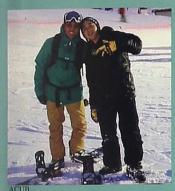






#### BUBBLE, SHOOT, SCORE!

friends or meet new friends," said Calin Deck '18.



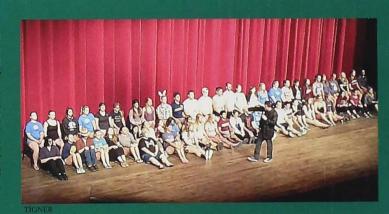
#### SOUL SKIERS.

A perennial favorite for campus snowbirds is the ACUB ski trip. This year, the trip went to Nub's Nob in Pleasantview. Michigan. ACUB arranged a group rate that made the trip affordable and fun, including a luxury bus, lift tickets, and discounted rental equipment. Students hit the slopes, enjoying 248 acres of hills with 53 different runs to explore There was something for all, from the novice to expert. "My favorite part of the trip was trying all of the different hills ranging from blue diamonds to black diamonds with my friends, and getting a nice bus to drive us all there," commented Lindsey Lloyd '17.



#### HYPNOTIZE ME

Each year during orientation week, new students attend their first ACUB event-a visit with hypnotist Kevin

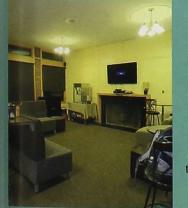


A PLACE TO LOUNGE ABOUT. This year, ACUB invited the campus to explore the redesigned student lounge. "I love how the new lounge looks," said ACUB staff member Nikki Green. "I think it gives ACUB a more welcoming feel and is better place for students to come and relax and hang out after all the hard studying they do." Students seem to share the sentiment. The new lounge is quite nice," Haley Daugherty '18

commented. "I never went in there last year because I was a freshman and didn't know about it. ACUB has done a good job at advertising fun activities this year." From movie screenings to board games to a Wii and two Xboxes, the new lounge offers plenty of options for students looking to sit back, relax, and lounge about for a while.



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#### BLOW YOUR MIND.

Colored flames, slime, starry skies, and giant snakes are just some of the highlights of this year's Science Blow-Out, a collaborative event hosted by science clubs across campus that aims to get kids excited about science. This annual event began as an evening chemistry open house, but it has grown over the years into a truly interdisciplinary science extravaganza that brings in students from different elementary schools each year. This year, the students were from the elementary school in neighboring St. Louis, Michigan. Students spent an afternoon exploring hands on activities offered throughout the Dow and Kapp science buildings. Each club designed activities that encouraged kids to think about questions that drive different disciplines in science—chemistry, biology, psychology, and physics. Although Science Blow-Out takes a great deal of coordination and many volunteers from each of the clubs, it is a terrific opportunity for college students to share their passion for science with younger students. "Seeing all the kids going from club to club and learning about the different sciences and having fun with it made the hardwork that was put into the show that much more worth it," noted Ethan Akans '17, a volunteer from the Planitarium club. Science Blow-Out is only one of the way the different science clubs on campus promote a love of science. Each club offers events throughout the year that invite the wider community to engage with scientific questions.

# [ Science Clubs ]

#### MIND BUILDER.

During Science Blow-Out, kids were asked to use their minds to build a boat out of tin foil. The goal was to design a boat that could hold the most most pennies. The final record for the day was 27 pennies!

#### LIGHTS CAMERA SCIENCE.

Zack Manning '16 gets the kids excited at the start of Science Blow-Out before they are split into groups to explore the different activities available throughough Dow.

#### SMART SLIME

The Chemistry Club's slime room at Science Blow-Out got kids thinking about how molecular bonds can change simple liquids into colorful goo.

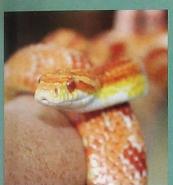








#### A DISTORTED VIEW.



The Biology Club offers special animal shows throughout the year, including during Science Blow-Out, where the community and its children can learn more about the animals that live in Dow. From reptiles to spiders, these are animals that kids rarely get a chance to see up-close and personal. For Kathleen Collingwood '17, this is part of why these shows are important. "The kids took a liking to the snakes even though they look scary," she commented. The chance to see, touch, and even hold the reptiles helps children understand and appreciate them, instead of simply fearing them. Fostering curiosity about animals like reptiles is a great foundation for the questions that drive work in biological sciences.



#### **CHARTING THE NIGHT SKY**





#### HUNTING PUMPKINS.

For Bryan Shutte '17, the highlight of the Anthropology Club this year was the atlatl throwing event during Homecoming. Atlatls are ancient dart throwing weapons that were used in many hunting cultures, especially before the invention of the bow and arrow. Advisor Megan McCullen called the event a chance to participate in "experimental archaeology... when we try to use ancient technologies to get a better understanding of how they function and how much time they take to master, so we have a better understanding of what these people's lives were like and what we're looking at when we see artifacts." The group also hosted movie nights throughout the year. You don't have to be an anthropology major to join," said Shutte. All are welcome.



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DIA DE LOS MUERTOS.

Hispanic Coalition members eagerly paint their skulls in celebration of the Day of the Dead. The Day of the Dead is a Hispanic celebration dating back to their pre-Columbian cultures. The day is a remembrance of all families' ancestors and honors their lives. November 2nd is the date of the grand celebration. The Hispanic Coalition celebrates this day by decorating sugar skulls and creating a colorful monument to pay their respects to the deceased. The group gathers once a week on Wednesday in SAC 104 to plan for the event and render their skulls for the statue. The club provides mood music and the occasional homemade treat, such as guacamole, from HisCo's president, Samantha Kulhanek, She noted that "all are welcome to the club meetings even if you don't speak Spanish." This is just one of many examples of how the language clubs on campus provide a welcoming atmosphere where all are encouraged to explore new things and make new friends along the way.

# [Language Clubs]

# LET'S GET TOGETHER.

The colorful MoLanDi banner hangs in SAGA to draw attention to the special day. The language department gathered in the Thistle room at SAGA to celebrate the Major and Minors within the program. They displayed poster boards acknowledging new students in the program. They had an assortment of food from German, French, Chinese, and Hispanic speaking countries. The celebration also honored graduating seniors with a farewell. Culturally immersive food is offered throughout all the stations at SAGA so students can try new dishes. Dr. Holly Liu stated that "the Majors and Minors sit with language faculty enjoying the food. All of the language clubs are apart of the planning and decorating for this event.'





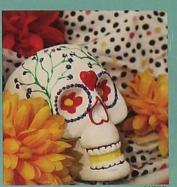






# HISPANIC COALITION.

The Hispanic Coalition holds many events through the school, but none is bigger than their Fiesta Baile (dance party) held during the Hispanic heritage month in the fall. The celebration immerses students, faculty, and community members in the Hispanic culture, foods, and music. The donations raised from the event go towards HisCo's philanthropic efforts. HisCo's long-term mission is to foster this cultural awareness on Alma's campus and throughout the local community. Their large focus moving forward is involving the community in their events.







# CHINESE: RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR.

The Chinese club celebrated the Chinese New Year, which corresponds to their lunar calendar with a traditional feast and dance. The members of the club can be seen performing a fan dance. There are many traditions that were carried out that night, including the eating of a clementine. The orange and gold color of the clementine are said to bring prosperity and wealth in the New Year. The traditional food was made by the Chinese students. They prepared dumplings which are shaped like a goblet which is representative of the gold in China. Zhenzhu Wenzi (meatball with sticky rice) was a popular dish at the dinner as well. The night was finished with a Year cake. Once you eat like light and fluffy cake, it is said you may go into the new year.



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The Model United Nations (MUN) team had another successful year at the National Model United Nations Conference in New York, receiving "outstanding delegation" for Rwanda and "distingushed delegation" for Brazil. The National conference is the world's largest and most prestigious collegiate MUN conference with over 5500 students representing 250 colleges and universities from five different countries. Alma has now received 38 "outstanding" awards, more than any other school in the 95 year history of the conference. The team also made stronger connections with the program in India as "this year was the first year (of hopefully more to come) that we had Indian students participate on our team. For the past four or five years, Alma College has been building its relationship with the Presidium Schools of India - we have gone over there and chaired their MUN conferences, and helped them shape a program that is more realistic to how the actual United Nations would function. This year, several of their students got to prepare and compete with us at the NY conference," said Grace Sutherland '17. Each Indian student had an Alma mentor and partner to help him or her learn the material and formalities of the conference. During the conference, they competed alongside students from Alma and other parts of the world. "It was definitely a sight to see having a 15 year old Indian high schooler control a room of 40 or 50 college students on human rights, weapon proliferation, or even education!" said Luke Ashton '16. This will hopefully be a stepping stone for these kids to compete with the Alma MUN team again or become exchange students at Alma.

# [ Model United Nations ]

# FROM KIDS TO DIPLOMATS.

During the closing ceremonies of the Presidium MUN Conference in New Delhi, India, students hold a framed picture of all of the honored guests from the opening ceremony. Each student was a secretary for a different committee. This was the third year that MUN has teamed up with the State Department in order to travel to India and work with students there. This was also the first year that the Presidium Model United Nations Conference was sanctioned by the United Nations Information Center which gives the students a voice to change real world problems. "During our time in conference, the kids were no longer kids, they were diplomats," said Bonnie Hamilton '17.

# BE THE LEADER.

At the National MUN Conference, Nicholas Arnold '17 works with other delegates to debate the finer points of a clause in their resolution. "[MUN] teaches you how to walk into a room of complete strangers who all have different agendas and goals and be the leader that has them working towards a common solution to a problem," said Arnold. After four days of discussion, debate, speeches, negotiations and sleep deprivation, the resolutions are finalized and are sent to the actual UN to try to make a difference in the world. "It is a really awe-inspiring feeling to be in such an intimate position for this process, and it is something I will never









# REAL WORLD SKILLS.

At the National Model United Nations Conference in New York, Grace Sutherland '17, Bonnie Hamilton '17 and Joanna Delpaz '16, along with eight other students represented the country of Rwanda and received "outstanding delegation" recognition. Sutherland has been a member for three years thus far and feels that MUN gives students the opportunity to learn and apply real world skills such as public speaking. collaborating with others with different opinions, and critical thinking. "MUN has shown me that there are many individuals in the world who care about issues that I also care about, and has given me the tools to not only respond but actually try to change these issues," said Sutherland.



# WARM WELCOME



## THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME.

After participating in MUN and finding her love of traveling and helping others, Katherine Vaillancourt '16 received a PGlobal grant to volunteer in Malawi for eight weeks. Vaillancourt primarily worked in a maternity ward where she helped care for the health of mothers and children. While organizing a well-visit for children and their parents, she nade a connection that will last a life time. She was asked to be the godmother of Smith (right) after meeting him and his mother met Eliza. Godparents are very important culturally and spiritually in Malawi and "being able to have that role even from half way across the world is one of the best gifts anyone has ever given me," said Vaillancourt. "I will always remember...that Dr. Hulme and my peers helped me to nurture my passion for health care so that I will be ready to spend my life working in the service of others.





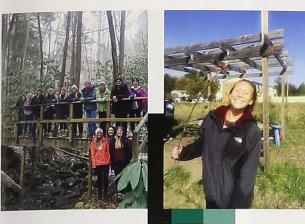
# LEADING BY SERVING OTHERS.

Alpha Phi Omega is a national co-ed service fraternity that focuses on leadership, service, and friendship. It was founded by the Boy Scouts of America, and the Alma chapter often works with the Boy and Girl Scouts in Alma. However, the national organization now also partners with a number of other non-profits, including the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Nationally, there are over 300 chapters on college campuses, and about 7,000 members that are heavily invovled in volunteer work to involves the campus and community. Alpha Phi Omega continues to consistently provide more services on campuses across the country than any other collegiate organizations. The Alma College chapter has been involved in numerous service related events such as blood drive, Kid's Night Out, Relay for Life. trips to animal shelters, and volunteering locally in Alma. Alpha Phi Omega attracts and motivates students of Alma College to collectively make a difference in the community. Elizabeth Blasius '18 describes her experience with Alpha Phi Omega as "completely rewarding. I love doing service and it is a fantastic way to get involved in the local community and campus. APO still provides a place of brotherhood, and friendship, which is something that I am forever grateful for."















# FLOOD RELIEF.

Alternative Break is a hands-on program that allows students to learn about social issues through the experience of direct service to communities impacted by everything from floods to poverty to systemic social and economic injustice. Serving these communities is a way of learning about the everyday experiences of the people being served. It teaches compassion, it strengthens communities, and allows a richer understanding of the problems that need solutions. For instance, one winter break service team went to Manning, South Carolina where severe flooding had occured. According to Columbia Mayor Steven Benjamin, "the damage to houses and businesses created by the most intense rainfall ever recorded will take South Carolina years to repair. We expect the damage to range to millions of dollars." Chase Schultz '18, Olivia Whalls '18, Derek Stefanosky '16, Katherine Valliancourt '16, Nick Fuller '18, and Alma College staff member Garrett Thelen participated this service trip. The group worked on houses that were severely damaged by the flooding and suffering from collapsed infrastructure and extensive mold. The work was hard, but the team was also educated on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations in regard to disaster relief situations, and also on the socioeconomic difference between households and how that effects rebuilding.

# [ Alpha Phi Omega ]

# LOCAL FUN.

APO members focus on making the community better through the Scout Law. They offer projects throughout the year that support and partner with local Boy and Girl Scout troops, honoring the historic connection between APO and the Scouts.

# SERVICE WITH A SMILE.

Whatever the project, members bring a sense of fun and community to all they do. The "high principle of brotherhood" is a central part of the philosophy of the national organization and it manifests itself in the attitude with which members serve.

# EXPRESSIVE ELEMENTS.

Members of APO celebrate the bonds created by serving together, proudly displaying their greek letters. Drawn together by a shared commitment to service, it is the bonds of friendship that make APO special.

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# Alternative Breaks ]

# HARLAN, KENTUCKY.

A group of students traveled to Harlan, Kentucky over the holiday break to help improve the lives of dogs. Harlan County faces many economic challenges due to the decline in the coal-based mining economy, and many individuals are unable to properly care for their animals. These students provided dogs the proper shelter, love, and food.

# LANSING COMMUNITY GARDEN.

Over fall break, the Alma College Women's Soccer team spent time in the Lansing Community Garden, which is allifated with the Greater Lansing Food Bank. These gardens feed over 7,000 people within the Lansing area.

# TIME TO PLAY.

During a break in their service schedule, students hike the mountains near Harlan, Kentucky. Alternative Break allows students time explore the local culture and sights.

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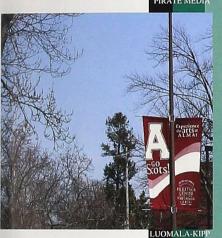
# THE MOTIVE OF ALMA'S VOICE.

The dying media platform that is newsprint has seen some signs of life in recent times on campus. The Almanian has been the longstanding "voice" on Alma's campus: informing students of crucial information and dedicating countless pages to the enhancement of campus life. The Almanian's readership had a spark in the second half of last year. It had caught the attention of more people on campus because of the new content and style taken by the staff. This jump in viewership was a long awaited sign from the staff and motivated them to work on other aspects of the paper; website, layout, and quality of stories just to name a few. "We need to figure out how to receive more reader feedback and encourage more letters to the editor," stated Abby Fergus '18. This longstanding debate on how to attract new readers has been a focal point for The Almanian in recent years. Fergus continued, "We hold one of the most fundamental community service that can be offered, and we want all parts of the campus to feel like their voice can be heard." The motive for the paper is evident, but their efforts are harder to notice from the outside. The staff travels every year to L.A. for ACP Journalism Conference, which is a nationwide college gathering to exchange ideas and other useful tips to enhance your product.











# ALMA'S MEDIA HUB.

Dan Marowksi '16 and Alec Gibson '17 can be seen enjoying Pirate Media's studio room while discussing their favorite movie genres in today's culture. Pirate Media is enjoying it's first year of establishment here on campus. Formerly known as WOAC, it is designed with the task of broadcasting various musical events, shows, and forums for the campus' enjoyment. Pirate Media chose to not renew their broadcasting license this year and is spending their funding on other parts of campus in hopes to create a better connected network. This can be seen in the athletic department where the money was used to purchase equipment to assist in streaming athletic events. The idea was that the students who are pursuing broadcasting and camera work can be capable of studying hands on. "It would be great if it became a museum for student work from all organizations across campus," stated Jon Clark '16. "We are trying to push the college to promote this media outlet by establishing it on their main web page. The more synergy we can create the better." This "synergy" Clark refers to is already underway as Pirate Media has reached out to See Spot Run. The duo has created a combined webpage where links and information can be found for both sources. Clark continued, "It would be really awesome if we could expand our page and incorporate all the different majors. We could be posting videos and projects from classes so prospective students can actually see the great things our students

# [ Almanian ]

# [ Pirate Media ]

# SHARPENING THE NECESSARY SKILLS.

Editor Crystal Snow enjoys an ice cream with her fellow Almanian staff members on a warm, spring day in L.A. The Almanian staff was blessed with the opportunity to spend a majority of their spring break in Los Angeles at the Associated Collegiate Press Journalism conference. This event was initially started to enable college reporters and help in the growth of college papers. "It was a bonding experience for those who went, as well as, really interesting and educational in helping writers and photographers further improve their skills," stated Marcella Flury '17, Photography Editor for The Almanian. "One really interesting session I attended was all about copyright and protection of your own images. The information I took from that session I implemented right away when I came back with my own work." The staff travels out to California annually to engage with other minds on how to appeal to the broader audience.





AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES. The Pirate Media crew was given the chance to travel to Austin, Texas for a ten-day immersion into the media culture exhibited at SXSW (a film, music, and interactive conference for media enthusiasts). Marcella Flury '17 stated, "Pirate Media is a really good organization that provides amazing opportunities to students who are interested in media such as this trip to Texas." There was so much to do from conferences and panels, to showcases and screenings. This gave Flury and the media crew the chance to meet with directors and artists, along with beginning to network for themselves. Flury continued, "SXSW provided the staff and I with an experience in meeting the brightest people involved in media: all in one place. I met a lot of people from around the world with similar career interests as myself. It was all a really great experience.'

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## THE ART OF TEACHING.

Members of the Hepcats don't just love to dance. They also love to teach their moves to others. The Hepcats' roots are in the traditional style of East Coast Swing, a style associated with the Arthur Murray Studios in New York during the 1940s. It is a style that is often danced to fast music like rock and roll and boogie-woogie. However, in the previous year, the group branched out into other styles, especially Blues-style and the Lindy Hop, both forms that influenced East Coast Swing. Despite that historical connection, they both differ significantly from the familiar rhythms and footwork of East Coast style. One focus of this year was to bring these two new styles to a wider audience. Two new workshops were offered based around Blues-style Swing and the Lindy Hopalthough the group also keep working on their East Coast Swing moves. Workshops are taught both by visiting dance teachers and club members. "We try to bring in teachers for a workshop or two that we host," said Senior Luke Bent. "Other than that, it's students who really teach what they've learned through the club and by traveling to events off campus," The Hepcats' philosophy is "try, try, try again." Learning and perfecting swing moves is not always easy, but if you are not willing to try, you will never learn. The club focuses on the social nature of swing, creating an atmosphere were becoming the best dancer you can be is a collaborative effort, each member sharing what they know and helping one another improve.









# 20 YEARS STRONG.

[ Sigma Alpha Iota ]

Each year, the three local chapters of Sigma Alpha Iota, the international women's music fraternity, get together to celebrate Providence Day. This year, however, was a special gathering, as it also marked the twentieth anniversary of the Alma chapter of SAL. As this year's hosts, Alma's SAI hosted members from Midland and Central Michigan University on campus. The day was filled with music, celebration of the ideals of Sigma Alpha Iota, and goal setting for the organization. Sisters from different chapters performed for one another. Alma's own talented Lizzie Dunn '18 played an original composition on the piano, and Shayla Baldwin '16 entertained the group by singing pieces from her senior recital. SAI has a special emphasis as an organization on supporting women in music. They celebrate the contributions of women in music, encourage one another in all areas of life, and celebrate the importance of music to both individuals and communities. To be eligible to join, women must have enrolled in some college-level music coursework. In addition to the annual gathering of SAI organizations, the local chapter also organizes musical performances for the campus community like the Holiday Musicale and A Celebration of Women in the Arts. The group is also active in raising funds for music education programs and to support national charities that are focused on music outreach and education.

# [ Hepcats and Swing ]

## MEMBERS OF THE HEPCATS

Top Left: Jessica Peters '16, Luke Bent '16, Haley Parker '17 Bottom Left: Caroline Croom '17, Jessica Drife '17, Allie Frost '16, Drew Belanger '18.

# MICHIGAN DANCE TOURS

The Hepcats travel to weekend-long dance events like Pirate Swing in Ann Arbor. Members go to Sugar House Blues in Lansing on bi-weekly weekends to learn now Blues moves to bring back to Alma's campus.

# FRIENDS AT CMU

This year members of the club travel up to Central Michigan University for weekly swing dance sessions on Sunday evenings with their sister East Coast Swing club. The groups connected through Hepcat founder Hannah Livingston. The groups attend many swing events together and support each others efforts on their respective campuses.











# BEAUTIFUL NEW MEMBERS

SAI welcomes this year's new sisters, a group that has brought new diversity, enthusiasm, and energy to the organization. "Their passion for music and excitement in joining draws all the sisters closer together to each other and brings back memories of our own experiences when we first joined." said Beth Wickens '16.

## **GROWING PHILANTHROPIES**

SAI wants to spread music through the school and the local community. One way they have reached out into the community is by performing at the Masonic Pathways Retirement Community. Philanthropic events like this are an important part of SAI's mission.

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# activeminds

#### GET ACTIVE, GET AWARE.

Increasing their presence this year, Active Minds sought to spread an interest in and awareness about stigmas and mental health. The organization started the year off with an activity for Suicide Prevention Week by placing a display, "the Field of Flags," around campus. The yellow flags were placed in the ground as a visual representation of the number of suicides on college campuses throughout the United States each year. In addition to the visual element, the members offered statistics to those who passed by as well as encoured them to attend the offered suicide prevention training program. Active Minds also focused on National Day Without Stigma by offering bubble wrap for students to physically "stomp" out the negative stigma about mental health. One of the organization's most successful advocacy weeks would be Eating Disorder Awareness Week. Members placed posters on mirrors in bathrooms throughout the week to remind students not to allow negative thoughts to impact the way in which they view themselves. Additionally, Active Minds launched the "Beautiful Bodies" campaign to spread awareness and support on campus. This activity allowed students to write their own body-positive messages and show their support for others by posing for a picture with their words. The organization did only raise awareness through events of their own, but also by participating in campus and community events. Active Minds sold care packages at Relay For Life that offered care-free activities and tea. During exam weeks, members also hosted "Stress-Less" events to offer an outlet for students to relax.











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# SILENCE SPEAKS.

The visual power of the images from this year's Silence Shoot lie in the way they both celebrate the diversity of individuals and reinforce the ways bullying and depression can silence us all. Against the black and white image, the red duct tape becomes at once a symbol of the physical, mental, and emotional violence of bullying and a collective testimonial of survivors and allies who refuse to be silent. The Silence Shoot was founded by Lansing photographer Matthew Bryan Pruitt. Pruitt and his crew set up shoots on campuses across the state and use these events as a strategy for speaking out against bullying and for suicide awareness and prevention. For Gender and Sexual Diversity (GSD) President Kris Chessin '16, the link between bullying and the LGBTQ+ community is all too clear, as children and young adults that do not conform to social definitions for gender identity or sexual orientation are more likely to experience bullying and to attempt suicide. This was the second year that the group sponsored a Silence Shoot on campus. GSD is dedicated to both supporting and advocating for students whose gender or sexual identity falls outside of the often too narrow definitions in society. It is also increasingly committed to working with other campus groups that promote diversity and inclusion, especially MSCU and the office of Diversity and Inclusion in the CSO.

# [ Active Minds ]

# STOMP IT OUT.

The president of Active Minds, Cierra Sutherland '16, fought against negative stigmas at the Active Minds National Convention. She also hosted a "Stomp Out Stigmas" event on campus, stating, "students seemed to love the interactive piece of the event!"

## TREAT YOUR MIND.

Active Mind members participated in Trunk-Or-Treat in the Alma Community to educate about mental health awareness. "This event was fun and I had a great time doing something positive for the community," offered Andrea Hernadi '19.

# **BE-YOU-TIFUL BODIES.**

The "Beautiful Bodies" campaign allowed students from all over campus to send out body-positive messages to others who struggle with similar thoughts. "Don't let your body bully your mind," wrote Sara Stemen '17 in support of the campaign.











[GSD]



# GENDER AS PERFORMANCE

Drag is a way of understanding gender, how we express it, how we display it, and how it shapes the way we understand ourselves. Esme's Traveling Gender Show and Tell, a drag performance group led by Esmé Rodríguez, is no stranger to Alma's campus. This marked their fourth visit to Alma, and as with all their previous visits, there was a strong educational focus to their visit. From the evening drag show to the panel discussion to the drag make-up workshop, Esme and her troupe of drag kings and queens encouraged students and faculty to consider the diversity in how we express gender and sexuality. During the panel discussion, performers discussed a wide range of issues, including clarifying the difference between drag and transgender and the complex ways gendered, sexual, and racial identities are expressed. The evening drag show was paired with a workshop where interested students could explore constructing drag personas through dress and make-up.

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# PARTNERS IN DIVERSITY.

From partnering with the CSO on Martin Luther King Jr. holiday events to collaborating with Gender and Sexual Diversity (GSD), the Multicultural Student Union was focused this year on building connections to other groups on campus that share their commitment to a diverse and inclusive campus culture. When the group was founded, it called itself the Black Student Union, and its mission was to provide support and advocacy for black students. However, for over a decade, their work and their name has focused on broader concepts of cultural diversity and multicultural awareness. This year's programming highlights included a field trip to the Ziibiwing Center for Anishinabek Culture on the Saginaw Chippewa reservation. Offered in Fall term, the trip was open to all students and helped connect students to the rich cultural history of central Michigan. MCSU also collaborated with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion on this year's MLK events, offering a screening of the film Selma, which retells the story of a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights movement. For MCSU President Jade Edwards '16, the film provided a way to "share knowledge with the community" about a moment in history that matters a great deal to many of the members of MCSU. Edwards stressed, however, that the work of building a multicultural nation is shared, and this is why partnerships with groups like GSD are so important. MCSU partnered with GSD to bring in Esme's Traveling Gender Show. The partnership, Edwards noted, illustrates that diversity includes all, not "just [those] racially and ethnically different.











## FOUR YEARS LATER...

When seniors Kris Chessin and Dakota (Gogo) Goglowski stepped across the stage to claim their diplomas, they became part of history. Four years ago, both were members of the first class of Alma College's King Chavez Parks program (KCP), a mentor network designed to help first generation and other underrepresented students transition successfully to college through connecting them to a network of peer and faculty support. Part of a state-wide program, the goal of KCP is to ensure equity of access and support to all students who seek a college education. Thinking back to that first year, Chessin noted that the time in the program and conversations with her mentor, Erika Schnepp '13, helped uncover "what I wanted and what made me happy. I found out so much about myself that first year that allowed me to open my mind and consider other possibilities." Since that first pioneering class, the program has grown "a TON!" said Nate Payovich, Associate Director of the CSO. This year there are eighty mentees, thirty mentors, as well as twentyeight faculty mentors. In addition to saying farewell to its first class, the program also said goodbye to two staff members, Denelle Brown, Associate Vice President for Diversity, and Cindy Smith, Coordinator of Financial Counseling. Program founder Laura von Wallmenich noted that "it was emotional to see this first KCP class graduate, but it is also inspiring to see what Denelle, Cindy, and Nate were able to build from the foundations of that first year. While we will miss Denelle and Cindy, the bones of KCP are strong and new leadership will bring new excitement and new possibilities for the program.

# [MCSU]

#### PREACHING POETRY

A roadside memorial for MCSU alumnus Calvin Hilson '06 marks the location where he was struck by a drunk driver on March 30, 2015. Hilson was a man whose life was lived in service to his community. While a student, he was a leader in MCSU. He was a friend to all, a talented football player, and a gifted wordsmith who believed, as Martin Luther King Jr. did, in the transformative power of words. Hilson's words of choice were poetry. "He amazed us by creating impromptu poems on the spot," recalled Professor Bill Palmer. "He could catch a beat and ride it like a surfer on a wave. Calvin was a life-giving force: he showed us how spoken poetry can inspire people to care about justice, peace, and love." Hilson went on to join the Las Vegas police force, and then the Las Vegas Urban League where he mentored youth and worked on gang prevention efforts. In 2015, he joined Canyon Ridge Christian Church as a pastorin-training. Known by many as "The Professor," Hilson used poetry as part of his youth outreach and ministry.









[ KCP Program ]



# COOKOUT AND GAMES

At the begining of the year the KCP mentors get together for a cookout and games. Aaron Davis '16 said his favorite memory from it was a cornhole game that lasted almost a whole hour.

# CAMP HENRY.

Olivia Whalls class of 18' said that her favorite memory of KCP was when they all went to Camp Henry. She felt as mentors it was nice for them to bong and get to know each other.

# DON'T BE LATE.

Kat Henning who is part of the 16' class had one memory that will stick with her for the rest of her life. During the KCP training Nate Payovich was late to a meeting and he had to put on a grass skirt and tell a joke in front of everyone that was there for KCP training.

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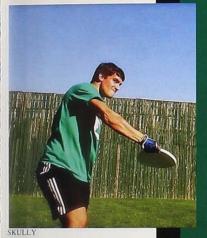


# LIFE IS A CLIMB.

Alma College Climbing Club, also known as AC3, is a group dedicated to climbing both natural and artificial rocks. The club takes annual climbing trips to some of the most beautiful places in the United States. These trips have included the Red River Gorge in Kentucky, the New River Gorge in West Virginia and Horse Pens 40 in Alabama. Locally, students practice on a 600-square-foot climbing wall in Alma College's Stone Center for Recreation. In addition, much of their time is spent spreading the word about climbing, ensuring people use the climbing wall safely, and passing along climbing knowledge to the next generation. For Amanda Mladenovski '18, climbing is both a hobby and a way of approaching life. "It challenges me both mentally and physically as well as being something I can do with friends, old and new. I find satisfaction in climbing because it pushes your body to the limit as well as increases flexibility. And when I make it to the top, I feel accomplished," said Mladenovski. Mladenovski confessed she had an urge to constantly go higher and climb the same wall over and over again, just with less steps. Climbing applies itself to many life hurdles. Watch and learn. Often times, a missed step isn't noticed by the climber, but by those watching. To apply what one has seen to his/her own climbing approach and when possible, learning from other's mistakes is an opportunity offered by rock climbing. 'Life is a climb," said Mladenovski.









[ Ultimate Frisbee ]

For senior Jordan Skully, ultimate frisbee originated as a fun activity to maintain his athletic abilities. Now, as captain of the club, Skully feels a burning desire to "do well and beat everyone." Over the last couple years, Alma College's ultimate frisbee club has come a long way. They have finished second the past two years in a tournament in Grand Rapids as well as attracted opponents all the way from Virginia. "It's a great way to build strong bonds and requires a large amount of teamwork. I've found it to be very uplifting. It takes a lot of practice, so everyone involved is always so excited to see everyone doing well and playing to their full potential," said Skully. According to Alma College alumni and ultimate frisbee participant Nate Grimm '12, many people are just simply gifted athletes, but nobody is born into playing ultimate frisbee. Some people here at Alma College have many varied memories of their first time playing. "I didn't really know what I was doing. I had never played sports before. But I took the chance and after that first day playing, I was hooked. There was no way I was going to not play it again," said alumni Caitlin Marsh. Alumni Dan Krauss, who established the facebook page for ultimate frisbee, explained his first experience during his freshman year: "I ran into like three sweaty guys and thought 'Oh, that was rough.' But I really enjoyed the game and it was the one sport I seemed to be

# [Climbing Club]

# ONE STEP AT A TIME.

After being instructed by Jason Bursach '16 that it is safe to climb, the climber takes off by extending her forearm to the highest ledge within reach hoping to reach the top within as little steps as possible.

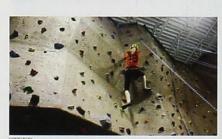
# REACHING COMMON GROUND.

The climber repels down the rock wall after reaching the top. The harness around her waste attached to a supervised rope provides the safety needed to safely reach ground.

## IN PURSUIT.

While in mid climb, arms are extended, knees are bent, and eyes are looking ahead in pursuit of the top of the rock wall. Upper and lower body strength is demonstrated here while maintaining body control.













# EXCEEDING GRAVITY.

Junior Zacc Bell leaves the ground extending his body to intercept a pass, just exceeding the hands of senior captain Jordan Skully. The transition from defense to offense must happen quickly in hopes of a successful counter attack.

# DEFENSE.

Adjusting to the right winged throw, defense works to not give away an easy foul resulting in an easy offensive reset. Knowing whether or not to draw a foul is key in defensive efforts. Allowing the time needed to reset and the relaxation of pressure is not something you want to give your opponents.

#### HOLD YOUR GROUND.

Other senior captain Austin Bryan holds his ground in hopes of denying the other team the disk. Restrict the handler's options, play the wind, and stop players from going where they want to go. Guard the man, not the disk.

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## FUN ON THE ICE.

The Alma College Hockey Club is a small club on campus that is always looking to grow. "We are always looking for more people interested in the sport and accept everyone who wants to play in a relaxed and friendly environment," Matthew Embury '18 noted. The Hockey Club may be a laidback group, but being a club team can present its own challenges. Similar to varsity sports, there always the difficulty of finding a happy balance between school and hockey. The team does not have practice, just weekly games, and the roster of players can change from game to game. President Aaron Khoury '17 stated, "in a lot of cases, we play with one or two guys on the bench because everyone is really involved on campus or dedicated to their schoolwork—with all the schedule conflicts we rarely see everyone in the club at a game, but we always have a lot of fun." The Scots play at the Isabella Ice Arena against former players of the Central Michigan University DII teams, which have been recently dissolved, and other local college students. This club is open to women as well. "One of our better players was a woman until she transferred two years ago," says Khoury. Joining the Alma Hockey Club team is a great opportunity for students to continue playing the sport they love without sacrificing as much time as a collegiate team would require. The club also makes it easy for new members to join. Simply contact Aaron Khoury and request to join the Facebook page—Alma Hockey—or attend one of the meetings to sign up.









# WORK HARD, PLAY HARDER.

[Intramural Sports]

Intramural sports, also known as IM sports, allow students to compete at various sports such as floor hockey, volleyball, soccer and whiffle ball with their friends. IM sports are open to players of any level of experience and skill. Still, IM sports can produce its own all-stars, including three time Floor Hockey Champion, 2015 Whiffle Ball Champion, and 2015 Turkey Bowl Champion Steve Salceda. "Competing in intramural sports not only kept me in shape outside of lacrosse season, but has allowed me and my teammates to bond together," Salceda said. "It is a great way to stay active while at the same time facing some friendly competition. Throughout the year you get to test your skills in different sports with some of your closest friends." Most IM sports are team sports which fosters team bonding between all active participants. Member of the Dodgeball Champion team Sophomore Dylan Zaborowski said, "IM's are a way to get out of the dorms and be active! It's not quite as competitive as a true sport, it's a bit more laid back, but still a lot of fun." According to Garrett Thelen, Assistant Director of Recreation and Conferences, IM sports are increasingly popular on Alma's campus. In the last three years, the number of students who have participated has increased while forfeits due to too few players have dropped substantially. Thelen hopes to add some fun one day events in the coming years that draw even more students into IM sports. Intramural sports are driven by student interest, and so students can help shape the program and are always invited to share ideas about the program.

# [ Hockey Club ]

# STANDING OUT.

As a club sport, the Hockey Club depends on members with passion for the game. Although the team lacks a formal structure, natural leaders still emerge. For Aaron Khoury '17, one player on the team stands out as someone who keeps them playing their best. "If I had to say someone on the team was a captain it would be Matt Embrury," said Khoury. "He really stands out and puts everything he's got on the ice and is always helping people get rides and what not."

#### THE TEAM.

The 2015-2016 team consisted of Dino Deliyanne '19, Noah Gleason '18, Greg Goffee '17, Jamey Paron '16, Randy Maples '19, Matthew Embury '18, Aaron Leonard '17, Jake Plisko '19, and Aaron Khoury '17.





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# GET CONNECTED.

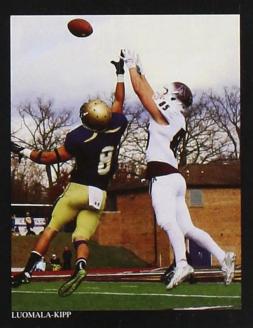
Getting involved with intramural sports is easy. Students simply need to sign-up online at the IM Sports page on the Alma College website. Alma offers flag football, basketball and volleyball in the fall semester and dodgeball and softball in the winter semester. There are also host of other events, from whiffleball and beanbag toss tournaments to games of pickleball and Kan Jam. Game times are arranged so that students can easily play more than one sport each semester. The program is managed by the staff at the Stone Recreation Center. "We attract all types of students and that is what is fun about intramural sports," Thelen noted. "Students have the opportunities to meet new people with common interests." It is this social aspect that draws many students, faculty, and staff to join. As Trevor Quast '18 noted, "IM sports is a great opportunity for students from all different groups to come together, have fun, and destress from our classes.

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# [Athletics]

Here at Alma each athlete takes great pride in his or her sport and strives to achieve great things, including competing in the MIAA Conference tournament. Each athlete on this campus gives every ounce of time and dedication to the sport, committing to the training, conditioning, and teamwork necessary to succeed. This year, many athletes were eagerly anticipating the construction of the new Hogan Center weight room and all it will offer. "I am excited for the new weight room," basketball player Brooks Hyble '18 said. "It will be great way for all the athletes to gather together and improve ourselves as student athletes." Beyond the value of competition itself, our athletes also value the bonds they share with teammates. "I have so many good memories of my team and teammates, and I can't wait for my many years to come with them," explained Kaylynn Perian '18. Fans also play a special role in the athletic life here on Alma campus. Each team has many dedicated fans that offer their time and positive energy toward the teams. Amber Isaacson '17 explained, " I love to cheer on my friends and teams to help them achieve team spirit for their school and programs. It really brings all of us together as a student body." Each athletic program has its own rich story of its triumphs and tears for this year, and each of those stories has been woven together by the dedication and hard work of our athletes and the cheers of support from our fans.







# [ Cross Country ]

The cross country team faced a lot of adversity in the beginning of their season, but that is not evident in the results of the season. The women's team placed third at the MIAA Cross-Country Championships. Junior Kaitlyn Arnold finished 5th overall and sophomore Chelse Van Spronsen placed 20th with an impressive time of 23:34.2. Both women, along with the rest of the women's team, worked all season to reach their goal of finishing better overall in the conference than the previous year. The men's cross country team finished eighth at the conference meet, led primarily by senior Adam Sanchez and freshman Anthony Pizzo. To end their season, the Scots went to Terre Haute, Indiana to compete at the NCAA Division III Regional Championships. The women's team finished in 16th place, while the men finished in 30th. Head Coach Matt Chovanec commented on the season saying, "It was a great season all around. Both teams grew and learned a lot about how to continue to get better, and we will keep moving forward. The seniors helped lay the foundation for things to come with their dedication and sacrifice over the last four years." Chovanec wants to instill excellence into the program for years to come. There is never an offseason in cross country. The team consistently trains all year in order to be in the most competitive shape possible and reach MIAA success.

# FOREVER A SCOTT.

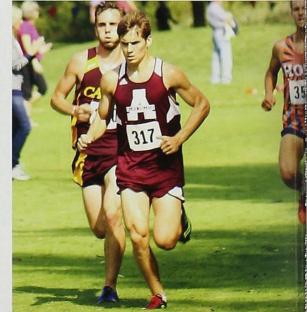
During one of the first meets of the year, Calvin Scott '18 focuses on the runners ahead of him in order to keep the competition in sight. Coach Chovanec reminds Scott and the rest of the team that, "going into big meets, it's important to know who will be there and what your competition will be.'

# FIERCE FOCUS.

As one of the top runners for the men's team, Adam Sanchez '16 competes to place the team in a competitive position in the conference. Throughout college, Sanchez has been a three time MIAA honor roll recipient and nominated for First Team All-MIAA.









Men's Team: Zane Berlanga '18, Charlie Clark '17, Mark Danks '19, Nicholas Fox '17, Justin Jones '19, Jamey Paron '16, Anthony Pizzo '19, Adam Sanchez '16, Jeff Schlicker '18, Calvin Scott '18, Ryan Weaver '16 Women's Team: Kaitlyn Arnold '17, Alexandra Bieri '19, Kaila Black '17, Hannah Garn '18, Kara Giles '16, Libbey Jones '18, Anissa Keeler '19, Laura Kelly '16, Shannon Kievit '18, Laurne Kucharczyk '19, Mallory Munderloh '19, Penny Nelson '19, Paige Pontious '16, Hannah Thayer '19, Chelsea Van Spronsen '18, Brooke Vande Polder '19 Coaches: Head Coach Matthew Chovanec, Coach Mark Ryan, Coach James Larson, Coach Ryan, Assistant Gordon Aldrich







# READY. SET. GO.

The women's cross country team, led by Kaitlyn Arnold '17, dashes off on the grueling path to the finish line. Arnold was named to the CoSIDE Academic All-District Team earlier this year for District Six. An All-MIAA First Team member, Arnold took 32nd at Regionals, which earned her All-Regional Honors for the second straight year.









	Men	Women
IU Jeff Drenth Invitational	20th	14th
lvin Invitational	8th	6th
AA Jamboree	6th	4th
C Invitational	26th	14th
erlin Inter-Regional Rummble	8th	3rd
AA Championships	8th	3rd
CAA Great Lakes Regional	30th	16th



# [Football]

The men resound, in unison, the end of their prayer, led by Nick Mangutz '17, underneath the field goal post: "When the game is over... and we've met the task... Lord let us know... that we've played our best." These words resonate inside each teammate as they prepare for the gar at hand. The symbolic axe, held by Terry Calagon '16, leads the team across the field reminding each player of the many hours of deliberate practice endured over the grind of their season. "We work each week trying to perfect our skills: grinding that axe down," explained defensive coach Nate Jenson. The metaphorical sharpening of the axe has been a tradition carried out on the football team that represents the perseverance and dedication of each player that runs through Bahlke's gates. Jenson continued saying, "We are working to form a new identity this season, and that has been a driving factor for the boys. What is our team's identity?" The Scots responded well and made a new identity this season. They amassed five wins, which is more wins than the last three seasons combined. The team, led by its upperclassmen. brought the program back from the mediocrity that plagued Alma's football over recent years. "At the end of the day, personal records are meaningless," stated Calagon '16. "It's good to see the program succeed and, hopefully, it only goes up from here." The Scots' record (5-5) was their best since the 2009 campaign, and as opposed to recent years, the offense was the catalyst of their team. When the offense moved the ball well, it gave the defense an opportunity to rest and game plan for their series ahead. The JV football team completed their season 4-1-1. The younger guys attributed their success to better leadership and more athletes available on the team.

# TOO EASY-E.

Cutting up field after a 10-yard out route, Erik Hines '16 shrugs off an outside backer, spins around a corner back, and wheels down field for a 55 yard touchdown reception to put the Scots on top 14-0 over Albion.

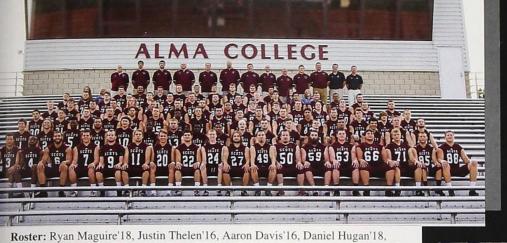
## ALL IN FOR RISHAUL.

The defensive linemen gather together before their game breaking for their lost teammate and brother. Rishaul Nital '16 passed away this summer during an asthmatic complication, and it gave the men a purpose this season. "We were shocked," said Kevin Essenmacher '18. "He was a friend, and we play each day









Terry Calagon'16, Derek Talaga'16, Grant Wilson'17, Corey Bell'16, Nick Sullivan'17, Brent Luplow'16, Essa Kellah'19, Dylan Zaborowski'18, Eli Loston'19, DeVonte Montgomery'19, Cody Coleman'17, Parrish TerBurgh'18, Kodee Smock'19 Kolbi Shumaker'16, Chris Luckhurst'19, Trevor Camanse'16, Alex Yancv'19, Sean McDonald'16, Joe Moran'19, Maurice Tawil'18, Joey Endres'16, Francis Bergquist'18, Eddie Inglsbee'18, Brandon Erwin'17, Alexander Szajko'19. Brandon Moore'18, Lars Murray'18, Nick VanDuser'17, Zac Peterson'18, Jachai Wheatly'19, Jacob Chittenden'17, Nick Cozart'18, Lazaro Chavez'18, Dustin Tripp'18, Dylan Demo'19, D.J. Perez'19, Jonathon Alfaro'19, Brandon Harper'18, Tyler Mrock'19, Gunner Lamb'19, Bailey Proctor'19, Jackson Connor'18, Chris Johnson'16, Dakota Gogolowski'16, Colton Tyson'18, Dallas Reeser'19, Gus Vanderdonck'19, Jake Curtin'19, Nick Mangutz'17, Hunter Hoffman'19, Elio Kollcinaku'18, Trevor Willnow'16, Oscar Flores'19, Declan De Young'19, Brannon Roach'19, Rob Taylor'16, Kevin Essenmacher'18. Andrew Kenger'16, Dino Deliyanne'19, Joseph Bongard'16, Jeremy Fisher'18, Samuel Mazzola'19, Michael Taylor'19, Brenden Evans'18, Ian Hickerson'18, William LaLone'18, Will Nicolai'19, John Aloisi'19, Jacob McKiddie'18, Dustin Neyer'18, Brian Wiles'19, Jacob Shields'18, Eric Rohde'18, Erik Hines'16, Zach Huver'17, Troy Gahm'16, Thomas Cannon'18, Cameron Lee'18, Nick Knudson'19, Joe Hernandez'19, Andrew Roberts'19, Derek Ellis'18, Kyle Kraus'19, Max Stepanets'19, Austin McCreary'19, Austin Bowling'19



## LAYING THE FOUNDATION.

After making a quick cut across Albion's 49 yard-line, sophomore Daniel Hugan slides to make his 62nd catch of the season. Hugan finished 4th in school history with 71 catches, and received All-MIAA Second Team honors. The Scots made strides to reclaiming their "dominant" status in the MIAA. Their offense surpassed 4,000 yards and ranked 10th in school history. All-MIAA Second Team linebacker, Zac Peterson '18, became one of nine players with 100+ tackles in a single season at Alma. Troy Gahm '17 received All-MIAA First Team, Erik Hines '16 became one of 12 players to catch 9+ touchdown passes in a single season, and Nick Sullivan '17 eclipsed the school record in carries (163), and finished with 70 points which ranks 12th in school history. Senior Terry Calagon finished his career as Alma's all-time leader in tackles for loss (49.5) and sacks (22.5). Calagon is the only player in Alma history to be named "All-MIAA Defensive MVP.

"Our identity can be seen in the players... The upperclassmen have laid the groundwork for our program's future and its success. Now we just need the younger guys to step up and keep moving in that right direction." -Coach Greg Pscodna

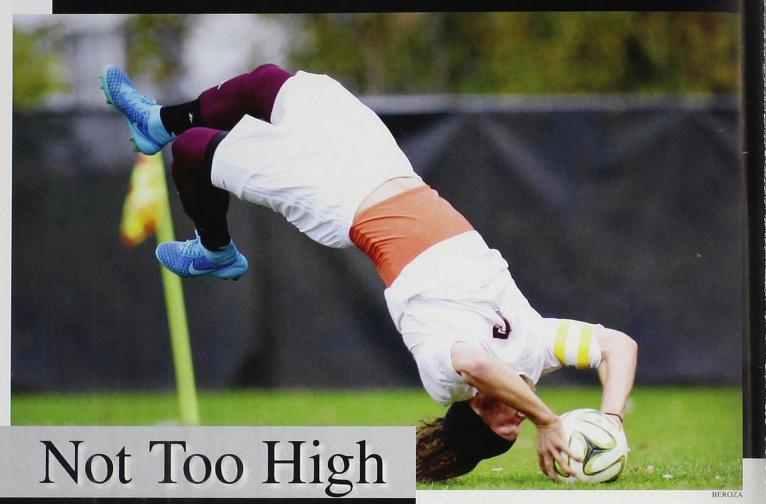




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Overall Record: 5-5



[ Men's Soccer ]

This detrimental flip throw is well known at Scotland Yard. The opponents treat it like a corner kick and proceed to the eighteen yard box to stand goal side of their opponent. Zach Vandeveer '16 plays the ball into the box where Adrian goalkeeper is fortunate enough to punch it out. Game winning goals, leader in assists, and All-MIAA Second Team are just a few things Vandeveer has accomplished at Alma. "Hard work pays off," said Vandeveer. "As a freshman, I was not the strongest or most technically skilled. Through hard work in the offseason, I started to notice a difference in my performance on the field." Vandeveer led the team to their first winning home record since 2002, first twelve win season since 1999, and first MIAA Championship game in Alma history. Coach Oakley's "Not too high, not too low" philosophy was largely influential this season. The team really focused on taking one game at a time and approached each obstacle with a realistic, unified plan. Not looking too far ahead, but, also, not underestimating abilities was a tactic the team utilized. Freshman Jake Geary took note of the team's success. Geary explained, "I feel accomplished to be apart of such a great group of guys willing to work everyday for each other. We had more than a team. We had a family. That's what helped us achieve so much this year."

# PRESSURE.

During a home game versus Adrian, Aaron Bender '16 challenges a fair ball in hopes of creating a counter attack.

## MAN ON.

The Trine Thunder pushes off of Senior Spencer Sandow as he works the left flank. "I wanted to make sure I played my hardest to help the team be as successful as it could be," said Sandow.

# EYES UP.

Four year starter, Julian Birge '16, dribbles the ball with eyes up checking his options at Scotland Yard. "I will always be proud to have been apart of ACMS," said Birge.









Front Row: Chad Buitenhuis '16, Nick Camargo '16, Spencer Sandow '16, Steven Kovach '16, Matt Sovis '16, Zach Vandeveer '16, John Ulrich '16, Jared Niec '16, Brian Eggenberger '16, Julian Birge '16, Aaron Bender '16, Ryan Schoonover '16. Row 2: Assistant Coach Alex Mattson, Jake Plisko '19, Sam Falardeau '18, Ben Slavin '19, Nick Strait '17, Collin Schaafsma '19, Jon Buitenhuis '18, Andrew Reid '19, Kyle Kansman '17, Josh Carolan '17, Josh Sawyer '17, Head Coach Josh Oakley. Back Row: Evan Shirkey '18, Tyler Raab '17, Avery McGroarty '18, Jake Geary '19, Sean O'Malley '19, Lucas Foust '19, Kei Yamamoto '17, Justin Johnson '19, Austin Gabris '17, Kyle Richardson '19. Not Pictured: Nick Bunker '17



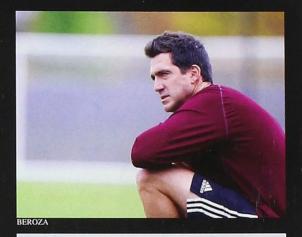




## LEADERSHIP.

Junior Kyle Kansman has been a key part of the ACMS's back line. His leadership and confidence is demonstrated here during an offensive effort to place a header in the upper 90, or corner of the net. "I'm motivated by my desire to show everyone that this team is something special and when we play our game, we can compete against the best of them," stated Kansman.

"Not too high, not too low."
-Coach Josh Oakley





	Scots	Away
Anderson College	6	1
Central College	3	2
Monmouth	3 2	2
<b>Aquinas College</b>	0	3
Hope	3	1
Olivet College	0 3 3	2
Calvin College	0	3 1 2 1
Adrian College	2	1
Kalamazoo College	0 2 1	1 2
Albion College	1	0
Trine University	1	
Норе	1	0
Olivet College	1	0
Calvin College	0	2
Adrian College	2	0
Kalamazoo College	2	2
Albion College	3	1
Trine University	Ō	0 2 0 2 1 2 0
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Calvin College	Ō	3



[ Women's Soccer ]

Change is one of life's phenomena that people endure each and every day. It can be avoided or disregarded, or it can be accepted to allow growth through experience. Over three years, the women's team has had this experience from three different coaches. "It's really hard to transition between coaches for three years in a row," explained Allie Smith '16. "It takes a special group of girls to be able to continually bounce back from such dramatic changes." Coach Ashley Bingaman was hired in early June this year. According to Bingaman, "It was gretiming, and I was happy to come home to my roots." She is excited to work with such strong girls, both academically and athletically. Whitnee Foote '18 explained, "I love the family aspect of the team." Bingaman wanted to expand even more on this idea of family by dividing up the girls into small groups, or "families." The division was designed to encourage one another through fitness tests, season goal and academics. Bryn Kittle '16 stated that "coming to a college out of state was a really scary decision for me... I didn't know it would make a major impact in my life." She went on to explain that these girls are her family away from home. The team scored 40 goals and won eight games in conference. "I think overall, this year was a big step for ACWS's future," stated midfielder Macayla Greiner '17. "I have no double my mind that this year will help raise up to higher expectations: family wise and athletically." Family can always change throughout life, a shown by the girls' team. Assistant coach Meghan Gorsuch stated, "Even though girls are coming and leaving, we will never forget our family and will always cherish the moments with them for years to come."

## MIGHTY STRIDES.

Two year All-MIAA First Team Kelly Wilson '16 strides with all of her might, hoping to take an early 1-0 lead against Kalamazoo College.

### GUIDANCE.

Standing on the sideline in the match against the Kalamazoo Hornets, head coach Ashley Bingaman patiently waits for the opportune moment to guide the girls in the right direction.

# SCOTTISH FLEET.

Piercing Michigan States' midline, Brenna Hose '18 strikes the ball passing it off to midfielder Madi Ferry '19.









Front Row: Head Coach Ashley Bingaman, Lindsey Lloyd '17,
Bryn Kittle '16, Taylor Roberts '18, Brenna Hose '18, Allysen Neumann '16,
Jenny McClumpha '16, Megan Kalanick '17, Kaylynne Perian '18,
Kayla Linstruth '17, Whitnee Foote '18, Ana Saucedo '16,
Annie Burns '19, Madeline Wieber '19, Jesse Morr '18,
Amanda Mladenovski '18, C.J. Raymond '18,
Assistant Coach Meghan Gorsuch. Row 2: Manager Cora Essenmacher,
Rebecca Gamble '19, Emily Esser '19, Madi Ferry '19,
Janelle Christensen '18, Jessica Burg '17 Ashley Bonam '18,
Lyndsey Malson '16, Tori Sailor '19, Mallorie Lohman '16, Allison Smith '16,
Calin Deck '18, KatyStephan '16, Olivia Whalls '18, Kelsey Postema '18,
Allie Koning '16. Back Row: Kali Rhines '19, Brooke Steed '18,
Kristina Berzkalns '19, Emily Brady '18, Mallory Simon '16,
Macayla Greiner '17, Kelly Wilson '16, Aggie Weddle '16, Melissa Gal '19,
Lily Slavin '17, Ally Kintner '19, Fallon Koenig '17.



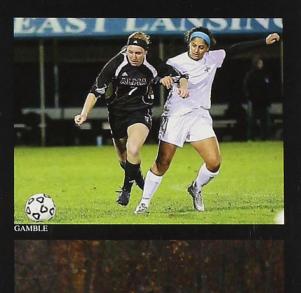




# NEW FACES. NEW TIMES.

Transfer goalkeeper Kelsey Postema '18 seizes the ball with open arms in the tilt against Kalamazoo college. Postema was named MIAA defensive player of the week Monday, October 26th, 2015. In that match, she made a career high 12 saves and following the game, had two shutouts. Postema's new face will be remembered for years to come.

"What lies within us makes us who we are."
-Coach Ashley Bingaman



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	Scots	Away
Central College (IA)	0	2
Monmouth (Ill.)	8	1
Albion College	0	1
Adrian College	0	
Olivet College	4	3
Kalamazoo College	1	3
Hope College	1	2
Calvin College		1 3 3 2 6 1
Trine University (IN)	2	1
Saint Mary's (IN)	7	0
Albion College	3	1
Adrian College	3	1
Olivet College	0	1
Kalamazoo College	2	0
Hope College	0	0
Calvin College	3	4
Trine University (IN)	1 2 7 3 3 0 2 0 3 2 3	0
Saint Mary's (IN)	3	1



# [Volleyball]

From the home opener to the final game, the Scots fought hard. The first home game against the Olivet Comets started a season long trend: action packed games that led into the fifth set. This became a signature for the team leading to many upsets and comebacks. Adrian was a highlight home game that followed trend and went into the fifth set. This game was back and forth the whole way, but the Scots came out with the win. Hannah Guilford '16, a 2015 All-MIAA First Team member, said, "Either team could have won, but we came out on top because we were determined to win." The Scots were able to pull off some wins because of how they practiced. Practices were grueling, and the girls practiced like it was the fifth set every single time. Bringing that mind set to the court made the Scots fight with a passion. "We hold each other accountable and play with so much heart," said senior Maggie Miller. Being a wild card team made the saying "respect all, fear none" hit home. This pushed the team to reach new heights this year. They had an evenly distributed amount of talent that will continue to drive this team to achieve their ultimate goal; make it into the conference tournament. Head coach Sarah Dehring said, "These young women dedicate their time to so many things to improve at the sport of volleyball, but what they do in the community is really what forms them into better people and quality citizens." With the idea of community and volunteer work in mind, the Scots are the ambassadors of Friends of an Athlete. This program reaches out to the Masonic Home in Alma and allows the girls to bond with the elderly residents while playing balloon volleyball.

# THE COME BACK.

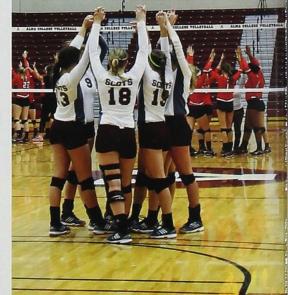
In the home game against St. Marv's, intensity is in the air and the Scots trailing in the fifth set. Senior Hannah Guilford goes in for the kill, and the Scots were able to come out with the win.

# FIGHT TO STAY ALIVE.

At the last game of the season, tensions ran high as the Scots fought to continue on to playoffs. In the final set, Adrian took the lead quickly, but Alma was not done yet. The Scots made a run, but were unable to overcome the Bulldogs.



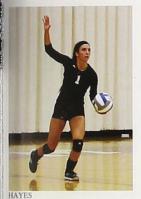




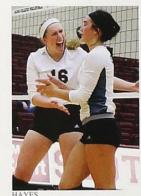




Front Row: Brooke Mason '19, Joelle Fisher '18, Savannah Skelly '18, Emily Krolewicz '18, Kendall Sells '17, Sasha Laykova '17, Madison Smith'17, Dakota Pelach '18, Addie Lofus '16, Anna MacNiel '17, Dorothy Buening '18, Maggie Miller '16, Kara Muxlow '18 Back Row: Molly Lark '17, Brianna Zimmer '19, Katie Maloney '19, Jackie Vyskocil '17, Audrey Durocher '17, Katie Bush '19, Maria Feldpausch '19, Gillian Young '17, Hannah Guilford '16, Liz Putti '18, Maressa Miller '17, Mary Rieger '17, Lexi Bowe '17









# TO PANAMA.

Over the summer, the Scots had a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel and stay in Panama for ten days. During the eye opening experience, they ran multiple clinics for young Panamanian children and played against Panama's national volleyball team. The Scots, known for their volunteer work, carried this passion to Panama. In hot tropical air, the girls painted a school, moved classroom furniture on a Kuna Yala Island, and played with children in an orphanage. Liz Putti '18 said, "Going to Panama with my team and Global Works was one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had the chance to be apart of."

"Honestly, the service that we do in the community is more important to me than anything we do on the court." -Coach Dehring





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Olivet College	2	3
Albion College	3	1
John Carroll University	1	3
<b>Grove City College</b>	3	0
Defiance College	3	0
Manchester College	3	0
Calvin College	0	3
Heidelberg University	1	3
Trine University	0	3
Adrian College	3	2
Otterbein College	3	0
Saint Mary's College	3	2
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Elmhurst College	0	3
Carthage College	0	3
Albion College	3	2
Calvin College	0	3
Trine University	3	2
Saint Mary 's College	3	1
Adrain College	2	3



As a freshman in college, Hannah Joslin found it quite difficult to adjust to the new golf atmosphere. Adding the stress of new courses and new competitions can shake a player's confidence. With the help of her coach and the positive energy from her teammates, Joslin explained she was able to find her new stride for the next season. Joslin responded, "I didn't play up to my ability this year until the last tournament. That was upsetting, but I am figuring out what went wrong, and I'm working on it for this spring season." The Women's Golf Team welcomed five incoming freshman; adding a new perspective to the game. With no seniors on the team, this gave each player the chance to improve on their individual games for the future. This benefited the team's overall success, raising their final team average tremendously compared to last year. In the MIAA Conference, they finished the season in seventh place out of nine teams, with Kennedy Hilley '19 receiving 2nd Team All Conference. Hilley broke a school and personal best record by shooting a 74 at the Kalamazoo Tournament. "I am excited about the future with this group, as far as being a team that can push us into the top four of the league," stated Coach Charles Goffnett. When Alma hosted their home Jamboree, the Scots placed in the number one spot, which has not been done since September of 2007. Tori Basso '19 carried the team to victory shooting 11 over par with a career best score of 84

# DREAMS COME TRUE.

A strong back swing, filled with confidence, helps Kyle Bodkins '19 send the ball straight down e fairway. "Playing for Alma is living out a dream I had as a oung kid," stated Bodkins. The drive to Indiana for the Trine Jamboree gave him plenty of chances to bond and grow with is team. Ending the Trine event ith a 77, Bodkins helped set the bar for his continued success throughout the season.

# BREAKING RECORDS.

Kennedy Hilley '19 looks in as her putt shoots straight for the ple at the Kalamazoo Jamboree. "I tried not to get too excited during my round so I would stay cused," explains Hilley. "It was a relief when I saw my score on e board because I really wanted break 80 this season, and it felt great to do so... This team is oung and has a lot of potential. Ve are all working really hard to shock the MIAA next fall."





"We had a really solid year, but more importantly, I think the future looks very bright for the young players." -Coach Charles Goffnett



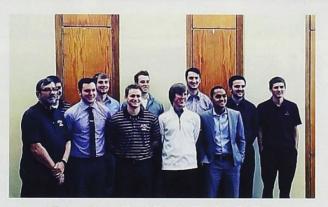
"Forget all the reasons it won't work, and believe in all the reasons it will."

# Swinging for Success

[ Men's and Women's Golf ]



[ Men's Scoreboard ]



Front Row: Head Coach Charles Goffnett. Alec Genter '17, Alex Karapas '16, Kyle Bodkins '19, Aaron Griffin '17 Back Row: Brandon Trefil '16, Robert Holmes '17, Bennett Schmitt '19, Weston Kartes '17, Benjamin Thelen '17, Jared Guy '16

Host	Place	Score	
Albion	8th	348	
Olivet	8th	334	
Alma	8th	336	
Kalamazoo	7th	339	
Trine	7th	323	
Calvin	8th	350	
Adrian	7th	343	
Hope	8th	330	
Olivet Invitational	9th	642	

Women's Scoreboard ]



Front Row: Nikki Palmer '19, Hannah Joslin '19, Katie Neiswender '18, Tara Padgett '17, Allison Starr '19, Tori Basso '19 Back Row: Kylie Hamilton '17, Kelsey Stoll '17, Kennedy Hilley '19, Head Coach Charles Goffnett

Host	Place	Score
Olivet	T-5th	357
Kalamazoo	6th	346
Calvin	7th	388
Trine	7th	370
Adrian (2 days)	5th	691
Alma Invitational	1st	349
Olivet Invitational	10th	750

# FOLLOW THROUGH.

With his eyes focused down the fairway, Alec Genter '17 follows through on his second shot at Alma's home course of Pine River Country Club. With many returning players, the Men's Golf Team focused on team cohesion this season and refining their skills for their bright future. Genter finished in the top five at the Olivet Invitational. "This season was a solid improvement from last year, for the team and myself," commented Genter. "New, young talent got some great experience and we lowered our team stroke average by a significant amount."



# [Wrestling]

Underneath the lights, on the turf of Balke Field, for the first time in Alma's History, the Scot's Wrestling team started their season for the 2015-2016 academic year. "It was one of the most unique and greatest experiences I've ever had as a coach," Coach Todd Hibbs remarked. "I'm so glad that everyone got involved and helped to make it happen. The guys have something that they can remember and talk about for a long time." Throughout the season the team worked together to build each other up, and in turn, they sent three teammates to the NCAA tournament and defeated a #3 ranked team in the nation. "Many team members commented that this year's team was their favorite in terms of team connection," Coach Hibbs said. Since Alma College Wrestling was resurrected in 2011, Coach Hibbs has brought the wrestling team up to amazing heights; and brought home his 100th win of his coaching career. Hibbs doesn't take all credit for himself; "Jamie Jakes ('16) has been critical in the building of this program, with his commitment to training, our team, and this college in general. To see him join his teammates Trevor Maresh ('16) and Romeo Riley ('19) as an All-American at the National Championships was one of the more celebratory moments of our first five years as a program."

# COACH.

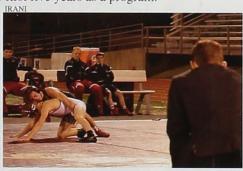
Alma wrestler focuses on what to do next as he listens to Coach Tobias for guidance.

## SET UP.

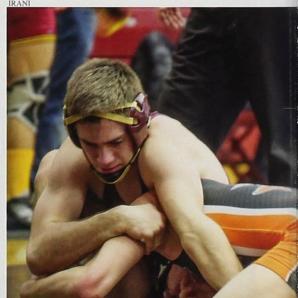
J.J Sadler '16 wraps around his challenger as he prepares to roll him over onto his back. He thinks critically about his next move as he aims to wrap him up in a cradle.

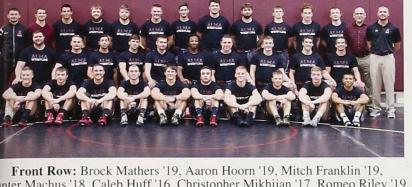
## DOWN FOR THE PIN.

The referee waits down on the mat for Trevor Maresh '16, as he takes his opponent down. After a few struggles he finally wore down the competitor and was able to get him down for the pin.







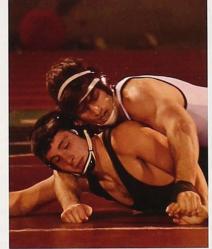


Hunter Machus '18, Caleb Huff '16, Christopher Mikhijan '17, Romeo Riley '19,
Aaron Parr-Besemer '18, Travis Derossett '19, Victor Sosa-Sevilla '17.

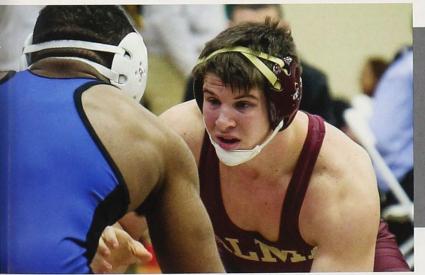
Row 2: Tyler Eible '18, Jamie Jakes '16, Daniel Sayfie '18, Shawn Brewer '16,
Anthony Lesko '17, Roderick Howard '17, Durham Basso '17, Jared Fleming '19,
Taylor McPhail '18, Evyn Bryant '19, Coach Hopkins.

3ack Row: Coach Fletcher, Coach Tobias, Kevin Briscoe '19, Chance Smith '17,
Steven Mudel '17, Travis Heller '18, Stephen Orlando '19, Trevor Maresh '16,

Collin Rankin '17, JJ Sadler '16, Trent Hullett '17, Brody Neeson '19, Head Coach Todd Hibbs. **Not Pictured:** Dominic Adams '19, Eric Mason '17, Cameron Daniels '18.



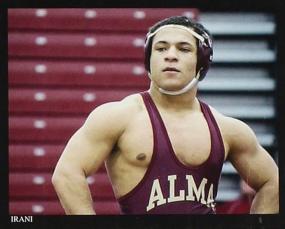
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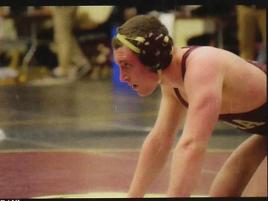
# LEADERSHIP.

Senior Caleb Huff looks to make a move on his opponent during the Pink Day Meet at the Alma College Art Smith Arena. Huff was mainly in the 184-pound weight class this wrestling season.

"Scots, wha hae wi' Wallace bled, Scots, wham Bruce has aften led; Welcome to your gory bed, Or to victory!" GO SCOTS! -Robert Burns, Scots Wha Hae







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# [ Cheer and STUNT ]

The 2015-2016 cheer season started over the summer on the campus of University of Louisville, Kentucky during the NCA Camp. The two day camp focused on learning new skills, creating routines, and preparing for the upcoming season. On the final day, the Scots finished third overall earning the programs third Gold Paid Bid in a row and the Most Spirited Award. As the year progressed, so did the team. During the fall and winter seasons, the 35 member team was seen shining on the sideline of Bahlke Field for the football team or court side of Art Smith Arena for both the men's and women's basketball team. However, the main focus for the team is their own season; NCA Cheerleading and STUNT. Head Coach Michelle Sabourin said, "This year was different due to the fact that it was the first fully recruited team. Every member had chosen to come to Alma College to pursue their education goals alongside competing on the team. The culture also developed under the leadership of our captains and first 4-year seniors. It made for an unforgettable year." The Scots finished as the 2016 NCA National Runner-up for the third time in a row and placed third in the nation during the STUNT Collegiate National Competition for the second consecutive year. Senior Sammy Campbell states, "It almost seems impossible to have as great of a season as we did. What we started four years ago has grown into a strong foundation, and I trust our hard working, dedicated, and passionate culture will live on."

# HARD WORK PAYING OFF.

At the 2015 NCA camp, Dom Burke '18 and Baily Sopjes '17 received the program's first year All-America status. Both had to perform an elite tumbling pass, a toe-touch back tuck, and execute a deduction-free elite stunt sequence to earn this honor.

# THE HIT.

A main focus of the team was the idea of a HIT versus a win. Coach Michelle HAYES Sabourin states that "the teams before this year set the pace to allow this team to have great opportunities for success. It also allowed us to redefine the meaning of success, judging the value of a season based on our perspective instead of the judges' outcome.' [102] Athletics



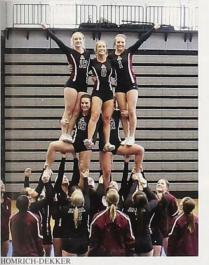


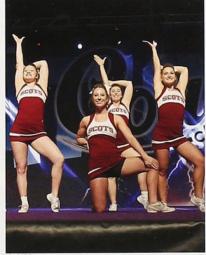


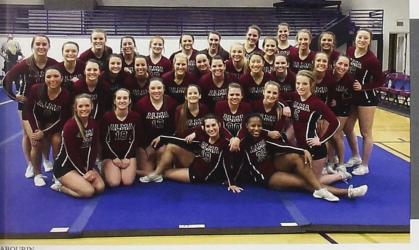




Front Row: Kennedy Winnie '18, Jade Paquin '17, Jordan Wilson '17, Tia Wilson '16, Stacia Holcomb '16, Lindsay Ford '16, Sammy Campbell '16, Ashley Borta '16, Bri Schafer '17, Baily Sopjes '17, Taylor Flees '18 Row 2: Mia Tonnesen '18, Laura Kastler '19, Tiffany Sindel '18, Ali Coffey '18, McKenna Clark '18, Dominique Burke '18, Opal Tafe '18, Hannah Rokosz '18, Lauren Phillips '19, Liz Ettinger '18, Sam Strickland '19 Jilian Jegla '19 Back Row: Abby Sniecinski '19, Shayna Hoch '19, Heather Hoover '17, Brehanna Ramos '19, Michelle Howlett '18, Jordie Hayes '18, Head Coach Michelle Sabourin, Morgan Thompson '18, Julia Mocere '19, Julia Smith '19, Karrigen Courtney '19, Taryn Winfrey '19, Erica Kuiper '18



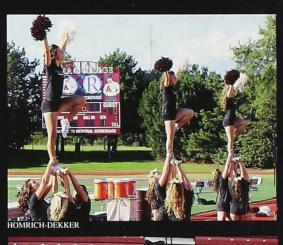




# ARKANSAS SWEEP.

ne STUNT team traveled seventeen hours to make history in the first ever CAA DIII STUNT varsity games. The Scots faced The University of the zarks and Oklahoma Baptist twice, winning all four games. The result was the first winning regular season in program history: 5-2. According to Kennedy Winnie '18, "the best part had to be witnessing our team covenants of passion, unity, and tenacity come out in every game we played. I loved seeing he love for the sport grow within everyone competing.

"Our program has been set on a solid foundation thanks to the seniors' commitment and dedication during their time here." -Coach Michelle Sabourin





# [Scoreboard]

STUNT	Scots	Away
Michigan State	17	9
<b>Davenport University</b>	12	17
<b>Davenport University</b>	10	18
<b>University of the Ozarks</b>	18	3
Oklahoma Baptist	18	16
Oklahoma Baptist	17	13
University of the Ozarks	18	1
Central Oklahoma	12	13
Oklahoma Baptist	14	12
Central Oklahoma	11	17

**NCA Competitions** Aguinas Saints Showdown 1st place **Coastal Cheer Detroit** 1st place Alma College Cheer Invite 1st place **Grand Valley Invite** 3rd place **NCA Nationals Prelims** 2nd place **NCA Nationals Finals** 2nd place

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With a motto focused on excellence, the 2015-2016 Alma College swim team was ready to face any challenges thrown their way. "I hope to institute swimming excellence through proper technique and personal responsibility," said Coach Bill Copland. "Without technique you can't go as fast as you should, could, would. Without responsibility nothing happens." The season started out with a big loss of swimmers from the roster. Many of the previous year's athletes did not return to the team. Coach Copland understood that he had his work cut out for him. "We have half the team from last year. Because of this, we need to learn to succeed with the people that we have." Regardless of the amount of people on the roster, Alma swimmers were still dedicated to the team. "I swim because I love the sport, and I couldn't see living without it,' Sydney Hooker '17 said. "The team pushes each other to achieve. We're a huge family. Everyone on this team loves the sport." Hoping to turn that dedication into some real momentum. Copland approached this season as "an ongoing process towards team success" and tried to foster this mentality within his swimmers. "You get a land with your water and your swim. It's what contributes to the team, but individual successes an not less valuable regardless of team score.'

# BREAKING RECORDS.

Setting the record in both the 100 Breaststroke and the 200 Breaststroke, Hannah Schroeder carried her team throughout the MIAA Championship swim meet on February 20. The record gave Schroeder the 2nd place finish and the best overall finish for the Scots. The women's team went on to take 5th overall while the men's team finished in 6th place



respectively.

freestyle, junior Emily Price dedicates the win to strategy. Price reflected, "I usually try to think of it as two 500's so I can o faster than the first. I felt very good about this race." The race consisted of two strong swimmers, but it was Price who got the win. "About halfway through, I could see she was getting tired, so I put out the moves on her and got the win."







"We want a close team that will go on to achieve a great deal of individual success." -Bill Copland

"I hope our season includes a multitude of smiles and a lifetime of best times at the MIAA." -Coach Bill Copland





# Swimming

# [ Men's and Women's Swim and Dive ]





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Host	Place	Score
Albion	2nd	197.5-79.5
Saginaw Valley	2nd	94-161
Calvin	2nd	61-138
Olivet	2nd	85-89
Kalamazoo	2nd	26-139
Hope	2nd	57-135
MIAA	5th	221

# [ Women's Scoreboard ]

Host	Place	Score	
Albion	2nd	26-155	
Saginaw Valley	2nd	30-168	
Calvin	2nd	25-128	
Olivet	2nd	44-92	
Kalamazoo	2nd	19-141	
Hope	2nd	33-106	
MIAA	6th	13	

[ Men's Scoreboard ]



Front Row: Brooke Peterson, Head Coach Bill Copland, Kathrine Kelley '16 Second Row: Allison Schneider '19, Kate Lehman '19, Ellie Lake '19, Jacquelynn Vosin '16 Third Row: Hannah Schroeder '16, Sydney Hooker '17, Emily Price '17, Brianna Bianconi '17, Last Row: Kurtis Smith '16, Eric Ferrara '19, Bennet DuBois '18



FOR THE WIN

With a time of 2:20, freshman Kate Lehman secured the win in the 200 Butterfly in the duel meet against Olivet.

"I felt pretty happy with that time, it was a mid-season best for me," said Lehman. Since both Olivet and Alma having small teams, Lehman was faced with racing against one other suimmer. "It felt waird because against one other swimmer. "It felt weird because everyone was looking at just us, so that adds some pressure," she commented. With this time, Lehman looks forward to the future. "I'm excited to see what I can do at the MIAA's."



[ Men's Basketball ]

These 17 brothers with a common purpose had a record breaking 2015-2016 season, capturing the MIAA tournament win—the first in school history and the first appearance in a championship game. The win allowed the Scots to make their first ever NCAA Division III postseason appearance; however, the historic season came to an end in the Elite Eight game against No. 2 Benedictine. Coach Hargraves said that "even though the sting of getting so close to the Final Four...was tough, I think we all realized shortly after our last game how special this season was. All the tough times we've gone through: all the losing, the coming close and falling short, the doubt if we could ever be good, it all came together this year." The seven graduating seniors had nothing to be disappointed about. "I couldn't be more proud and more happy for this senior class," said Hargraves. "They leave here as winners, and they will forever be remembered as the group that changed a culture!" The Scots finished the season with 24 wins: the most wins for the program. The previous record was in 1940-1941 with 22 victories. The second place finish in the MIAA regular-season was the best since 1977-1978. Jason Beckman '18 said, "Our team was a band of brothers that would truly go to war for each other any day of the week. We knew how to practice against each other then let it go and get together to go to war against our opponent the next day. It was a truly special bond."

# PROTECT THE ART.

At the last home game of the regular season, the Scots maintained their home winning streak, defeating Trine 69-50. Scott Nikodemski '16 and DJ Beckman '16 received awards for reaching 1,000 career points becoming two of only twelve in Alma's history accomplish this.

# HARGRAVES FOR PRESIDENT.

Head coach Sam Hargraves was named the Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). "Just watching him on the sideline is enough to see how much he cares about his team and this program," said Beckman.

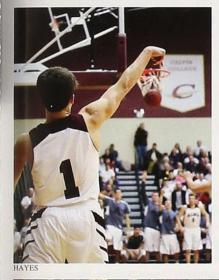








Back Row: J.R. James '16, Tyler Edwards '17, Quinton Cook '17, Kevin Gamble '18, Matt Launstein '16, Doug Bradfield '18, Adam Abraham '19, Trevor Gernaat '17, Kyle Slagell '17 Middle Row: Faculty Athletic Representative Bob Garcia, DJ Beckman '16, Ethan Woelke '16, Scott Nikodemski '16, Chase Fairchild '17, Jason Beckman '18, Bryan Hines '17, Gus Meriwether '16, Rob Holmes '17 Head Athletic Trainer Brett Knight, Sports Information Director Paul Thomas Front Row: Student Assistant Coach Jason Malling, Strength and Conditioning Coach James Lang, Assistant Coach Ryan Clark, Head Coach Sam Hargraves, Student Assistant Coach Ivy Johnson, Assistant Coach Charlie Goffnett, Student Assistant Coach Wes Kartes



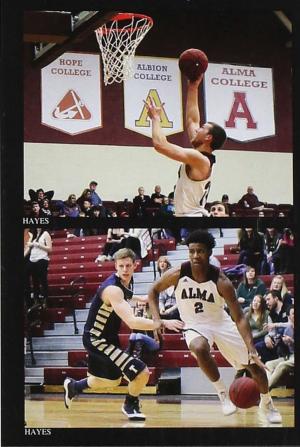




# MIAA TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS.

On the campus of Hope College, the Scots defeated Trine University 62-54 in the MIAA Tournament Championship. Senior Gus Meriwether said, "this was one of the most exciting experiences I've ever been apart of. Afterwards, it was insane and just surreal. Winning gave us a tangible goal and made us realize that all of the hard work that we had put in wasn't wasted." This game advanced the Scots into the postseason playoffs where their success

"The success of the 2016 season really represents the culmination of an entire five year process of building a program." -Coach Sam Hargraves



# [Scoreboard]

	Scots	Away
Ohio Northern University	67	69
Central Michigan	64	79
Ohio Wesleyan University	77	96
Vaynesburg University	101	57
Elmhurst College	69	71
North Park University	98	75
North Central College	67	66
Vheaton College	79	65
Mary Hardin-Baylor	113	97
exas Lutheran	81	82
VisRiver Falls	83	66
St. Norbert College	82	65
Kalamazoo College	86	85
Adrian College	85	66
Hope College	86	75
Calvin College	86	64
Trine University	96	91
Albion College	75	64
Dlivet College	93	55
Kalamazoo College	85	80
Adrian College	68	63
lope College	57	71
Calvin College	91	79
Trine University	69	50
Albion College	66	71
Olivet College	97	85
Albion College	77	64
Trine University	62	54
Denison University	74	60
John Carroll University	90	83
St. Norbert College	70	64
Benedictine University	73	93
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[ Women's Basketball ]

"Play for the name on the front of your jersey" is a saying heard by athletes around the world. Every single day, Alma College Women's Basketball team puts those words into action. ACWB not only played their best season since 2008-09, but also secured the best threepoint shooting percentage in the MIAA. "Since the passing of our former coach, Coach Keisha Brown, the team really came together as a family. She always told us to 'live every day like you can't lose," explained Kassidi Adams '16. Upperclassman who had the privilege of being coached by such an inspirational woman have passed the passion and love for the game carried by Coach Brown onto the underclassman. "When you play for each other, playing for something bigger than yourself comes naturally," said Adams. Freshman Sophie Guzman explained that "no matter what, we always have each other's back on and off the court. I've noticed that every single person on the team has influenced one another in some type of way and we are always there for each other." The amount of support, ambition and tenacity consumed by ACWB has created a success prone environment. "We're a team striving to become better every day. We are people who always work to overcome and achieve goals we have set for ourselves," stated Guzman. Alma College Women's Basketball team is approaching the 2016-17 season with clear heads, full hearts, and an abundance of tenacity.

# FREE THROW.

Freshman Kelsey Wolffis steps up to take a free throw contributing to the Scot's 56-47 win over Trine University.

## DRIBBLE WITH PURPOSE.

Standout Sophie Guzman '19 fends off an Olivet defender while making an effort to put up some points. Guzman stands at 5th in the league for best threepoint shooting percentage.

# IN PURSUIT.

Junior Kaitlyn Kendall remains composed while leaving the ground in pursuit of a made basket vs Adrian. The Scots wore pink jerseys in honor of their beloved Coach Keisha Brown.









Front Row: Erica Hansen '17, Tara Padgett '17, Hannah Frapolly '16, Alexandra Barnwell '16, Kassidi Adams '16, Raeanna Zink '16, Alissa Clink 16. Breanna Collins '17, Kaitlyn Kendall '17 Row 2: Student Assistant Coach Kylie Hamilton '17, Student Assistant Coach Olivia Kirkey '19, Sophie Guzman '19, Elizabeth Kurin '19, Emma Towers '18, Chloee King '18, Kassidy Blough '19, Alexandria Bilbo '19, Lauren Higgins '18, Allison Kintner '19, Head Coach Kris Johnson Back Row: Assistant Coach Joe Alfano, Assistant Athletic Trainer Sydney Bryce, Madeline Barnauskas '19, Abbigale Philipson '18, Skylr Goodman '18, Kelsey Wolffis '19, Brooke Jackman '19, Assistant Coach Cory Daenzer, Strength and Conditioning Coach James Lang Not Pictured: Assistant Coach Cora Essenmacher, Taylor Roberts '18









Junior Tara Padgett displays ACWB's family sentiment while embracing teammate Alexandra Barnwell '16. The team's junior and senior class played a huge role in building such a close-knit team. "We hope to have left behind a legacy that inspires our teammates to really cherish the game and especially the time they have with teammates. There is nothing better than feeling a part of a family," explained fellow upperclassman Kassidi Adams '16.

"Live everyday like you can't lose." -2009-13 Coach Brown





# [Scoreboard]

	Scots	Away
Univ of Mich - Dearborn	72	49
College of Wooster (OH)	76	77
Hanover College (IN)	59	78
Concordia Univ.	55	60
Adrian College	63	66
Saint Mary's (IN)	56	68
Hope College	56	83
Lake Forest	71	65
Lawrence	76	30
<b>Grove City College (PA)</b>	75	56
Albion College	65	73
Kalamazoo College	69	73
Olivet College	66	70
Calvin College	49	67
Siena Heights	66	61
Trine University (IN)	56	47
Adrian College	53	63
Saint Mary's (IN)	72	65
Hope College	45	62
Albion College	59	73
Kalamazoo College	67	55
Olivet College	58	52
Rochester College	69	70
Calvin College	56	91
Trine University (IN)	51	80

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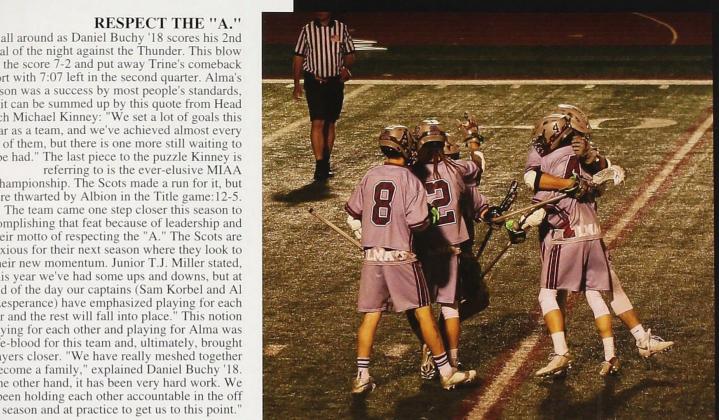


#### BUILDING: BRICK BY BRICK.

The Lady Scots gather together and chant before their match against the Calvin Knights on a cool, crisp Saturday night. Sticks pointed skyward representing their unity and passion, the women are poised to begin the game. The Scots recorded a loss in this game at Bahlke, but kept their heads high and made progress in the MIAA this season under new head coach Ashley Johnson. "I have been impressed with Alma College, our athletic department, and my team from the moment I stepped on campus one year ago," stated Johnson. "This has been an incredible year filled with hard work, passion, and improvement. I am proud of all that our team accomplished this year and the strides that we made together. I am confident that next year will build upon the successes of our 2016 season." They have continued to improve and build an admirable program even among the adversity of coaching changes. They have had three different coaches over a three year span. The Scots finished 6-8 this season and 3-5 overall in the MIAA. Emily Reverman and Ashton Street were named to All-MIAA teams (1st and 2nd respectively) and graduate as seniors and leaders for their teammates leaving a lasting legacy and good memories. "My most memorable part of the season is scoring my first collegiate goal, but I, also, play with a bunch of awesome people so they collectively have made this season memorable," stated Olivia Whalls '18.

# RESPECT THE "A."

Hugs all around as Daniel Buchy '18 scores his 2nd goal of the night against the Thunder. This blow made the score 7-2 and put away Trine's comeback effort with 7:07 left in the second quarter. Alma's season was a success by most people's standards. and it can be summed up by this quote from Head Coach Michael Kinney: "We set a lot of goals this year as a team, and we've achieved almost every one of them, but there is one more still waiting to be had." The last piece to the puzzle Kinney is referring to is the ever-elusive MIAA Championship. The Scots made a run for it, but were thwarted by Albion in the Title game:12-5. The team came one step closer this season to accomplishing that feat because of leadership and their motto of respecting the "A." The Scots are anxious for their next season where they look to take their new momentum. Junior T.J. Miller stated, "This year we've had some ups and downs, but at the end of the day our captains (Sam Korbel and Al Lesperance) have emphasized playing for each other and the rest will fall into place." This notion of playing for each other and playing for Alma was the life-blood for this team and, ultimately, brought the players closer. "We have really meshed together and become a family," explained Daniel Buchy '18. "On the other hand, it has been very hard work. We have been holding each other accountable in the off



# [Women's Lacrosse]

# [Men's Lacrosse]

# [Scoreboard] at Concordia University of Chicago (IL) W at Huntingdon College (AL) at Birmingham Southern vs. Sweet Briar at (OH) at Denison University (OH) at Aquinas College Hope College at Albion College Olivet College Calvin College at Saint Mary's College (IN) Kalamazoo College at Adrian College at Trine University (IN)

Front Row: Nikki Holbrook '19, Brianna Soriano '18, Emily Reverman '16, Ashton Street '16, Olivia Whalls '18, Shelby Frazer '18, Kaitlyn Urick '17,

Darby Kahler '17. Back Row: Assistant Coach Patty Pehnke, Carly D'Alessandro

Miranda Kruse '17, Stephanie Mangutz '18, Kilee DeBrabander '17 Ali Holmquist '16, Brittney Jaynes '16, Tori Basso '19, Valkyrie Progar '17, Megan Finkbeiner '19, Kira Reading '18, & Head Coach Ashley Johnson.



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# PROGRESSION IS KEY.

The Olivet Comets struggle to keep up with Alma's potent offense as Darby Kahler '17 strides across their 15 vard line. Kahler would go on to strike for 5 goals on 5 shots against the Comets. The Scots steam rolled Olivet at Bahlke Field with a final of 18-1 to give them their 4th win of the season. Head Coach Ashley Johnson commented on the win saying, "Today was a great team win. We had nine players score and seven players assist on goals. I was extremely pleased with the effort from the first whistle to the last." This team effort and contribution from all aspects could be witnessed in every aspect of the women's game. Kahler later said, "We progressed so show that we will be a contender for years to come." The Scots proved that much throughout this season thanks to great leadership and excellent coaching. The ceiling for this team's future is undoubtedly high, and I cannot wait to be apart of it."



Ben Luzar '18, Adam Cousineau '19, Tanner Diment '18, Gabriel Vargas '19, David Dolehantey '17, Jackson Williams '17, Jake Ellens '19, & David Smith '17. Staff: Michael Kinney HC, Adam Nycz AC, & Chuck Vierk AC.

# ONLY ONE ALMA.

The men gather together around the 10 yard line and prepare for their MIAA semifinal game against Trine. The match was played on a cool evening at Bahlke Field where the eventual victors, your Alma Scots, would move on to the championship game against Albion. The Scots would dispose of Trine at a score of 9-5: scoring 5 goals in the first 15 minutes and never looking back. Senior Captain Sam Korbel explained, "We really wanted to make a mark this season in the MIAA and show that our success last year was deserved. We wanted everyone to respect our program and they belong by advancing to the Title game for the first time in the program's young history. Coach Kinney stated that "they knew the championship game was on the line, so they stepped up and delivered.'

# at Elmhurst College (IL) at Wilmington College (OH) at Muskingum University (OH) at Greensboro Hiram College (OH) at College of Wooster (OH) at Baldwin-Wallace University (OH) Southwestern (Tex.) Trine University (IN) at Olivet College at Albion College Hope College

[Scoreboard]

[ MIAA Tournament ] Trine University (IN)

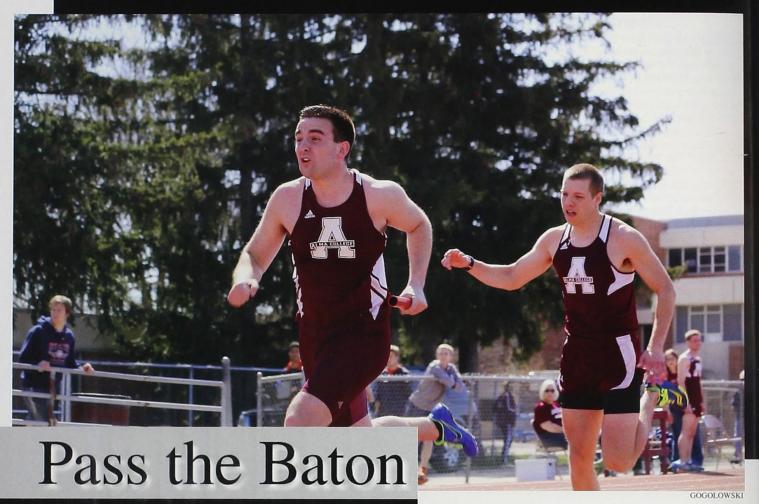
at Kalamazoo College

Calvin College at Adrian College



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[110] Athletics



# [ Track and Field ]

The passing of the baton is the action which ensues in the 4x100 relay race, but it is also symbolic in the sense that the teammates must rely on each other to do their part and put in the effort for everyone to be successful. Junior Ben Thelen receives the baton blind from his teammate and makes a mad dash towards the finish. The track and field team at Alma has been passing the baton over the last few years and making significant strides towards reviving their program. Sophomore Eric Rohde when asked his thoughts on the team stated that "progress is an excellent word to be used when talking about our team. We've been improving a ton over the past few years, and this year was a big one for us." The women's team displayed their improvement by finishing in the top 5 three different times this season. The men had a 4th, 5th, and 6th place finish during their season as well. Rohde continued, "The attitude of our team was very optimistic. We were always hopeful and excited at every opportunity we had to compete." The track and field program graduated 8 seniors who will be passing the baton to their peers in hopes that they can maintain the hardwork and dedication that has laid the groundwork for success in the future.

# UP AND OVER.

During the Alma Invitational, Junior Justin Larkins propels himself up and over the bar without knocking it off. Larkins' countless hours of practicing on the field and in the Rec during the winter can be seen paying dividends during his events.

# PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.

Foot against the block, Senior Austin Rodriguez pushes off and practices his GOGOLOWS technique before participating in his event. Rodriguez, known for his hardwork and dedication to his sport, could be seen frequently practicing and running at all hours on the track at Bahlke Field.













Men's Roster: Jacob Chittenden '18, Charlie Clark '17, Jackson Conner '18, Nick Fox '17, William Germain '16, Dakota Gogolowski '16, Justin Jones '19, Kyle Kraus '19, Justin Larkins '17, James Lyons '16, Jamey Paron '16, Austin Rodriguez '16, Eric Rohde '18, Adam Sanchez '16, Jeffrey Schlicker '18, James Taylor '18, Ben Thelen '17, Ryan Weaver '17, Cole Younger '18.

Women's Roster: Kaitlyn Arnold '17, Alexandra Bieri '19, Lexi Bowe '17,

Kathleen Collingwood '17, Karen Flesh '18, Hannah Garn '18, Kara Giles '16, Erin Goggins '19, Tia Jolls '19, Chevenne Kalfsbeek '19, Anissa Keeler '19, Shannon Kievit '18 Lauren Kucharczyk '19, Laurel Luhring '19, Kate Merlo '19, Mallory Munderloh '19, adison Nelson '19, Shelby Niedzwiecki '16, Chelse Van Spronsen '18, Brooke VandePolder '19, Megan Wilcox '19.

Coaching Staff: Head Coach Matt Chovanec, Gordie Aldrich, James Larson, Kyle Payne, Mark Merlo, Mark Ryan, Stefanie Lewis, Adam Ryan.







# FINISHING STRONG.

The arduous journey of distance running can be summed up by the tumultuous looks upon the runner's faces as they compete in their event. Junior Charlie Clark displays pose and calmness during his distance runs, and he was a steady competitor who participated in the five meets throughout the 2016 outdoor season at Alma. He set personal bests this season in the 3000 and 5000 meter runs with times of 9:38.81 and 16:40.29 respectively.





# [Schedule]

<u>December</u> 4th- at Saginaw Valley State Holiday Classic

15th- at Saginaw Valley State Classic
23rd- at Defiance College Invitational (Women T-2)
30th- vs. The Cardinal at Saginaw Valley State

12th- at Aquinas College Little Meet
19th- at Grand Valley State Tune-Up
27th- MIAA Indoor Championships at Angola,

5th- at Last Chance Meet

26th- vs. Dick Small Invitational at Defiance,

Ohio (Women 2nd)

9th- at Northwood Open

16th- Jim Cole Scottie Open

29th- at Calvin College Tune-Up

30th- at Calvin College Tune-Up

5th- vs. MIAA Field Day at Olivet College 6th- vs. MIAA Field Day at Olivet College 13th- at GVSU Last Chance Meet

28th- vs. NCAA Division III Outdoor Championships at Waverly, Iowa

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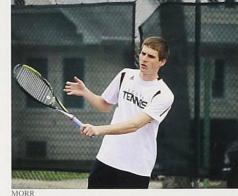


Teammates and good friends Amy Wood 18' and Chloe Ramsey '17 stand shoulder to shoulder at the courts in Alma celebrating an Alma Scots' win. The men and women's tennis team took the courts with high energy that surged throughout the entire team. According to the statistics, both teams received similar scores in the MIAA conference this year. "Overall, I would say there is little to nothing different about this team than previous years and that's a good thing," stated Jared Guy '16, men's tennis team member. "We are all very close, we get along, and we have set an atmosphere around practices and matches that has been maintained throughout the years. I think it's the culture Coach Sandro wanted for his program." This season had its series of ups and downs for the future of the tennis program. Sophomore Noah Ackerman stated, "This year was very similar in terms of our record and how we ended up in the conference. One thing that was a little different was alayers. This year's seniors leave that we didn't have any new kids coming, which is a behind a strong legacy and have little concerning, but hopefully next year we can grow in terms of depth as a team." On the other hand, the women's team expressed less concern for no new incoming players. "The atmosphere on the tennis team is a very positive one," states Nicki Malekadeli '16. "There is an overall feeling of mutual respect among the players and the coaches." For next year, both the teams expressed high spirits for the chance to compete in the MIAA conference.

# SO LONG. FAREWELL.

As Jared Guy '16 warms up before the match against Concordia, his face shows his determination. This was Guy's last year on the men's tennis team. "Hopefully I passed down some of the leadership responsibilities and set a good example for the younger team members," Guy said. This year Guy and Megan Solano '16 received All MIAA First and Second Team. Of course, the team members will never forget all the seniors and what they brought to the team, but there is also excitement about new spots that will be filled by incoming high expectations for next year, team. "I am sad that my college career is done," noted Solano. It has been a long, exciting four years playing. I know that the rirls left on the team will be able to take my place if they work

hard and stay confident!"





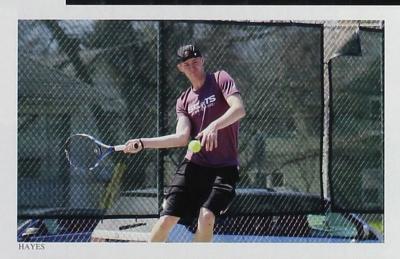
# "I'll let the racket do the talking." -John McEnroe



# Oldy Swing

"Go and win this for your team. Not for yourself, but for the team." -Coach Sandro

# [ Men's and Women's Tennis ]





Front Row: Noah Ackerman '18, Grant Hill '17, Luke Van Fleet '18, and Bryan Schutte. Back Row: Quinn Summerfield '18, Tristan Fox '18, Damien Arthur '17, Chad Barnhart '16, Jared Guy '16.

Match	Scot	Score
Spring Arbor	6	3
Lake Superior State	4	5
Concordia	9	0
Kalamazoo	0	9
Olivet	9	0
Норе	1	8
Albion	9	0

[ Men's Scoreboard ]



Front Row: Megan Solano '16, Paige Pontious '16, Claudia Barajas '17, Nicki Malekadeli '16, Matilda Ennis '18, Amy Wood '18, CJ Raymond '18, and Chloe Ramsey '17.

Match	Scot	Away	
Spring Arbor	1	8	
Lake Superior State	0	9	
Concordia	8	1	
Adrian	4	5	
Kalamazoo	0	9	
Albion	2	7	
St. Mary's	2	7	

[ Women's Scoreboard ]



# ENCOURAGEMENT.

In the match against Olivet, two teammates replay the previous point in the game. For the players, it is the encouragement and support of their teammates and Coach Sandro that foster high spirits. "The atmosphere on the tennis team is a very positive one, commented Nicki Malekadeli '16. "There is an overall feeling of mutual respect among the players and the coaches, which makes it a great environment to be around.'



[Baseball]

After a sweep of Hope at home, Doug Walters (Catcher) '16, Phil Jock (Pitcher) '16, and Patrick Finn (Utility) '17 can be seen celebrating with teammates in line. The Scots historical season came to an end in the MIAA tournament after an upset win against Adrian. Head coach Jake Sabol stated, "their eagerness to learn, to win, and to create something special was apparent from day one. I am so proud of the group we had this year, and I am very thankful for their hard work and dedication." The team finished with a 28-15 record overall, which puts them atop the most wins chart in Alma history. Not stopping there, the Scots set school records in hits, RBIs, doubles, and runs scored. Walters went on to tie the school record for RBIs in a season (37). Left fielder, Matthew Minaudo '18, had 155 at-bats, which captured the school record, and Blake Ordiway '16 appeared in 19 games tying him with fellow teammate Jock (2014) for the school record. The record breaking season is an especially applause-worthy feat because of what they had to overcome when their head coach Scott Kingston resigned. As senior outfielder Yoan De La Rosa explained, "I was upset we lost coach Kingston, but it brought us closer together going back to our family mentality. The whole situation was fuel in the fire for us. We know that we belong now."

## NOTHIN' BUT WEB.

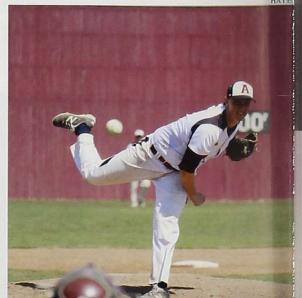
Senior Doug Walters frames a perfectly laced four seamer on the outside of the strike zone to drive the count to 2-2. Phil Jock '16 toted the rubber for the Scots in this parlay against the Bulldogs.

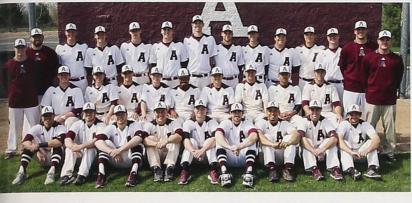
# SEE BALL. HIT BALL.

In game one of the Cleary double header, Senior Yoan De La Rosa rips a ground ball up the middle scoring Matthew Minaudo '18 from third on the play. De La Rosa explained, "Winning as a team overall has been my favorite part of the 2016 season. It has been different than last year. Each win feels like we accomplished it together."

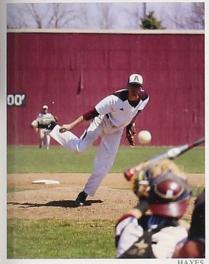




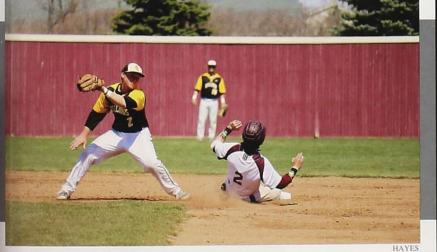




Front Row: Dalvin Ramos '17, Dominic Downs '19, Eric Frontzak '18,
Doug Walters '16, Alex Valasek '17, Adam Thoryk '17, Yoan De La Rosa '16,
Kody Hukill '17, Austin Roeske '18. Row 2: Nick Swanson '17,
David Carles '16, Greg Goffee '17, Adam Martinson '17, Jerome Jackson '17,
Alex Peczynski '17, Edward Farington '17, Patrick Finn '17. Back Row:
Assistant Jordan Dean, Assistant Jordan Adams, Bailey O'Keefe '19,
Mike Mallory '17, Jordan Masters '19, Colin Nash '16, Matt Launstein '16,
Dillon Rankin '16, Blake Ordiway '16, Phil Jock '16, Dayne San Miguel '16,
Joe Champoux '19, Head Coach Jake Sabol, &
Athletic Trainer Brady Hopkins.







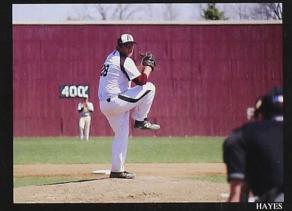
# SAFE AND SOUND.

The throw is just late as senior David Carles slides into 2nd with another stolen bag against the Adrian Bulldogs. Carles would go on to swipe 16 bags in the season that he, unfortunately, couldn't finish due to a broken finger. "The relationships that I will have for a lifetime, and the team being really supportive even when I broke my finger and couldn't play for the rest of the season are the most memorable experiences for me," explained Carles.

"The 2016 season was an incredible one. The amount of "buy-in" that we had from our players was amazing."

Coach Jake Sabol





# [Scoreboard]

Opponents	Wins	Losses
Hope College	3	3
Olivet College	4	0
Calvin College	4	0
Adrian College	1	4
Kalamazoo College	2 4 1	2
Albion College	4	0
<b>Trine University</b>	1	3
<b>Mount Union</b>	1	1
No. 20 Wartburg	0	0 4 2 0 3 1 1
Cleary	3	
St. Vincent		0
Hanover	1 2 2 0	0
Muskingum	2	0
<b>Northwood University</b>	0	1
Overall Record	28	15
Conference	18	10
Home	12	5 7 3
Away	11	7
Neutral	5	3

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Last season, Alma Softball made it as far as one could go - NCAA National Finals. That meant the team had a lot to live up to this season. Although that pressure could be overwhelming, the team stayed focused on reaching their potential for this season and the mantra of W.I.N. —What's Important Now. "Last season motivated me this year because I know our team had the potential to keep the streak alive," explained Erin Lee '18. For Senior Kayla Merice, this motivating impact is not just about this year. "After getting a taste of Nationals last year, it was our biggest goal to get back, and even though we didn't quite get there, I still used that as internal motivation every game." Despite falling short of Nationals during the 2015-16 season, ACSB remained focused and is determined to keep building the winning reputation of the team. Their twenty-four player roster, as well as the coaching staff, has become one big family. "Playing softball at Alma has not only given me twenty-four best friends, but a family away from home. We may fight like siblings at times, but at the end of the day we're together. We fight together. We sweat together. We laugh together. We win together. We are one unit," said Lee. Alma Softball is no doubt a team to look out for this upcoming season.

### SACRIFICE.

Freshman Chelsea Schweiger singled up the middle just before being pushed into a scoring position thanks to a sacrifice bunt from Junior Anna Couture leading to a 2-1 win against Hope College.

# LASTING IMPRESSION.

"With it being my senior season I wanted to give everything I could to the game one last time," explained senior catcher Kayla Merice. "I hope that my passion for the game shined though every moment on and off the field."

# SACRIFICE.

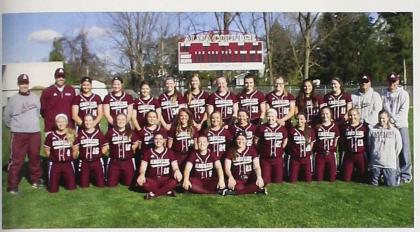
Erin Lee '18 slides safe into base contributing to a 2-1 win against Saint Mary's College (IN). [118] Athletics





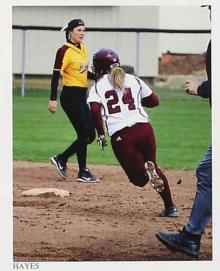


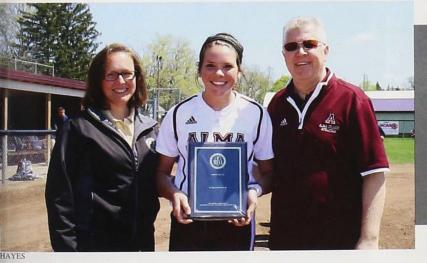




Front Row: Sarah Collier '16, Kayla Merice '16, Kassidi Adams '16 Row 2: Erin Lee '18, Celeste Boyer '17, Shannon Brown '17, Lauren Sabuda '18, Morgan Stratton '17, Anna Couture '17, Kelsey Spencer '17, McKenzie Creed 19. Chelsea Schweiger '19, Katie Long '19, Riley Terwilliger '19, Assistant Coach Breu Olling Back Row: Assistant Coach Phil Hansen, Athletic Trainer Brett Knight, Macey Charboneau '19, Morgan Trout '19, Preslee Deater '19, Sydney Little '19, Kayla Holz '17, Mary Brooks '18, Danielle Service '17, Kennedy Hilley '19, Hunter Hoogewind '18, Katie McClure '18, Assistant Coach Mike Doran, Head Coach Denny Griffin



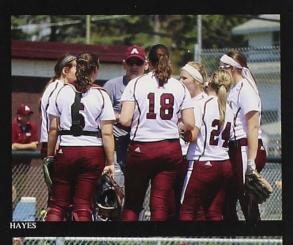




# PITCHING INSTILLS FEAR.

Morgan Stratton '17 receives one of many awards while accompanied by Athletic Director Steven Rackley. During the 2015-16 season alone, Stratton was named MIAA Pitcher of the Week twice, received All-MIAA First Team honors, and was named the Most Valuable Pitcher for softball by the MIAA. In addition, Stratton led the MIAA in every pitching category this regular season concluding 18 W, 0.78 ERA, 6 S, 190 K's, and 3 RBIs.

# "W.I.N." "What's Important Now." -Coach Denny Griffin

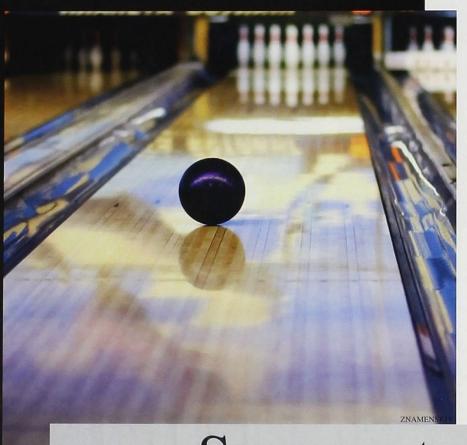




# [Scoreboard]

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At the end of its fifth season, one thing is clear about Alma's bowling team: it has momentum. This was a year of firsts. One of the most important firsts was the addition of a junior varsity team that expanded the roster to 12. "It meant a lot to have more players out there," said Head Coach Kyle Woodcock. The varsity team was half seniors and this made a deeper team all the more important. It was, in many ways, a year where the three most experienced seniors lead the team, but some of the new members were especially promising. For Woodcock, Paige Huebel '19 was one of the standout first year bowlers. "She started the year strong," noted Woodcock, who named her "Rookie of the Year" at the end of the season. The team's strong performance qualified them for the eliminator tournament at the American Heartland Championship, which featured four Baker games played across four lanes. In this team score format. bowlers for each team alternate frames and work for a team score. The top two scores move forward to the next elimination round. The Scots scored the highest score (788) in the first round elimination. defeating Marion and Bowling Green and advancing with Adrian to the next round. They placed third in the second round, which left Ursaline and Adrian to advance on to the finals. The team went on to sectionals to compete in individual and team competitions for a place in nationals.



Back Row: Hannah Strand '19, Lillie Miller '16, Sarah Wilson '19, Catherine Pomeroy '18, Paige Huebel '19, Brooke Flemington '18, Front Row: Kelsey Lodge '19, Heather Lafnear '16, Kaitlyn Howd '19, Tina Ripley '16, Vanessa Martell '19, Brianna Pitre '18

# "We came back strong." -Coach Kyle Woodcock





# "You want perfection? Go to a bowling alley." — John Calipari

# Success to Spare

# [ Women's Bowling ]

# MVP OF THE SEASON.

Lillie Miller '16 shows off the form and technique that earned her an outstanding season. "She was our MVP, that's for sure," said Coach Woodcock. Beyond her strong finishes at individual tournaments that often earned her the top score for the team, Miller was also the strongest contender at the end of the season earning a national rank. By the end of the season, Woodcock noted, "Lillie was 21st in the country in terms of overall average—19th in terms of her differential average, which is more accurate." On the first day of sectionals, Lillie was placing in the top ten, but fell down in rankings the second day. She missed her shot at earning a place in the top four, which is required to make it from sectionals to nationals. Either way, her performance all season could be easily summed up: "oustanding," said Woodcock.

# SHOOTING FOR THE TOP.

Heather Lafner '16 sets her sights on the lane and prepares for her turn. One of the highlights of her season was the Adrian Open, where Lafnear placed first overall for the Scots with a 202 average. She also placed first overall for the Scots at the Kegal Midwest Classic. Lafnear was one of three seniors who lead the team this year and who was an essential part of the momentum that helped this relatively new team grow in reputation and rankings. It will be up to next year's team to take that momentum and keep growing



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ALL AMERICANS.

Teammates Lillie Miller '16 and Brianna Pitre '18 celebrate the news that they were selected on the academic All-American team: an accomplishment that highlights their commitment to excellence both in sports and academics. For Miller, it was one of several accomplishments that made her final year on the team standout. Miller also received an all-conference award this season at the American Heartland Championships and all-tournament honors at the Black and Orange Classic.

# STRIKING A POSE.

Senior Tina Ripley shows the muscle that goes into bowling strikes and spares. Ripley placed 4th overall and was selected on the all-tournament team at the Adrian Open, and she placed 34th at the Raider Classic recording the top team score there.

# [Scoreboard]

Place

# Tournament

Storm Western Shootout
Orange and Black Classic
American Heartland #1
American Heartland #2
Adrian College Open
Raider Classic
ISBPA/Kegal Midwest Classic
Buckeye Baker Classic
American Heartland #3
American Heartland #4
Hooiser Classic
American Heartland Championships
USBS Team Sectional Qualifier



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[ Special Recognitions]

Brent Luplow '16 addresses his fellow student athletes during the SAAC Awards ceremony. SAAC advisor Michelle Sabourin praised his leadership and commitment to the larger community of student athletes on campus. "He was always the face that you saw and helped define that support system within our athletics department," said Sabourin. Luplow exemplifies a characteristic of our student athletes. For all the excellence they achieve on the field, our athletes are also dedicated students who embody all the aspects of the college's mission to think critically, serve generously, and live responsibly. Each year, the commitment of Alma Athletics to this holistic view of sports is manifested in the many special recognitions our players receive for their excellence on and off the field. This year was no exception. 145 student athletes earned a place on the MIAA Academic Honor Role. The Scots placed 4th in the state in terms of the number of students recognized, despite our small size. Several of our teams, including women's lacrosse and volleyball, were recognized for a deep, team-wide commitment to academic and athletic excellence. Other student athletes were recognized for their outstanding service, their excellent sportsmanship, and other characteristics that go into the heart of what it means to be a Scot.

# PLAYING WITH HEART.

Nick Mangutz '17 was named to the 2016 All-State FIFCA Good Works Team for his commitment to service. Mangutz is an active volunteer who works with the Alma Police Youth League, volunteers at Kid's Night Out, and spends his summer at the Center for Courageous Kids in Kentucky: a summer camp for children with disabilities such as muscular dystrophy.

# BASKETBALL HONORS.

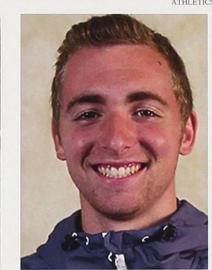
DJ Beckman '16, Ethan Woelke '16, J.R. James '16, Quinton Cook '17, and Chase Fairchild '17 were all named to the 2016 National Basketball Coaches Honor Court for their strong academics.



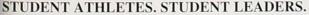












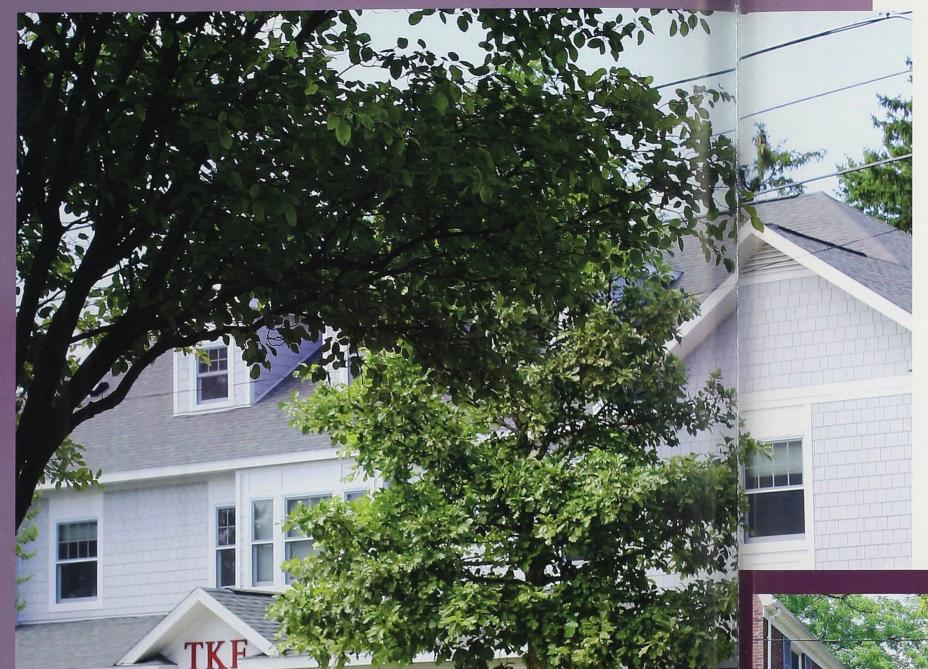
One reason our Athletics programs has the strength that they do is because of the work of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), which is the student-athlete voice within the NCAA governance structure. SAAC provides support for our athletic programs and recognizes excellence at their annual awards dinner.

"This shows the type of program we are, and the kind of people we want to continue to attract." Head Basketball Coach Sam Hargraves



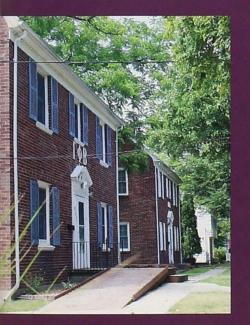


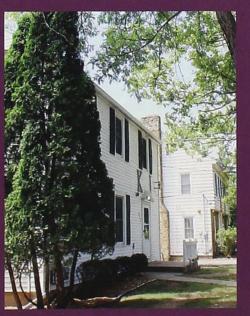




# [Greek Life]

Whether or not a student opts to join a Greek organization, Greek life is an important part of the social life of campus. Alma College has five sororities and six fraternities, and these include a mix of nationally affiliated and local chapters. Each of these chapters is part of the physical landscape of campus, their Greek letters proudly adorning the chapter houses that line South Campus. The classic brick homes of Superior Street represent the long tradition of Greek life on campus, but the newly constructed TKE and DGT houses are symbols of its continuing impact on the campus's future. Both funded through alumni donations, these new projects show the deep connection Alma students and alumni have with their Greek roots on campus. Both in their individual efforts and in their collaborations through the Panhellenic and Intrafraternity Councils, Alma's Greeks model the values of the campus at large, with a commitment to academics, philanthropy, community, and service.





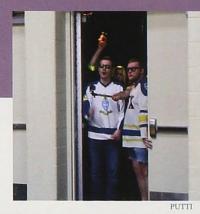












Winter Recruitment ]



Emalee Ousley' 17 and Heidi Michael '17 knew they had their work cut out for them during the 2016 Winter recruitment season. As a Panhellenic Council members, they were in charge of making sure the week ran smoothly and that everyone was able to find the sorority that fit them best. Although it was difficult, they were up for the challenge. "Watching everyone fine their new home is the best part of the week," said Ousley. "I loved recruitment myself and I'm excited to be such a big part of people finding their sorority." Fellow Panhellenic member Miranda Stutzman '17 also felt that being on the council was a great experience, "Panhellenic Council is seeing recruitment in a completely different aspect. You get to get close to all of the women who go through recruitment. Alma truly has a united Greek family and Panhellenic members get to see all of the woman come together.'



Recruitment season can feel a bit like speed dating; there is a lot to

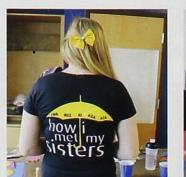
learn about each fraternity and sorority and a limited amount of time to explore your options. The sororities arranged "Teas" that made the process a little easier. Each sorority provided food and fun for the new potential members. Prospective recruits had 30 minutes in order meet with members, and members used that time to help each recruit understand who they were and what they offered. After her first Tea, Jenny Fisher '19 was enthusiastic about the rest of the day. "I had fun there," she said. "One down, four to go now. I've eaten, and I'm feeling ready. I think this is really fun, and I've made a lot of friends. This is a new aspect of Alma I've never seen before." Andrea Hernadi '19 was also excited about the week of events that were to follow the long first day. "Today has been a lot of fun and I'm excited for more," said Hernadi. "Joining a sorority will help me to meet a lot more people." This is one of the goals of recruitment; it allows students who are considering going Greek to get to know the people in the fraternity or sorority and consider whether or not they see themselves fitting into that community. For Greek members, it offers a different promise in the form of new faces and new energy in their organization.





Recruitment season is a time of great excitement and possibility as each individual organization focuses on helping the young men and women going through the process learn about what makes each Greek chapter on campus unique. It is about more than recruiting new members. It is about helping those interested in going Greek find his or her home. Evyn Bryant '19 was very happy with his choice of TKE. "Being in a frat means brotherhood," Bryant stated, "and that's what I've found here. It's having a family away from your family, a support system.









"I wear my letters on my FRONT, because I know my brothers and sisters will always have my BACK!"

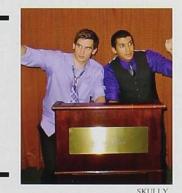
# [PMA]



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# THE SINGING BROTHERS.

Every fraternity has something that defines their core value. For the brothers of Phi Mu Alpha, that one thing is music. Whether they are hanging stockings for the holidays or raising money to fight cancer, you can bet there is a song involved somewhere. The oldest music fraternity in the nation, Phi Mu Alpha has been around since 1898, but only present on our campus since 1972. The members of Phi Mu Alpha can be found in many different musical groups on campus, such as the Kiltie Marching Band, the Alma College Choir, Corral, the Alma College Pipe Band, Scots on the Rocks, Jazz Band and the Alma College Orchestra. Music is also part of their philanthropy, from singing Valentines and Mill's Music Missions to their annual American Music Concert every year that celebrates American music. This year, PMA hosted several music events in Dunning Memorial Chapel. As in past years, the group also was a strong supporter of Relay for Life, hosting their annual spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the event. Some brothers serve while others entertain the crowd, and each year they raise over a thousand dollars for the American Cancer Society.



GET FORMAL.

Jordan Skully '16 and Austin Bryan address the crowd during PMA's spring formal, held at Mt. Bucks Run in Mt. Pleasant.



NEW VOICES.

PMA welcomes their new members and poses for a group shot at the end of the recruitment season.



MEN OF MUSIC.

Michael Anderson proudly displays his Kiltie tartan. Anderson, a part of the Kiltie Pipers.





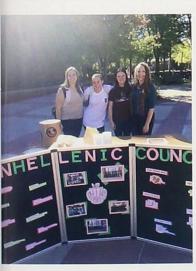


# [ IFC and Panhellenic ]



# STRONGER THAN STEREOTYPES.

Together, women from each of the six sororities on campus work on the Panhellenic Executive Council to strengthen Greek unity. They increased unity through planning and hosting events for students to attend, such as public ice cream socials. These women also collaborated in hosting Taco Thursdays among the various other activities, inspiring more social and caring relationships among chapter members. Panhellenic Council members worked with the IFC members to strengthen Greek life and Greek unity beyond sorority and fraternity boundaries. This raised the bar as to how influential these Greek organizations can be and defied typical stereotypes given to Greek life. "We had a blast and became a family of sorts," offered Crystal Snow '16, showing these position are more than just a job.



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## PRESENT AND REPRESENT.

Members of the Panhellenic council worked hard to present information about Greek Life and sororities on campus. "The goal this year has been to give Greek Life a better image on campus through various PR events in Mac Mall, including an ice cream social," stated Heidi Michael '17.

## COLLABORATION CREW.

The IFC members co-hosted many successful events, including building gingerbread houses with members of all sororities and fraternities. "We loved co-hosted Greek week for all greeks and \$3 movie nights with Panhellenic," stated Scott Scripter '17.

# [TKE]



## BETTER MEN FOR A BETTER WORLD.

The men who belong to Tau Kappa Epsilon have aspired to reach outside of the comfortable boundaries of brotherhood and into the heart of Alma's student body this year. Brothers participated in philanthropic events hosted by the other fraternity and sorority chapters throughout the year. Additionally, TKE collaborated with some of those other chapters through various activities in the spirit of Greek unity and philanthropy. TKE assisted in a charity football game hosted in partnership with the brothers of Zeta Sigma. The chapters worked together to raise money for a charitable cause, demonstrating interfraternal bonds. A more personal event held by the fraternity would be the one and only TKEsgiving. This event was hosted for its second year in a row in order to bring the brothers, their sisters, and family members together around the holidays. It allowed students from all over campus with connections to this organization to appreciate the bonds that TKE has created among them. However, members strived to do more than strengthen those bonds this year. "As a whole, TKE strived to become more active on campus as well as working towards our goals of 'becoming better men for a better world,'" stated Richard DeMarois '17. These men put their goals into action through participation in community events, such as Trunk-Or-Treat and Relay For Life.



# RUNNING HOME.

Initiated members prepare to welcome the new pledges during Run Outs. "Run outs is always a good night! Our new members are amazing and we're glad they joined!" offered Cameron Lee '18.



# INFORM, INSPIRE.

Tau Kappa Epsilon brothers work an information table for students to get to know more about their fraternity. "Going Greek has changed my life, so I want to help others to go Greek!" stated Cameron Daniels '18.



# A TKE HOLIDAY.

Brothers gathered for the second annual TKEsgiving this fall. "It was great to get the chapter's brothers and sisters together and get to know the family members of some of our brothers," offered Jake Esselink '17.

# SERVE TO LEAD.

Crystal Snow '16 displays an award for leadership through service, a core value for Phi Sig. The others are inclusiveness and lifelong learning.

# PIE A PHI.

During Relay for Life, Heather McHett and Alexandra Kling of Phi Sigma Sigma offer their peers a chance to throw a pie at their faces in order to raise money for the cure.

## SCARE TIME.

Sisters, Alexandra Kling '16, Heather McNett '17, and Emma Tomaszewski '19, after Phi Sigma Sigma's Haunted House. This event is open to the community to raise money for their philanthropy.







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# ONCE. ALWAYS. CONNECTED.

One the newer sororities on campus, the Alma chapter of Phi Sigma Sigma was founded in 1998. Housed in the "little red barn of a house" tucked almost out of sight from Superior Street, this sorority is built on a philosophy that stresses not differences, but the common ground we all share. The year was full of small acts of togetherness, from Powderpuff football during Derby Days and welcoming back alumni during Homecoming to tie-dying t-shirts in the basement. Recruitment brought a Disney theme to the house and time spent preparing the culinary delights, and of course, new members were welcomed to the sisterhood. Another theme this year, though, was connecting the Alma chapter with other campuses. Members attended an event hosted by Oakland University that allowed them to learn more about what Phi Sigs on other campuses were doing, and chapter leaders had the opportunity to travel to the national Phi Sigma leadership conference to connect with the vision of the national organization. Throughout the year, Phi Sig also continued to work toward the philanthropic goals so important to its national mission, even ending the year with a final event, a school supply drive that collected goods for Gratiot County public schools—helping teachers make it through those final months in the classroom when supplies are running short!





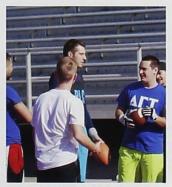
## GROW WHAT YOU KNOW.

This year marks the first full year of Delta Gamma Tau's fraternity on Alma College's Campus. Following the expression "in with the new and out with the old," DGT brothers waited all year for the completion of new house. While they were without a physical space, they found ways to reach out to the community and the student body. In addition to volunteering at the soup kitchen in the Presbyterian Church off campus, DGT brothers also worked with Big Brothers, Big Sisters throughout the year, helped set up for the Alumni and Student dinner during Homecoming, and set up a table at Relay For Life to gather proceeds for the American Cancer Society. The fraternity also hosted the Turkeybowl for Alma College students to sign up and create teams to compete in a football tournament. The winning team chose which charity to donate proceeds to. This year, they went to the Community Kitchen program at the Presbyterian Church. The brotherhood grew a lot over the last year. They started in the Fall semester with a brotherhood of 15 men, but ended the year with 23 men. They look forward to further developing the chapter next year. With a bigger chapter and brand new house, they have plenty of resources to host even more philanthropic events as well as invite other organizations on campus to promote their interests as well.



# DO IT FOR A CAUSE.

Although it is not their main event, DGT brothers deeply enjoy participating in Relay For Life. "We all get together as a campus to join the fighte against cancer" stated Beau Wilcox '18.



# TURKEY TIME.

This year brothers hosted their third annual Turkeybowl. "We had great participation from nongreek groups. The tournament was exhilarating," offered Nicholas Wilson '16.



# BROTHER PRIDE.

New brothers found a home in DGT. "Ever since joining them I never feel alone anymore because I always have someone that I can talk to no matter what the situation," said Thomas Hartnagle '19.

## SNOWED IN.

"Snowed In With Gamma Phi" was a PR event this winter. "The hot chocolate bar was a huge hit and everyone had so much fun playing games together while getting to know each other," said Nikki Deel '16.



# CAKE FOR A CURE.

Sisters volunteer all day to sell cake balls for Relayers. "Relay means so much to so many sisters. We had fun baking our cake balls to sell and raise money during the event," offered Abigail Scharboneau '18.



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# PRETTY IN PINK.

The sisters of Gamma Phi Beta welcome new members during Winter semester with excitement, decked out in their pink Walkout attire. The arrival of new members was such energy-filled moment because it was the chapter was at total in the fall. The wait for new members did not stunt the chapter in the Fall, however. It further strengthened and built upon the relationships among sisters in the chapter. Sisters bonded over a Fall Retreat on campus as well as sisterhood activities, such as an outing to a haunted house and another to the St. John's Cider Mill. Gamma Phi Beta also hosted their Pancake Dinner this fall, raising funds for their philanthropy Girls On The Run. This was the last year that the Pancake Dinner would be the sorority's Crescent Classic, the organization's main event. It was planned to be replaced by Moonball, a volleyball tournament that will be held in the Fall. Additionally, Gamma Phi Beta also contributed to their philanthropies this year through donations won during Sigma Chi's Derby Days, a Pink Out Game to raise donations for the Angel Wings Foundation, and to the American Cancer Society during the campus' Relay For Life. Aside from hosting and participating in philanthropic events, the chapter also reached out to other greek life organizations to offer support during events for their individual philanthropies. By the end of the Winter semester, sisters of Gamma Phi Beta have grown closer to greek life and the sisterhood as a whole.



# [Sigma Chi]



## EXCEEDING EXCELLENCE.

Sigma Chi is a fraternity dedicated to academic excellence and philanthropic duties. The men of this chapter started the year off strong by hosting their annual fundraising event, Derby Days. This event invoked fun competition among the sororities on campus to raise donations each day for a week through various activities, such as tug-a-war, penny wars, and Derby Rock. By the end of the week, Sigma Chi had raised over &5000 for their philanthropy, the Huntsman Cancer Institute. In addition to the hard work that these men put toward their main philanthropy during Derby Days, each brother gave back to the community by contributing over 30 hours of community service throught the year. In addition to fulfilling their philanthropic goals, Sigma Chi also wanted to increase their overall GPAs. This was achieved through the hard work that pushed their GPAs over the Alma's average and put many brothers on the Dean's List. In creating a well-rounded fraternity, the brothers also successfully recruited new pledge classes, adding 15 new members for the year. "We also maintained a high level of positive brotherhood allowing us to succeed in our plans and goals," stated Alec Genter '17. This strengthened bond among brothers made way for their successes in maintaining and growing relationships with community members and students throughout campus.



# WELCOME HOME.

Sigma Chi welcomed a new pledge class during run outs after Winter Recruitment, "Run outs provides a sense of belonging. It was aweseome to feel wanted," stated Bennett Schmitt '19.



# ACADEMIC DRIVE.

Brothers gather as award winners at the 2015-2016 Outstanding Chapter Awards. "Our goal each year is to increase our GPA," stated Sigma Chi's chapter president Alec Genter '17.



# FAMILY FOR LIFE.

Brothers reflect on the importance of run outs. "Run outs are important for any Greek organization because you realize where your home will be for years to come," offered Jonah Oberschlake '17.

# NO STEREOTYPES.

During half time at Bahlke Field, Jill Kemper '17 plays "In Her Family" on the marimba. "We want people to know that Alma has a really good marching band," stated Kemper.

# For eight semesters, AGD

SMART STUFF.

has earned the highest GPA amongst the Greek organizations, and they were recognized for their academic excellence at their national convention.



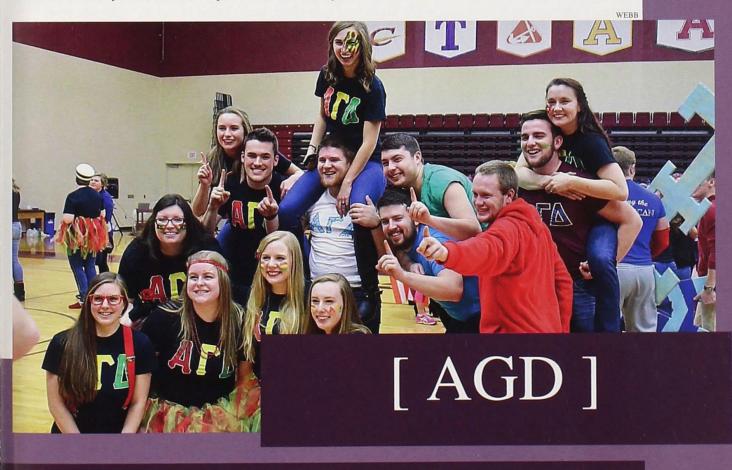
# NEW SISTERS.

15 new and "inspiring' women were welcomed this year in the sisterhood, and they bring new energy and possibilities. "We cannot wait to see what they do," said President Liz Webb.



# INSPIRING AND PASSIONATE WOMEN.

AGD's outstanding academic performance for the past few years is no accident. As chapter president Liz Webb quipped, "our studious sisters can frequently be seen closing down the library." But while the recent recognition from their national conference for their stellar grades is something to be proud of, what really matters is what lies beneath that drive for excellence. "We are women who inspire women to impact the world," said Webb. From the communal spirit with which they cheer each other, to academic success, to the ways they are all active in organizations across campus, "their passions radiate in everything they do." This year, one of their causes was diabetes awareness. This November, the women of AGD invited the campus community to fill out a paper shoe print with a personal pledge to live a healthy life and asking each person to make a pledge for one way they could improve their health and reduce their risk of diabetes. "We hung over 300 shoe-prints around the first floor of SAC," Webb said. "Pledges ranged from exercising more, to ordering less Pizza One!" This is just one, small example of how AGD positively has been active and impacting Alma's campus. Their friendly motives and endearing passion is what drives their sorority to success and inspires more women to join.



# [ Theta Chi]



#### THETA CHI OR DIE.

The Theta Chi brethren can be seeing carrying their colors and flag during Alma's walkout event hosted in Art Smith Arena. "I was never the kind of person who would have gone Greek, until I joined Theta Chi," explained Theta President, Jacob Woodcock '17. "Theta Chi is a place I know I can go to where I feel loved and respected, and to me that's what Theta Chi is all about." The Theta brothers have had to overcome the challenge of not occupying a house, and still keeping a healthy following. They are quick to give credit where it is due: "We kept our classic, monthly Open Mic Nights, which were hosted at KI," explained Woodcock. "Every Open Mic was packed from start to end, without fail. A big thanks to KI for letting us use their space." Even though Theta didn't have a permanent residence on campus, it didn't stop the men from being involved and hosting events. They ran a blood drive, hosted exam treats in Van Dusen, provided a fundraiser for the USO, and for the first year, they participated in Relay for Life. Multiple Theta Chi brothers explained that their fraternity is all about "lending an assisting hand." Woodcock explained this notion in greater detail that the fraternity, especially during Eta Nu, strives to create a friendly atmosphere and environment for students and people to engage in. The brothers want to create a safe haven where students can come and feel welcomed anytime.



#### TIME TO LINE UP.

The players line up and await the nerve wracking call of their names as teams are selected for Theta Chi dodge ball. "It was a great time," stated Brannon Roach '19, "and a great way to meet new people outside of my friend group." The brothers hosted this dodge ball event in the Rec Center. A couple members explained that everyone seemed to enjoy the competitive atmosphere.



### NEW BEGINNINGS.

The Theta Chi brothers are excited for the upcoming years in the hopes of receiving a "new" house. If everything goes as planned with Zeta fulfilling their funding, Theta Chi will be moving into the house on Superior. Theta hopes the move will be completed within the next three years.

# SISTERHOOD.

The KI sisters can be seen painting a banner to hang out front of the library. Every fraternity and sorority on campus creates and hangs these banners to let the student population know of upcoming events and news.



The Lux Liner event is one of KI's biggest and most successful events they hold on campus throughout the year. "The event was a great time to laugh and dance with friends," explained sophomore, KI sister Becka Bale. Lux Liner was hosted in SAGA and was open to anyone willing to come. KI President Devan McNabb '16 stated, "The annual Lux Liner Dinner is in support of our philanthropy,

Women's Aid Services, as well as, the Flint water crisis.

LUX LINER.

# NEW FACES. NEW IDEAS.

The KI house located on Superior Street in Sorority Row has become a staple mark for a well versed, independent sorority for Alma College. President of KI, Devan McNabb '16, stated that a theme for KI "would just be KI's commitment to empowering women and standing up for the ideas of individual identity and expression, higher ideas and keeping our philanthropy local. We strive to build a strong sisterhood where our members respect, appreciate, and support each other in all aspects of our lives." According to their website, KappaIota.weebly.com, the sorority commits to open mindedness, loyalty, honesty, friendship, and sisterhood. "The bond we all share is incredible," stated Haley Daugherty '18. "I spend so much time with these girls that they truly become my sisters and family. The emphasis on sisterhood is inherently prevalent and can be seen by everyone." The sorority's commitment to these values can be seen through the various events and fund raisers they hold throughout the year. This year will see 14 senior sorority members graduate, but an influx of new members came to the organization. Their recruiting brought in 18 new members and they look to continue this expansion. "It's really great to see that our hard work and dedication have paid off," stated Becka Bale '18. "We put so much time into finding new girls that fit with our philosophy and values." KI will continue to contribute to Alma's campus and remain a cornerstone for women.



[Kappa Iota]

# [Zeta Sigma]



# THE LIFE OF A LOCAL FRATERNITY.

The events that the brothers of Zeta Epsilon held and participated in this year all had a common theme of really connecting with the Alma community. The fraternity takes great pride in their philanthropy, the Police Athletic League, where the brothers go to announce middle school football and basketball tournaments for Alma boys. "I feel it is important, since we are a local fraternity, that we take care of the local events and benefit those around us," Kurtis Smith '16 explains. For Smith, working at the PAL football games are his favorite memories. The brothers also made a point to be a strong presence on Alma's campus. In the Greek community they put on a head to head football game against TKE to improve Greek relations. They also held a booth at the annual Relay for Life. Connor Pendred '16 attended the event and said, "I love getting all the brothers together for an event that is bigger than ourselves and help fight a great cause". With all the things the brothers do on campus, they still make time in the summer to all get together for a tubing trip and cookout.



# BLEED GREEN.

The new brothers of Zeta Epislon spend time getting to know the alumni brothers from previous decades and track down the the history of their house.



# WORK HARD.

The men of Zeta Sigma work hard to keep their combined GPA above that of non-greek organizations.



# SISTERLY SUPPORT.

Before Runouts start, the sisters of Zeta Sigma show up to make some noise and create a crowd welcoming in the new members.

# CAMP XI.

The Winter recruitment theme was all about adventure. "The work ... was a lot, but the house looked amazing and our PNM's loved it," said Katie Neiswender '18.

# Xi DYNAMIC DOU.

Kilee DeBrabander '17 and Aline Batawi, the only two girls in the Fall 2015 pledge class, hold the record for the smallest pledge class in AXiD's history.

# SUPPORT SYSTEM.

The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta made it a point this year to focus on lifting each other up and showing endless support for every sister.



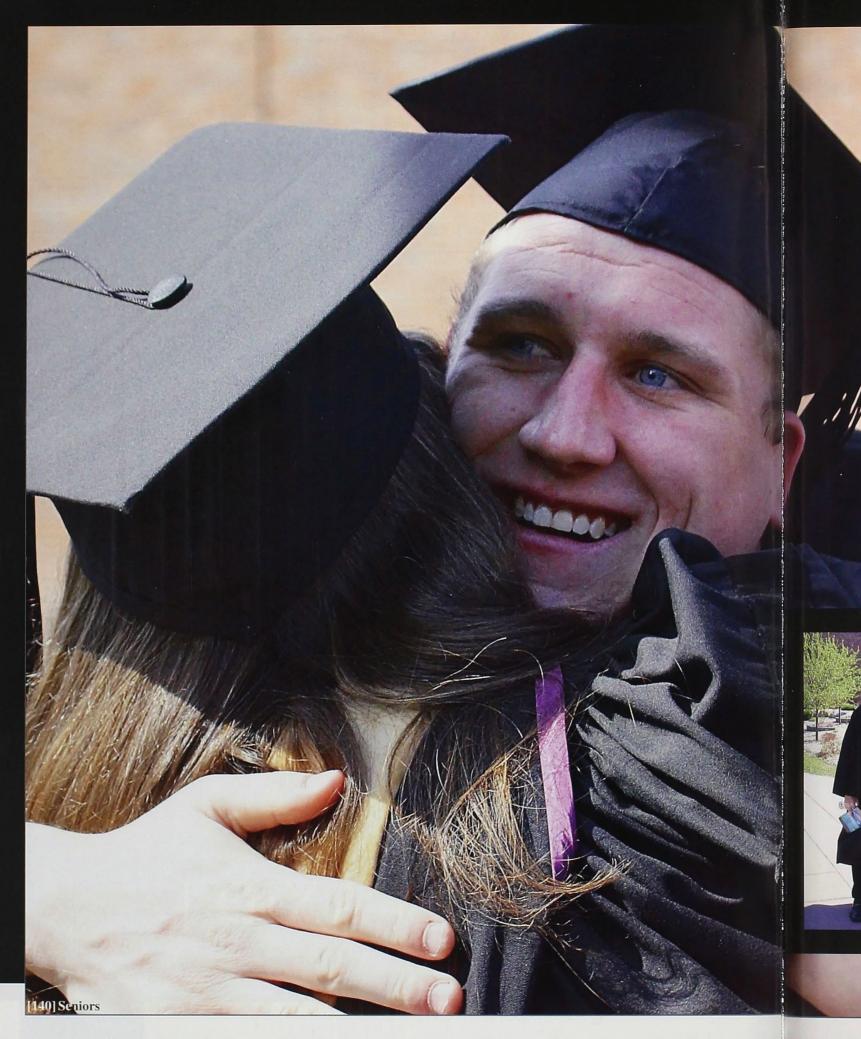




## Xi LUCKY THIRTEEN.

Sisters of Alpha Xi Delta had quite a year of numbers. In the fall semester the ladies welcomed in the smallest class they have ever had of just two new members. One of the new members Kilee DeBrabander '17 explained, "It was a lot for just the two of us, but we had endless support from our new sisters." The next semester was a whole new story. The ladies of Alpha Xi Delta worked tirelessly on their recruitment theme of Camp Xi. Many of the girls in AXID strive to travel, so they made their recruitment events all about adventure, travel and exploration. In the end the sisters welcomed in a class of thirteen at winter walkouts. This is the largest pledge class the girls have had in over five years. "I was pretty hectic having so many new members at once, but it was also so much fun," says Addie Loftus '16. " The best part about this huge pledge class was that they couldn't wait to jump right in to everything we were doing. They wanted to instantly be a part of putting together our Relay for Life booth and helping out with our philanthropy play days," exclaimed Brooke Flemington '18, Alpha Xi Delta's Philanthropy Chair.





# [Seniors]

The central premise of the liberal arts education that Alma provides is that education enables us to more freely choose who we are, what we believe, and what purpose will direct our lives. Looking back, seniors can see the transformations that have taken them from those first steps on campus to these first steps to their lives after Alma. The four years are made up of a mosaic of experiences that mark each of us deeply. There are friends who have stayed up late into the night with us and helped us come to understand ourselves in new ways—or taught us how to laugh at our own imperfections. There are professors who have challenged our limits and cheered us on to accomplishments we could not have otherwise imagined and opened our minds to perspectives that were new to us. There are coaches and mentors who have pushed us to new heights and helped us pick ourselves back up when we fall down. Each experience in these past four years is the clay; it is up to each member of the class of 2016 to choose what they will make of what they have learned, who they have become, and what they have decided matters. In the years to come, the true worth of an Alma education will be measured not just in the careers they find, but in how they choose to live their lives and impact to the communities around them.

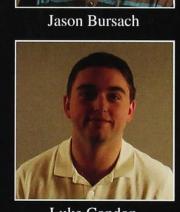








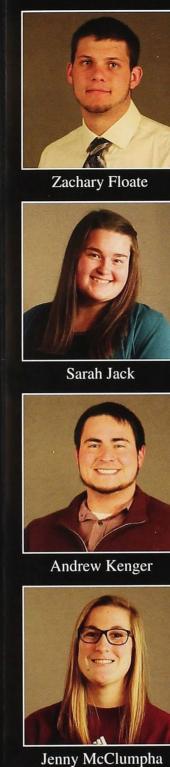




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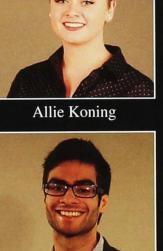


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The Class of 2016 during their Freshman Orientation Week in 2012!

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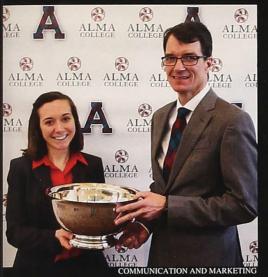
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many on campus achievements, he also received a P-Global scholarship to spend eight weeks working with the Anglican Diocese in Northern Malawi, teaching and assisting in a hospital.



MENTOR TO ALL.

PASSION FOR JUSTICE.

A scholar to the core, Barlow finalist Christine Wiersma stands out academically. A double major in biology and math, she already has a record of publication. She is just as engaged in campus organizations. Moreover, she is a committed mentor to others, working as a First Year Guide and a tutor. She is also the chair of the second violin section in the symphony.

From academic interests in politics, and theology to a long history of service in student governance, Barlow Finalist Derek Stefanovsky stands out for

his passion for social justice. In addition to his

The Barlow Trophy is Alma College's highest honor, recognizing outstanding academics and contributions to campus.

### LEARNING THROUGH SERVING.

Barlow winner Katherine Vaillancourt's academic and community service record make one thing clear. Vaillancourt has a deep Barlow winner Katherine Vaillancourt's academic and community service record make one thing clear. Vaillancourt has a deep passion for serving communities in need, and doing so in ways that empower those communities to move from dependence to independence. Vaillancourt has an interest in a career in medicine. Her history major and chemistry minor have helped her understand medicine in a complex way, as has her work with both the Public Affairs Institute and Model U.N. Vaillancourt as continuously sought out opportunities to gain a better understanding of the complex social, cultural, and economic forces that affect medical care. She has applied for and received three Posey Global Fellowships and traveled to Brazil, India, and Malawi in order to serve in various communities and see first hand the factors that affect health care outcomes in impoverished communities. This drive to learn through service has also shaped her work on campus. Vaillancourt serves on the advisory board for a local medical practice, and has been an active member of the Alma College service learning team and has served as a co-chair for the Alternative Break program. While Vaillancourt has taken advantage of many service opportunities on campus, she has also devoted countless hours to ensuring that these Vaillancourt has taken advantage of many service opportunities on campus, she has also devoted countless hours to ensuring that these opportunities will be there for other students. Her work on campus earned her this year's Outstanding Leadership Award, in addition to helping her stand out as this year's Barlow recipient.



#### A DOUBLE WIN.

Each year, students who earn honors in History and who dream of graduate school can apply for the M.J.J. Smith Scholarship, which awards up to \$20,000 toward post-graduate study. This year, though, the award was given to two students—two students who just happen to be roommates. Friends since the first year and roommates since their sophomore year, seniors Jacob Fox and Jacob Judd shared a passion for history and a commitment to scholarly excellence. passion for history and a commitment to scholarly excellence. For Fox, it was his work Constitutional Law and in his senior thesis that led him to decide to pursue law school. Fox will be attending Michigan State University's College of Law. Judd, however, is pursuing a masters degree in history from Western Michigan University. For both, however, special credit goes to the faculty that helped push them to reach their potential. "I've enjoyed forming relationships with the professors, especially in the history department," said Judd. "They provided guidance and mentorship, helping me prepare for graduate school."









#### PRESIDENTIAL HONORS.

The Presidential Honors Program defines itself as "an intellectual community centered on collaborative research and a conscious commitment to the liberal arts." It is a four year journey that asks students to choose to do more, from Honors seminars to independent research to service learning. In order to receive Presidential Honors, candidates must also have at least a 3.5 GPA and pursue honors in their major. They must also make a formal proposal to the college on ways it can enhance student experience or the college's reputation. Many also complete the requirements for Phi Beta Kappa. This year's recipients of Presidential Honors are:

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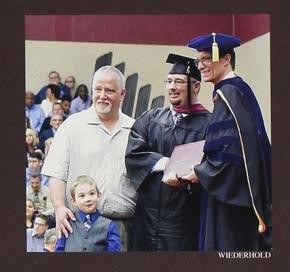
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#### THE GATHERING PLACE.

On Saturday, April 23 the nearly 350 members of the class of '16 gather for a final time in their caps and gowns in McIntyre Mall. Smiles, chatter, and selfies helped the excited crowd pass the time until they were called to line up and process into Art Smith Arena in the Hogan Center. Watching the sea of black robes, it was hard to overlook the contrast between this smiling, familiar community and the first gathering of the class on this same mall, four years earlier. Then, they stood nervously amongst strangers, awaiting the Welcoming Convocation that would mark their formal matriculation as Alma College students. Thinking back to that first gathering, Emily Piontek '16 reflected on the advice she would have for that earlier self. "I would say that these will be some of the toughest years," Piontek said, "but also some of the most rewarding. I would also say to embrace this experience and enjoy every moment." For Piontek, there is something special about walking across McIntyre Mall together one final time, listening to the bagpipes play. "I will cherish that memory," Piontek noted. However special the memories of graduation day itself, it is the larger impact of her Alma experience that Piontek values most. "I value my friendships, the memories, and the changes I see in myself. I am so grateful for what Alma has done for me in helping create the person I am now," Piontek said. As the pipers began to play, the class of 2016 took their final steps in the transformation that began four years ago, entering Hogan as students, but emerging as alumni.



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#### WHAT WILL YOU STAND FOR?

Most would not immediately see a parallel between the class of 2016 and the twelfth century text *The Book of the Gentile*. However, Barlow winner Katherine Vaillancourt challenged her peers to consider the relevance of the tale of the gentile, who listened to three wise men from three different faiths attempt to persuade him of the truth. For Vaillancourt, this is the position of the Alma graduate. "This place has molded us," Vaillancourt said. "These people, they have shaped us. We have shaped each other. But have you been persuaded, like the Gentile, that something is in fact true? Have you been persuaded that you stand for something? Have you found something, or more importantly, someone that you will advocate for?" She urged her peers decide which lessons will define them and enter the world "with humiliity and humanity."

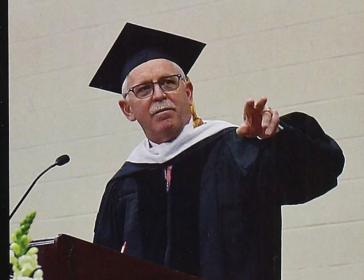


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LOYAL HEARTS.

Commencement speaker David Provost '76 stresses themes that recall our alma mater: "Loyal hearts will ever cherish thoughts of thee throughout the years." Provost, a leader in the midwest banking industry, began his address by highlighting the many enduring relationships in his life that began at Alma. For Provost, though, one of the most important pieces of wisdom was that the value of an Alma education is measured best over the course of a lifetime. "If tomorrow, the right job or the quick success doesn't instantly materialize, be patient, be persistent, and don't ever lose hope. Slow and steady really does win the race.... your success will never be measured by this week, this month, or this year, but rather by your full career and the decades of hard work that are in front of you." What has been learned at Alma, Provost concluded, were lessons that would help you find your way. Stephen Meyer '80 shared similar advice, recounting one particular lesson from Alma that has guided his successful career in the medical technology career. He called it the "law of proportions," a lesson he learned when one of his professors pointed out that he had two ears but only one mouth, then suggested he use them in that proportion. Meyer's experiences since have reinforced to him the power of listening. Perhaps the best illustration of this, though, was offered up by President Abernathy, who warned students as the choir finished singing "Loch Lomand" that the song would make them "misty eyed" in years to come.



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## Marissa-

You've done it again! You have made us very very proud!! You should be proud of yourself. You're beautiful, talented, someone who has had your dreams- from age 3- and so far you have followed and achieved them. You have amazed us with your compassion, love of life and family, your faith, and your beliefs. We hope you continue to follow your goals and dreams. We support all that you are and what to be! We love and respect you! You are our precious angel.

-Dad, Grandpa and Grandm



# Great job T.J. We're so proud!

We're so proud! Love, Dad, Mom and Jessica





Jared Dennis

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# Lexi Campbell

"She will do something with music!" That is what people have been saying about Lexi Lynn Campbell since she was 3 years old. She began performing in a shopping cart at the Publix, singing in the checkout line. By the 1st grade she was playing piano and in middle school she got her first drum kit. She has always known that she would do something with the "music in her soul" for her livelihood. As a music educator, she is going to teach children to love and play music just like she always will!









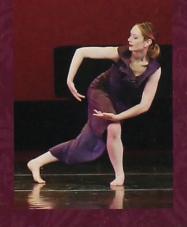


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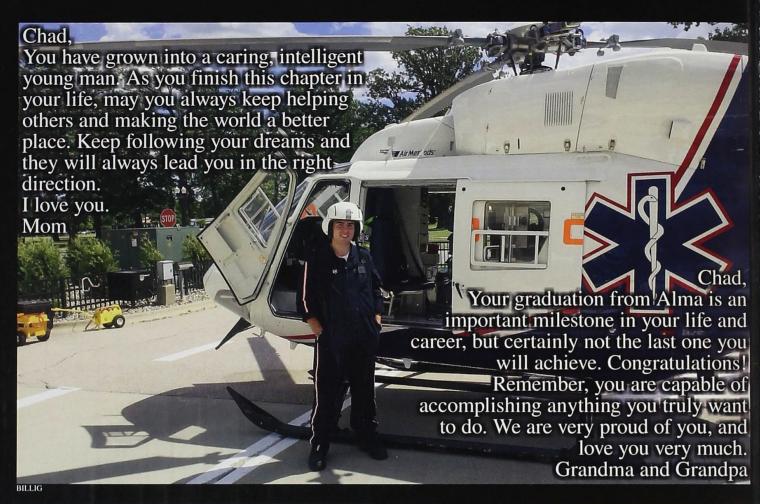
Love, Dad, Mom, Phil, Jim, and Celia













We are so proud of all you have accomplished. As this chapter of your life comes to a close, we look forward to the future and wish you great success! Always remember we will be by your side cheering you on.

Love: Mom & Dad

For I know the plans I have for you, declares The Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Wherever life takes you, know that I will always be here for you.

We're So Very Proud of You!

Love, Mom and Megan



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Dear Brent,

We have thoroughly enjoyed watching you excel through your college career. Your commitment to the football team despite a major physical set back truly tested your limits. Your dedication to continue in what you enjoy most showed the utmost in leadership. You furthered your dedication to Alma with your involvement as a sports editor, working in the athletic department, participating in FCA, playing in Intramurals, attending the NCAA conference in Texas, and forming many wonderful friendships. You have truly made the most of your four years at Alma College.

Congratulations!

We love you,

Mom, Dad, Reyna and Jillian

Alma College Campus Map

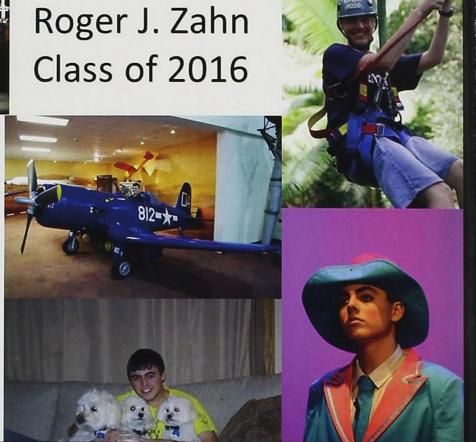
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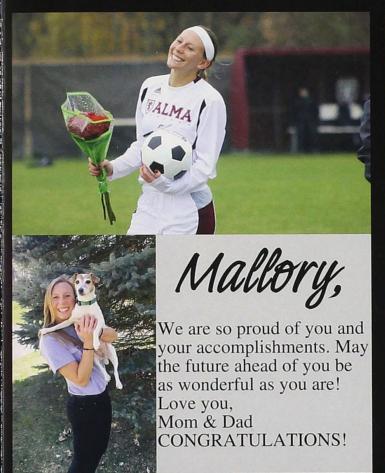
The past three years have flown by. We are very proud of all you have accomplished and of the man that you have become. We know that whether you are a Fighter Pilot, Dog Manager, Robin Hood, or the next Mayor of Whoville, you will always strive to be the best.

We appreciate everything that you have taught us about raising a perfect gentleman.

Love, Mom and Dad

PARENT SUBMISSION





## Sara Ann Lovse

We are extremely proud of the woman you have transformed into during your undergraduate tenure at Alma College.
The motto of NO DISTRACTIONS, NO DETOURS will live on as you pursue your graduate studies.





Much love and support from your Kmetz, Lovse and Gualdoni families

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# · Crystal Louise I now ·

Congratulations!

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We love you and can't wait to see your success in the next chapter of your life.

Love, Mom, Dad, Ashley, Grandpa & Grandma, Randall & Grandma May

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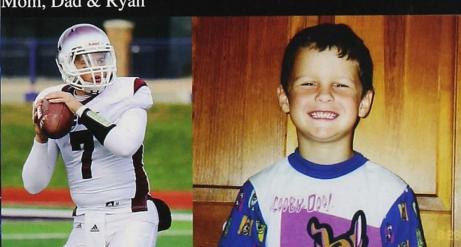






Congratulations Derek, You have accomplished so much. We have watched you grow from a boy to a handsome young man. You contributed outstanding sportsmanship & charisma on the Alma College football team with your teammates & coaches. You have also excelled academically in the four years at Alma. As you continue on to grad school we'll be there to encourage you to see your dream. Remember don't let anyone steal your dream. It's your dream not theirs. We will always stand behind you & be your biggest fans.

Love always, Mom, Dad & Ryan



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What a great four years! You are so awesome and I am so proud of who you are — a person who is smart, adventurous, funny, involved, responsible, supportive, caring, loving, helpful, righteous, adaptive, brave, and persistent among other trait too numerous to list. I am happy for you and your new beginnings and I celebrate all your past accomplishments. Keep Calm and Carry On!

Love. Mom

"It's not in doing what you like, but in liking what you do that is the secret of happiness."

-Jim Barrie



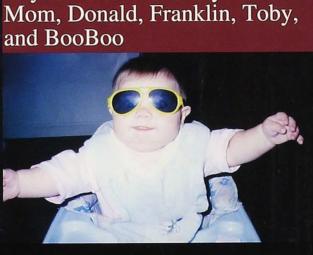
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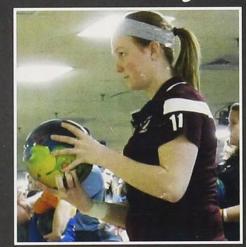
# Harm,

You continue to WOW and amaze your family; and with every new adventure that you pursue, we wish you the courage to stay true to yourself. "To Infinity and Beyond!!!!" We love you, Dad, Mom, Donald, Franklin, Toby, and BooBoo



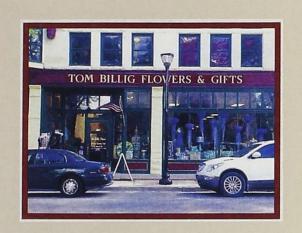


# Heather Lafnear



The effort and determination you have shown the past four years is astounding. We remember the first weeks when you wanted to come home everyday, to becoming a confident, motivated young woman ready to bowl over the world. We look forward to watching you continue to grow and succeed in the future.

Love, mom and dad



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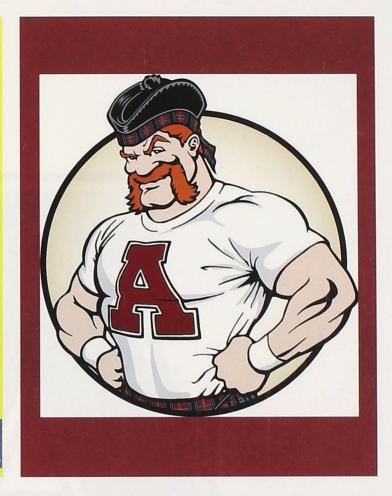


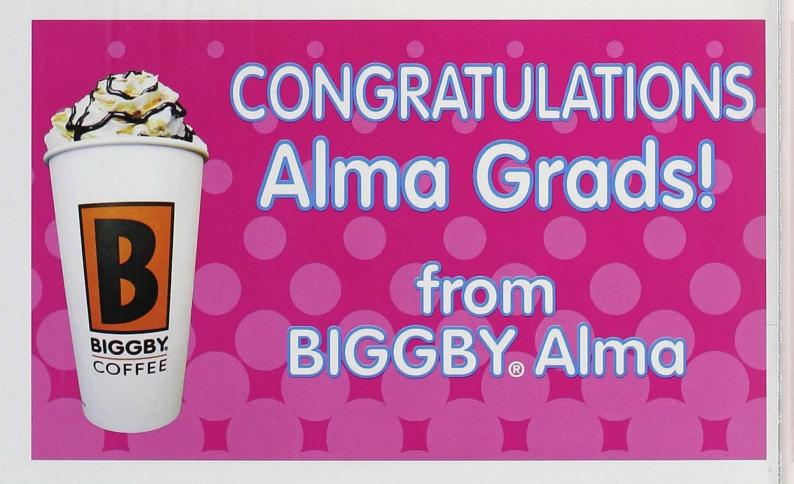


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