

Albionisms

A guide to words and phrases
commonly used at Albion College.



ACIS: Albion College Information System.

This is the way to access your student account information online – from your grades, to your transcripts, to class registration.

ALBIONIAN: The College's yearbook. The Albionian is produced by a group of students each year and distributed over the summer.

BALDY: Baldwin Hall, where the cafeteria is located.

BLUES AT THE BOHM: A concert held at the Bohm Theater in downtown Albion where a new band plays every month! After the band plays, individual musicians take the stage and host spontaneous jam sessions. Great sound, great ambiance!

BOHM: The movie theater in downtown Albion where you can see movies as well as speakers, bands, and more!

BRITON BASH: A fall semester event where clubs and organizations set up booths on the Quad. You can sign up for new activities, see who is involved in what, and enjoy a big Quad picnic. This is a can't-miss event at the start of every fall semester.

CAMPO: A slang term for "Campus Safety"

CPO: Short for Campus Programs and Organizations, the office for all campus activities and clubs. The office is located on the 3rd floor of the Kellogg Center.

DAY OF WODEN: The last Wednesday of classes during the spring semester. It's a fun day on the quad with food and games!

EAT SHOP: The Eat Shop is a short-order grill on the second floor of the Kellogg Center. The old Eat Shop, located where the Bobbitt Visual Arts Center Annex stands today, was torn down about thirty years ago. Two benches and a table from the original Eat Shop were restored by alumni and are now on the second floor of the Kellogg Center.

FAMILY FARE: The local grocery store, located a short drive from campus on Eaton Street.

FESTIVAL OF THE FORKS: The city of Albion's big celebration in the fall. The Festival got its name from the "forks" of the Kalamazoo River's east and south branches, the site where Albion's first residents settled. Superior Street is closed for the weekend, and local organizations, food vendors, and shops are open. There is a car show, activities, and other games scheduled throughout the weekend.

FROSTY'S: A local ice cream joint more formally known as Frosty Dan's, where you can find delicious frozen treats all year.

ICA: Is the acronym for the Office of Intercultural Affairs, located on E. Porter Street, committed to social justice and parity. ICA partners with the campus and community to increase cultural awareness, cultivate diversity, promote social justice, and create substantive intergroup partnerships.

ISMON HOUSE: A banquet hall located at 300 S. Clinton Street where many receptions are held.

KC: The Kellogg Center, Albion's student center.

KC BOX: Your mailbox. Everyone has a mailbox in the KC, which you will keep the whole time you are at Albion—so your mailing address will stay the same all four years.

KC LIVING ROOM: Short for the Langbo Living Room, the lounge located on the first floor of the Kellogg Center. The Living Room is a popular spot for meetings, receptions, and just hanging out. You can practice tickling the ivories if you are a piano player, or enjoy a warm fire by the fireplace during the winter.

KRESGE COMMONS: The big room in the basement of Wesley Hall, not to be confused with Kresge Gymnasium or the Science Complex's Kresge Hall.

LOFT: Also in the Kellogg Center, on the fourth floor. It's a perfect spot for quiet studying or hosting an event.

MARY SYKES ROOM: Located in Baldwin Hall on the 3rd floor, along with the Albion Room and Briton Room.

NORRIS 101: The large lecture hall located in the Norris Science Complex, immediately left of the main entrance. It is also formally known as "Towsley Auditorium."

OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS: Albion vernacular for the Center for International Education, the office which coordinates off-campus study opportunities both in the United States and abroad. The Center is located in Vulgamore Hall.

PLEIAD: The school newspaper. The Pleiad (pronounced “Plee-Ad”) is Albion College’s student news source. The Pleiad is published online and in print and can be viewed at their website, www.albionpleiad.com. In Greek mythology, the Pleiades are the seven daughters of Atlas, placed in heaven by Zeus. Six of the Pleiades are a bright cluster of stars in the constellation Taurus. In 1882, Albion students named the newspaper after the seventh “Lost Pleiad.”

QUAD: Most of Albion’s academic buildings surround a park-like patch of earth nicknamed “the Quad,” short for its official name, the Quadrangle. The Quad is the scene of pick-up Frisbee and football matches, outdoor classes on warm days, and graduation each May. If you had attended Albion during the 1880’s, you would have headed to the Quad to watch the football team play.

‘RELLI’S: An easier way to refer to Cascarelli’s, a bar and restaurant downtown.

THE ALLEY: The local bowling alley, called University Lanes, located just off Exit 124 at 16653 E Michigan Avenue.

THE BIG READ: A month-long community reading initiative in October that is meant to bring diverse groups of people together and empower youth through a shared reading experience.

THE BIG SHOW: An annual end-of-the-school-year performance on campus, featuring popular headliners. In recent years, The Big Show has welcomed performers such as Mike Posner and Seth Meyers.

THE BOGAR: The movie theater in downtown Marshall.

THE IO (PRONOUNCED “YO”): This is the abbreviation for “Io Triumphē,” a yell written by the Class of 1900. Some phrases were taken from other college yells, some from a Greek play that had been presented on campus during that period, and others were borrowed from the poems of the Roman writer, Horace. It goes like this...

Io Triumphē! Io Triumphē!
Haben Swaben Rebecca le animor
Whoop te whoop te sheller de-verē
De-boom de ral de-i de-pa-
Hooneka Henaka whack a whack
A-hob dob balde bora bolde bara
Con slomade hob dob Rah!
Al-bi-on Rah!

Io Triumphē! is also the name of the alumni magazine, as voted on by the alumni in 1936.

THE MAE: Officially the Mae Harrison Karro Residential Village. The Mae was erected in 2001 in memory of alumna Mae Harrison Karro of the class of '31. This popular residence houses 56 lucky seniors.

THE RECORDER: The local Albion newspaper, published every Thursday.

THE ROCK: A rock at the northeast corner of the Quad that gets painted almost daily. It was a graduation gift of the class of 1899, so just how big is the rock under all that paint?

THE “S.E.E.” (PRONOUNCED “SEA”): Another lounge/study area in the Kellogg Center, located on the second floor opposite the Eat Shop.

THE STACK: Short for “Gerstacker Commons,” the Stack is on the second floor of the KC. The third floor overlooks this commons area, a popular place for concerts, comedians, dances, eating, and lectures. The area with the wooden floor and balcony was originally the College’s Chapel, before Goodrich Chapel was built.

Meet our mascot, Brit the Briton!

Brit was introduced in the fall of 2011 as Albion College’s first mascot in 176 years! You can find Brit at games, events and various activities throughout the year. Stop and pose to take a photo with Brit and your friends.



TIERS: The six floors of shelves in Stockwell Library where all the bound periodicals are located. Stockwell originally was designed as a “closed stack” library, meaning that the stacks (tiers) were closed to the public. In those days, you would have asked a librarian for the book you wanted, and he or she would have gone into the tiers and retrieved it for you. If you find yourself getting lost in the tiers one day, remember that they were not built for easy access by the average mortal. They are a wonderful spot to seek quiet isolation for studying!

TWIN: The residence hall renamed Mitchell Towers in 2008, located behind Baldwin.

UMBRELLA HOUSE: A meeting place for multicultural student organizations.

UPPER BALDWIN: The large banquet hall located in Baldwin Hall on the 2nd floor.



The Albion College campus has adopted the black squirrel as the unofficial mascot. Black squirrels can be seen throughout campus at any given point in time—eating leftover lunches and climbing from tree to tree.

LOCAL EATERIES

Cascarelli's*

116 S Superior St
Albion, MI 49224

Charlie's*

111 W Porter St
Albion, MI 49224

The Foundry Bakehouse and Deli*

400 S Superior St
Albion, MI 49224

Frosty Dan's*

1455 N Eaton St
Albion, MI 49224

Full Moon Restaurant*

200 B-Drive N
Albion, MI 49224

Gina's Pizza and Deli*

301 N Clinton St
Albion, MI 49224

Kentucky Fried Chicken

1317 N Eaton St
Albion, MI 49224

La Casa Mexicana*

1510 N Eaton St
Albion, MI 49224

Little Red Lunch Box Cafe*

113 E Michigan Ave
Albion, MI 49224

Lopez Taco House*

205 N Superior St
Albion, MI 49224

Malleable Brewing Company*

420 S Superior St
Albion, MI 49224

McDonald's

1507 N Eaton St
Albion, MI 49224

Pizza Hut

1435 N Eaton St
Albion, MI 49224

Subway

104 Erie St
Albion, MI 49224

Taco Bell

1440 N Eaton St
Albion, MI 49224

University Lanes*

16653 E Michigan Ave
Albion, MI 49224

*Denotes restaurants
that are locally owned
and operated

STUDENT GROUPS & ACRONYMS

BAF: Build Albion Fellows Program

BSA: Black Student Alliance

EUPHONICS: A student-led musical organization

IFC: Interfraternal Council – Fraternities

ΑΤΩ: Alpha Tau Omega, called “A-T-O”

ΔΤΔ: Delta Tau Delta, called “D-T-D” or “Delt”

ΔΣΦ: Delta Sigma Phi, called “Delt-Sig”
or “DSP”

TKE: Tau Kappa Epsilon, called “TKE” (sounds
like “teek”)

ΣΝ: Sigma Nu, called “Sig Nu”

ΣΧ: Sigma Chi, Called “Sig Chi”
(sounds like “kye”)

BRITONS

The Albion College colors are purple
and gold; colors that symbolize royalty
to pair with our Briton nickname.

PANHEL: Panhellenic Council – Sororities

AXΩ: Alpha Chi Omega, called “Alpha Chi” or “A-Chi-O”

AKA: Alpha Kappa Alpha, called “A-K-A”

AΞΔ: Alpha Xi Delta, called “A-Zee-D”

ΔΓ: Delta Gamma, called “Dee-Gee”

KAΘ: Kappa Alpha Theta, called “Theta”

ΚΔ: Kappa Delta, called “Kay-Dee”

SAAC: Student Athletic Advisory Council

SVB: Student Volunteer Bureau, a student-led organization that is responsible for supporting and supplying services to existing volunteer programs and assisting in developing new ones.

UB: Union Board, a student volunteer programming council that works to provide social, recreational, educational and entertainment programs for the student body.

For a complete list of student groups, organizations and acronyms, visit albion.edu/cpo.



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