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SCIENCE AVOCATE EVELYN GARRITY DIES IN VERMONT

Alumna, teacher, administrator, civil rights activist and advocate for science at Albertus, Dr. Evelyn Garrity died Sunday, February 7, at home in her beloved Vermont. She graduated from Albertus in

1948; a chemistry major here, she went on to earn a master's and a doctorate from Fordham University, also in chemistry. Known as Sister Simon Peter, O.P., when she taught at Albertus from 1960 to 1969, Dr. Garrity then spent 11 years at Jackson State University in Mississippi, becoming passionately involved in the civil rights movement. After retirement from SUNY-Old Westbury, where she taught and later served as dean of instruction, she accepted an invitation to return to Albertus as chair of the science department to direct the development and renewal of science at the College. She was professor emerita of science, and in 2005 she received the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Albertus.

COLLEGE TO OFFER MFA IN WRITING

This fall the College will offer an on-line Master of Fine Arts program in writing. The first no residency MFA in Connecticut, the Albertus program combines its on-line format with three Saturdays per semester of intensive classroom sessions and writing workshops on the New Haven campus. It is the College's seventh master's program, joining the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Master of Science in Management, Master of Business Administration, Master of Arts in Art Therapy, Master of Arts in Leadership and Master of Science in Education. [More information](#)

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

If you've ever wondered why a successful classmate or friend has not been honored with the Alumni of the Year award or the Premier Achievement award, now is the time to nominate someone you know who has had that spectacular career or pursued humanitarian work; perhaps you know a recent grad who in ten years has excelled professionally, in the community or in service to the College. March 15 is the deadline for nominations. [More information and a nomination form](#)

CELEBRATION BRUNCH

On Saturday, March 20, President Julia M. McNamara, the Golden Society of the Albertus Alumni Association and the Albertus Advancement Division will host a Celebration Brunch, with guest speaker Sr. Margaret Ormond, O.P., Prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. She will speak about the new congregation, founded in April 2009, uniting seven U.S. communities of Dominican Sisters -- including the Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, the founding congregation of Albertus Magnus College. For more

information see [Alumni Events](#). RSVP by March 15 to the Office of Alumni Relations at 203-773-8502 or e-mail alumni@albertus.edu.

COMPAGNONE-POST TO SPEND SABBATICAL ABROAD

Dr. Patricia Compagnone-Post, associate professor of biology at Albertus, has been accepted as a visiting professor in the laboratory of Dr. Lesley Iwanejko, professor of genetics in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Liverpool during her sabbatical next fall. Dr. Iwanejko is known for her interdisciplinary approach to science; she is a founder of the Liverpool Centre for Poetry and Science.

MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM RANKED NINTH IN NEW ENGLAND

The men's basketball team at Albertus is ranked ninth in New England Division III play, and currently is in first place in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference with a 13-2 record (17-5 overall). It recently had a 10-game winning streak, the longest for the program in several years, snapped by a 65-62 loss to Mount Ida College. For more on men's and women's basketball and all the College's teams, go to: athletics.albertus.edu

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