



Alverno College Institute<sup>1</sup>  
 August 23-24, 2023  
 Focused Group Meetings August 25, 2023  
 Milwaukee Campus Agenda

***Moving Forward: Welcoming, igniting and transforming for the future***

**Main Zoom Link:** <https://alverno.zoom.us/j/99675701612>

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 996 7570 1612

**SPOTIFY PLAYLIST:** <https://shorturl.at/anyZ4>

***Alverno August Institute Outcomes***

1. *Build community through intentional gathering with an emphasis on welcoming our new President, Christy Brown.*
2. *Provide a clear and accurate picture of the state of the college from multiple campus leadership perspectives in order to contextualize major initiatives.*
3. *Develop meaningful and actionable goals for the coming year that the college community can commit to and participate in.*
4. *Update the college community regarding major initiatives from faculty and staff departments and teams.*
5. *Engage in cross-college conversation and collaboration.*
6. *Develop professionally as higher education professionals centered on students and their learning and development.*

*Please use this Google Doc to record wonderings and questions throughout August Institute:*  
[Community Conversation Fall 2023 Institute Google Doc](#)

<b>WEDNESDAY, August 23</b>		
	ALL COLLEGE GENERAL SESSION 1 Alverno College Conference Center Zoom Link: <a href="https://alverno.zoom.us/j/99675701612">https://alverno.zoom.us/j/99675701612</a> (Zoom begins at 8:30am)	
8:30 am	Gathering with Continental Breakfast	All College
	Slide show of department updates	Thanks to Brooke Wegner, Assistant Dean of Students for coordinating!
9:00 am	Welcome	Jodi Eastberg, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of SPGS
	Land Acknowledgement	Elena Burke, Director of Student Engagement & Leadership, Chair of the Council for Hispanic Student Initiatives

<sup>1</sup> See the final page of this agenda for general announcements and updates



	Blessing of Community and New Semester	School Sisters of St. Francis
9:15 am	New Employee Videos	Alverno College Media Hub
9:45 am	Introducing President Christy Brown	Christy Brown, President Kelly Cole, Assistant Director Marketing and Communication
10:15 am	Break	
10:30 am	Terra Firma Report and Institutional Response	Jodi Eastberg, Interim VPAA and Dean, SPGS
	Call to action	Christy Brown, President
	<i>Lunch on your own</i> \$7 LUNCH SPECIAL IN HUDSON'S – Stir Fry (Chicken or Tofu) - Many thanks to the team at Aladdin for this discounted lunch special.	
	<b>ACADEMIC SESSION</b> <b>Alverno College Conference Center</b> Zoom Link: <a href="https://alverno.zoom.us/j/99675701612">https://alverno.zoom.us/j/99675701612</a>	
1:00 pm	Terra Firma Academic report and academic snapshots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Program review goals and outcomes</li> <li>● Breakout Discussions by Department/Division</li> <li>● Process, Governance and Next Steps</li> </ul> (estimated finish time: 3:50 pm)	Jodi Eastberg, Interim VPAA and Dean, SPGS  <b>BEGIN IN CONFERENCE CENTER</b>  <u>Departments/Divisions Breakout Rooms</u> Nursing AX 217 <a href="#">Education FO146 Mtg via Zoom</a> <a href="#">Comm/Sch Psych FO148 Mtg via Zoom</a> NSMT RC201 Humanities RC109G Behav/Social Sciences RC112 Arts RC111 <a href="#">Business/Comm/MAML FO460 Mtg via Zoom</a>
4:00 pm	<b>ALL COLLEGE ICE CREAM SOCIAL</b> <i>Welcome Christy Brown!</i> The Rotunda	
	<b>END OF DAY 1</b>	



THURSDAY, August 24 DAY 2		
	ALL COLLEGE SESSION 2 Conference Center Zoom Link: <a href="https://alverno.zoom.us/j/99675701612">https://alverno.zoom.us/j/99675701612</a>	
9:00 am	Deeper Dive: Elevation 2 Transformation Dr. Lori Watson Follow-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please review the handout “White Supremacy Culture”</li> </ul>	Christy Brown, President  Alexis Outlaw, Assistant Director of Admissions - High School Recruitment
10:15 am	Break	
10:30 am	50th Anniversary of the Abilities Update Website review	Jean O’Toole, Director of Marketing and Communications
11:00 am	<u>Ability Department Meetings</u> Aesthetic Engagement AX 217 Analysis FO146 Communication FO148 Developing a Global Perspective FO462 Effective Citizenship AX 209 Problem Solving RC109G Social Interaction FO460 Valuing in Decision Making RC112	Ability chairs will provide Zoom links to their departments for any remote participants
12:15pm	Lunch on your own	
	ACADEMIC SESSION 2 BREAK OUT SESSIONS All sessions focus on implications for teaching faculty and staff Zoom Links Provided with Sessions	
1:30pm	ChatGPT: Friend or Foe Alverno College Media Hub Mac Lab <a href="https://alverno.zoom.us/j/97924043283">https://alverno.zoom.us/j/97924043283</a> Meeting ID: 979 2404 3283  Intended outcomes: Provide instructors with information and ideas to develop policies and standards, or open productive dialogue with students, regarding ChatGPT. (continued on next page) Use ChatGPT on one of your own assignments or prompts, evaluate the results,	Pat Bowne, Professor of Biology  Lindsey Harness, Associate Professor of Communication and Technology  Jay Mitacek, User Support Specialist, Ellucian  Please contact Pat <a href="mailto:pat.bowne@alverno.edu">pat.bowne@alverno.edu</a> or Lindsey <a href="mailto:lindsey.harness@alverno.edu">lindsey.harness@alverno.edu</a> for materials.



	<p>and engage in discussion about the benefits and implications for ChatGPT's use on writing assignments and for policies about its use.</p> <p>The purpose of this session is not to denounce or deify AI/ChatGPT. Rather, it is to explore various arguments about AI/ChatGPT in education and continue critical discussions regarding best pedagogical practices for the inevitable existence of AI/ChatGPT within institutions of higher education.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>1:30pm Helping the Community Support Our Students: The Benefits of Blaze, a Faculty Perspective</p> <p>FO 462 (Kellogg B)  <a href="https://alverno.zoom.us/j/98039423200">https://alverno.zoom.us/j/98039423200</a></p> <p>We will explore features in the Blaze system that have helped colleagues keep track of correspondences with students/advises and develop efficient approaches to communicate across the college about student/adviser progress. (optional hands-on experience)</p> <p>Outcomes: Participants will learn 1) how submissions to the Blaze system are used to directly follow-up with students, 2) how to compose emails using templates, 3) how to track correspondences, 4) how to share student correspondences with colleagues across the college.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>1:30pm Learning What Microsoft Teams Can Do: An Introduction to Teams Functionalities with a Focus on Teaching, Learning and Leading Functions  <b>ZOOM ONLY</b>  <a href="https://alverno.zoom.us/j/91515518709?pwd=cTc4eTI3N1J2Wi9ITGo4QjBNQXE0dz09">https://alverno.zoom.us/j/91515518709?pwd=cTc4eTI3N1J2Wi9ITGo4QjBNQXE0dz09</a></p>	<p>Please bring your own device. Some computers will be available at the Milwaukee site. Virtual participants will be able to participate in the activities and the discussion with reliable Internet connection and computer. Session includes optional supplementary materials and resources.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Heidi Anderson-Isaacson, Vice President for Student Development and Success</p> <p>Tasia Hicks, Student Accessibility Coordinator</p> <p>Danielle Gioia, Director of Student Success</p> <p>Ann Romei, Assistant Dean of Students</p> <p>Kate Tisch, Director of Advising</p> <p>Kishia Ross, Assistant Director of Advising</p> <p>Kristin Wood, Assistant Professor of Nursing</p> <p>Mikki Ray, Associate Professor of Psychology</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Chris Cooley, Instructional Technologist</p> <p>This session will be recorded for those who cannot attend.</p>
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	<p>FINAL ALL COLLEGE GENERAL SESSION          Conference Center          Zoom Link: <a href="https://alverno.zoom.us/j/99675701612">https://alverno.zoom.us/j/99675701612</a></p>
3:00pm	<p>Community Conversation - Reflections on Institute          Led by Christy Brown and Jodi Eastberg</p>
	<p><b>END OF DAY TWO</b></p>

<b>FRIDAY, August 25</b>	
	Individual and Group Work
	Scheduled Meetings
1:00 pm	<p>All Faculty Senate Meeting          Zoom link to be shared by Faculty Senate          Alumnae Hall or FO460 (Kellogg A)</p> <p>Faculty Senate President, Trish Lewis</p>
2:00 pm	Faculty Senators Meeting FO460

**Announcements**

**Social Interaction Assessors Wanted**

All faculty and staff who want to learn more about our curriculum while USING it? Become an assessor for the AC-151 Social Interaction Assessment! The AC-151 is a classic abilities-based external Alverno assessment that serves as a graduation requirement for incoming undergraduate students. Assessors observe students as they work together to choose the best candidate for a job and then give feedback to help students interact more effectively in decision-making groups. You can do this! Interested?

We have a large group of incoming students this semester who need this assessment! Please assist the students to successfully complete this assessment by joining us.

Training will take place on Wednesday, September 13 from 6-8 pm on Zoom. There will be a daytime training session in November TBD. If you would like to attend the assessor training or have questions, contact Raechel Bowersox, Assessment Administrator at [Raechel.Bowersox@alverno.edu](mailto:Raechel.Bowersox@alverno.edu). If you are currently an assessor, THANK you, and please sign up for a couple of dates.

**Community Day 2023**

Alverno’s Milwaukee campus will be hosting the 22nd annual Community Day on Wednesday, Oct. 4. Classes will be canceled from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. so students, staff and faculty can join together for a whole day of learning, service and fun.

There will be two main focuses:

- Building a stronger Alverno community. COVID took a toll on how we know and interact with each other across all levels of campus. We want to provide opportunities for



our beloved community to come together and build/rebuild collegiate relationships that foster understanding, compassion and learning.

- Highlighting and celebrating 50 years of ability-based education.

All activities will be held on campus with the exception of 1-2 service projects within walking/biking distance of campus.

Registration for the day will begin on Sept. 5. If you have questions or suggestions, reach out to Elena Burke [Elena.Burke@Alverno.edu](mailto:Elena.Burke@Alverno.edu) and Brooke Wegner [Brooke.Wegner@Alverno.edu](mailto:Brooke.Wegner@Alverno.edu).

### **Computer Updates**

The Office of Information Technology wants to ensure everyone starts the semester with the technology to be successful. If you have had your device off campus for an extended period, we will need you to bring it to campus to assure you are able to work effectively and efficiently. We want to assure that your devices are updated to the latest patches with any operational applications and that we have accountability of all inventories that you are in possession of. We will have a table setup during Institute on **Wednesday, August 23rd and Thursday, August 24th at Inferno Café**. From **August 25<sup>th</sup> thru September 1<sup>st</sup>**, you can bring the devices directly to **Tech Services main computer lab**. Depending on how many updates are needed, we may need your laptop a few hours or possibly overnight. The easiest way to ensure your laptop has the latest software updates is to use your device while on campus. We recommend bringing them as early as early if you will be teaching courses and need your devices. If you would like to bring it to Tech Services early, please come to the main computer lab **tomorrow, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, after 10am**.

We thank you for your continued support and patience. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns by calling us at 414.382.6700 or logging a ticket [helpdesk@alverno.edu](mailto:helpdesk@alverno.edu).

### **Critical Census Compliance**

Over the past year, we have implemented a new census process that verifies student attendance/participation in our classes. Thank you for all you have done to make that process work!

In order to meet the requirements of federal reporting of student enrollment, the college continues to need to receive verification of students participating in their courses. It is essential that all faculty and instructors are submitting their census report in a timely manner (by the due date of 9/11), so that multiple other processes including awarding of financial aid, documentation for mandatory IPEDS reporting, and student billing can take place. Please help spread the word to adjunct faculty and colleagues. We appreciate your support!!

### **Mass of the Holy Spirit - Wednesday September 13th in the Chapel - no classes canceled, but please provide flexibility**

This year, we will be holding the Mass of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday September 13th. There will not be an accompanying all school picnic, so we are not canceling classes. We ask that instructors allow classes to leave early - by 11:45am and allow for some flexibility for students and instructors who might be late to 1:10pm sections.



This year, there will be a special blessing of our new President, Christy Brown and we will **collecting items for the Alverno Food Pantry** as part of the offering. Please bring a non-perishable item to the chapel on September 13th as part of this offering. All are welcome to celebrate this tradition of communal prayer as we begin a new academic year.

**Donations Needed: Help Individuals Experiencing Homelessness Stay Warm this Winter!**

On Community Day, October 4th, we will be making Winter Gear Kits for those in need. In order to prepare for that activity, please consider donating one of the following items:

Waterproof Insulated Gloves, Fleece Scarves, Hand Warmers, Petroleum Jelly, Facial Tissue, Socks, Nature Valley Granola Bars, Drawstring Bags, Resource Cards.

Items will be collected September 5 thru September 27 in Christopher Hall Lobby, the Commons Lobby, and in the Center for Belonging (FO111). Please contact Elena Burke with any questions at [Elena.Burke@Alverno.edu](mailto:Elena.Burke@Alverno.edu).

**FALL 2023 Athletics Kickoff!**

Join the Alverno Community Friday, September 1st for the fall athletics kickoff. Activities begin at 1:00pm on the Soccer field with a 2:00 pm match between Alverno and Grace Christian University. Go Inferno!

**Congratulations to our Music Therapy Department**

It is with great excitement we share that the National Association of Music (NASM) Commission has granted renewal of the membership to Alverno College with the degree listings of Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy, Master of Music Therapy, Bachelor of Arts in Music, and Master of Arts in Music Liturgy. Coincidentally, the music therapy program will be celebrating 75 years at Alverno College this year! Thank you to Music, Music Therapy and Music Liturgy faculty Leslie Henry, Becky Engen, Steve Janco, Rob Collier and team for their continuous hard work!

**Assessment Council Seeking Collaboration**

The Council for Student Assessment is seeking your help. Are you interested in becoming a member or learning how you can collaborate with the council on an initiative? Here is a link to [our mission statement](#). Please contact Mikki Ray ([mikelene.ray@alverno.edu](mailto:mikelene.ray@alverno.edu)) or Seth Westfall ([sethmarie.westfall@alverno.edu](mailto:sethmarie.westfall@alverno.edu)) to learn more.

**Alverno Resource Groups (ARGS) - Propose Yours Today!**

ARGS are for employees who share characteristics such as gender, ethnicity, religious affiliation, lifestyle, or interest and aim to foster a diverse, inclusive, and connected workplace. ARGS will support personal and professional development and will create spaces where employees can safely bring their whole, authentic selves to our beloved community.

Please share your proposed ARG ideas and any other information you can provide about this shared interest group! If you have multiple ideas for ARGS, please feel free to submit this form more than once.

<https://forms.gle/Lsz5r6yndPM6ZmVT8>