Wheelock Alumni E-Newsletter
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Wheelock News

Helping Haiti
Having barely recovered from the horrendous effects of a disastrous hurricane, millions of people across Haiti — as well as their family members around the world — now confront the unimaginable pain, suffering and loss wrought by this unprecedented earthquake. All of us in the Wheelock community want to express our sympathy and sadness over the plight of our neighbors, and we want to help. Help of different sorts will be needed for years to come. Most immediately, we can donate funds to organizations with a proven record of making a real difference to people confronted by such natural disasters. Learn more about the many ways you can help the people of Haiti...  (http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/x2593.xml )

Alumni Relations Office Announces Wheelock 2010 Film Series: Contemporary Issues of Children in America
Students, faculty, alumni and friends of the Wheelock community are invited to join us for viewings of three compelling documentaries, each followed by an in-depth conversation about the issues facing the children of our country. We strongly encourage faculty to invite their students to view these films and participate in the discussions afterward. If you have any questions about the film series, please contact Cathy Donahue, Ed.D., Associate Professor, at cdonahue@wheelock.edu. To attend the film series, RSVP to rsmokowski@wheelock.edu. All films will be shown in the Ladd Room, 43 Hawes Street, Brookline Campus at 7:00 p.m.; Refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, February 4 - Katrina’s Children
Thursday, March 18 – ABC’s 20/20: Babyland
Thursday, April 15 - Consuming Kids: The Commercialization of Childhood

Wheelock’s Department of Sport-Based Initiatives to Hold a Peace in Sport Symposium
You are invited to join local activists, educators, students and community members for this free symposium to begin a dialogue around peace in sport. Connect with this network of peace-builders and learn how they developed their passions, constructed their foundations, and overcame their challenges. Share your passion and action toward peace and help us construct a declaration to ignite the reality of peace in sport. For more information, visit http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/x2562.xml

The Center for Scholarship and Research Announces the 2010 Brown Bag Lunch Series -
Join members of the Wheelock community on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in ACE 222 for “Tears and Silence in the Classroom: A Dialogue on Working with Difficult Emotions in Teaching,” a presentation by Grace Kim, Associate Professor, Department of Human Development. Bring your lunch and join us for the presentation and discussion. We’ll provide drinks, dessert, and fresh fruit.
Marjorie Wolf Memorial Grants - Making a Difference and Living the Mission!

Congratulations to our 2009 Marjorie Wolf Memorial Grant recipients, Buffy Burns Ludwick '99 of Searsmont, Maine, and Marianne O’Grady '94MS of San Francisco, California.

With the help of the 2009 grant, the Appleton Village School in Appleton, ME, has established the “Appleton Roots” garden. This past year, the students and teachers were able to initiate their mission of creating and sustaining a school garden. As planned, each grade (K-8) planted and tended its own garden bed during this growing season. Buffy Ludwick recently wrote the Alumni Association, “Students are learning and will appreciate the process of recycling, composting, building fertile soil, planting the seed, harvesting healthy crops and eating fresh, delicious lunch ingredients. On behalf of Appleton Village School, I want to thank you for supporting our efforts, and granting our proposal.

Our ‘Appleton Roots’ garden had a successful first season, and we look forward to many more!”

This past summer Marianne O’Grady, as she has done for a number of years, traveled to Afghanistan to conduct teacher-training workshops in science education and child development. Marianne used the Marjorie Wolf Memorial Grant that she received to purchase 20 life-size x-ray sets. These x-rays were incorporated into the lectures given on anatomy and then donated to 40 teachers representing six schools from the Sherastan district of Daikundi Province, Afghanistan. Marianne recently wrote, “A goal for this grant was to distribute the x-ray sets to teachers in rural and unsupported areas of Afghanistan. It is with trust in fellow teachers that they will be used in class with the hundreds of children who arrive to school each day. Wheelock College is supporting education well beyond its doors in Boston. The mission of improving the lives of children and families is occurring as far away as the middle of Afghanistan.”

The Alumni Association is honored to have been part of both of these

Do you have an idea for a project that would benefit children and/or families? If so, the Endowment Fund Grants Committee of the Wheelock College Alumni Association may be able to help you. Each year the Alumni Association Endowment Fund Committee awards grant funding to a Wheelock graduate to assist in the development or completion of a clearly defined idea or project. This year two separate grants will be awarded, each in the amount of $750. Read more and download an application here! (http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/Alumni/Alumni_Association/Endowment_Grants.html)

College Sees Record Participation in Presidential International Service Learning and International Visiting Scholar Programs

Interest in international programs and activities has skyrocketed this year. The Presidential International Service Learning Program offers an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to undertake short-term international learning experiences designed and facilitated by faculty members. Administered by the Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation, this
program has seen enrollment double this year, with more than 40 students traveling to Oaxaca, Mexico; Belfast, Northern Ireland; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Benin and Ghana, West Africa. The Center anticipates that several new and continuing programs will be offered in 2010-2011, and alumni will be encouraged to participate. More information will be available soon.

Wheelock College will also welcome three more outstanding Presidential International Visiting Scholars in spring 2010. Following up on the successful visits of guests from Brazil, England, and The Bahamas, the community will welcome the following scholars in March and April:

Dr. Martin Okyere Owusu, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts at University of Ghana/Legon School of Performing Arts, Accra, Ghana, will be hosted by Dr. Joyce Hope Scott from March 13 to 27, 2010. Dr. Joachim Bröcher, Professor of Children’s Development, Education, and Socialization, University of Applied Sciences, Magdeburg-Stendal, Germany, will be hosted by Dr. Petra Hesse from March 14 to 27. Dr. Rachel Tal, Head of English Studies and Educational Projects at the Amal Network of secondary schools, Holon, Israel, will be hosted by Dr. Suzanne Pasch from April 19 to 30.

All alumni, students, faculty, administrators, and friends of Wheelock are encouraged to attend the lectures offered by these scholars. Stay tuned for more information about the dates and locations for these lectures. Please feel free to contact Lauren Thorman in the Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation by phone at (617) 879-2447 or by e-mail at lthorman@wheelock.edu for more information about these programs, including collaboration with the Visiting Scholars.

Wheelock Welcomes Two Exchange Students in Spring 2010
Wheelock College is proud to welcome two students from the University of Applied Sciences, Magdeburg-Stendal, Germany, to campus for the spring semester. Lena Siegel and Romy Schulze are the first two exchange students under a new agreement between Wheelock College and their home university. This partnership will allow two Wheelock College students to study in Germany next year. The students will take a full course load and be involved in activities across campus. The entire campus community looks forward to welcoming the students and to the beginning of fruitful partnerships in Germany.

Check Out the New Alumni Class Notes Webpage and Online Photo Gallery!
( [http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/Alumni/Class_Notes.html](http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/Alumni/Class_Notes.html) )

For more Wheelock College news and events, visit our website: [http://www.wheelock.edu/news/index.asp](http://www.wheelock.edu/news/index.asp)

Alumni Happenings

**Saturday, January 23**
**Graduate Open House**
Discover more about Wheelock by getting in-depth program information, meeting faculty and current students, learning about our admissions process, and exploring your financial aid options.
Location: 43 Hawes Street, Brookline Campus
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 29**
**Wheelock Alumni in Sarasota, FL**
Join Sarasota area alumni for a meeting at the Cyesis Teen Parent Program hosted by Kathy Kourapis ’83. RSVP to Kathy at Katherine_Kourapis@sarasota.k12.fl.us.
January 29 - February 28
HONK! At Wheelock Family Theatre
Directed by Jane Staab with musical direction by Jon Goldberg.
A rollicking comic musical; winner of the 2000 OLIVIER Award for Best Musical.
For more information: (http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/x1007.xml)

Thursday, February 4
Katrina’s Children
Location: Ladd Room, 43 Hawes Street, Brookline Campus at 7:00 p.m.
Refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, February 11
Alumni Book Group
This month’s book selection is How Starbucks Saved My Life by Michael Gates Gill. Join us for a conversation and brown bag supper. Desserts and refreshments will be provided.
Location: 43 Hawes Street, Brookline Campus, Room 205, Alumni Office
5:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 18
Potluck Luncheon at Sue Post Day ’51’s Home
RSVP to rsmokowski@wheelock.edu

Wednesday, March 3
Social Work Dinner
All BSW and MSW Alumni are invited to join the Wheelock Community for a night honoring the field of social work. Location: Ladd Room, 43 Hawes Street, Brookline, MA, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 7
Young Alumni Event - The Lion King!
Join us for a night at the Theater! Tickets for “The Lion King” at the Opera House are $45 each. Family, friends, and colleagues welcome. Reserve your tickets by e-mailing Jane Wuestkamp at jwuestkamp@wheelock.edu. Join us before the show for a reception at the Rock Bottom Brewery, 115 Stuart Street, Boston, MA, at 4:30 p.m. Show begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Opera House.

Wednesday, March 10
Alumni Association Board Meeting
Location: Hewitt Board Room, 5:30 p.m.
ADVOCACY AND POLICY ALERTS

We have had a great response from alumni about our advocacy and policy initiatives. We appreciate your support! If you are interested, the Wheelock College Political Caucus and the Community Service and Advocacy Committee of the Alumni Board invite you to join them for a series of discussions.

Thursday, February 4, 2010
Impact of War on: Children, Families and Society
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Speakers: Diane Levin, Ken Reich
Location to be announced.

Wednesday, February 24, 2010
The Economy and its Impact: Homelessness, Unemployment, Hunger and Other Social Issues
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Speakers:
Irwin Nesoff, Professor Social Work
Shirley Fan-Chan, Horizons for Homeless Children
Location to be announced.

Thursday, April 1, 2009
Massachusetts: Impact of Budget Cuts
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Speakers: Irwin Nesoff and Wheelock 2010 Policy Fellows
Location to be announced.

RSVP by no later than February 2, 2010 to: Samantha Pepka, Policy Specialist Intern-Office of Government Relations & Civic Engagement, at spepka@wheelock.edu.

If you are interested in receiving our policy e-mails, please sign up for our action alerts by e-mailing the Alumni Office at alumnirelations@wheelock.edu. We will send you up-to-date information that we receive from our Government Affairs Office and other resources as they are received. Stay connected with Wheelock and informed about these very important issues.

Take a look at the Wheelock Policy Connection website Spotlight: http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/x1873.xml
Reunion 2010

The Class of 1945 celebrating their 60th Reunion in 2005. Many from the class of ’45 have already made plans to return for their 65th this June. Will you be joining them? Come on back and celebrate!

Oh boy, is it cold outside in Boston! It is hard to imagine that in just four short months it will be Reunion Weekend 2010! Classes of 0s and 5s are celebrating Reunion this year. This is the time to update your contact information and find your classmates. We don’t want anyone to miss out on the fun!

Come see the changes at Wheelock - you won’t believe your eyes!

Wouldn’t it be great to see one of your classmates receive one of the prized awards at Reunion? Nominate your friends for one of the three awards. Responses must be in by April 1, 2010. Nomination forms for all awards are available at (http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/Alumni/Alumni_Association/Award_Nominations.html)

Be on the lookout for your registration form in the mail in March. Also bookmark the Reunion page on the Wheelock website for updates on who has registered. (http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/Alumni/Reunion_2010.html)
Support Wheelock

At the start of this new year, we can be both grateful and optimistic, knowing the good work that our students and graduates are doing in our country and around the world. Our students are living the mission of Wheelock each day in their practicums, classrooms, service learning trips and volunteer initiatives. Each experience builds a foundation for what they will do and how they will effect change now and once they graduate. Thank you for helping to make this possible. It is with your support that the College is able to prepare students to make a positive difference in the lives of children, families, and communities, locally and far beyond our home in Boston. In these times of economic and global crisis, we understand that you may have many philanthropic priorities. Please consider making a gift to Wheelock in support of the Annual Fund.

Visit [http://www.wheelock.edu/giving/index.asp](http://www.wheelock.edu/giving/index.asp) to make a gift online.

**Help Wheelock Go Green!** Please help keep our Alumni E-Newsletter going! If you know of a Wheelock alum who does not receive the monthly E-Newsletter, pass it on! Or, have them contact the Alumni Relations Office to update their contact information at [lsaslav@wheelock.edu](mailto:lsaslav@wheelock.edu). We will be relying on e-mail and our website for most of our communication with alumni. Please help us update and increase our e-mail lists.

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

If you have recently moved, you can [click here](http://www.wheelock.edu/giving/index.asp) to submit your change of address.

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