It’s a bright new year!

Wheelock News

Aspire Institute Introduces New Statewide Collaboration to Improve Out-of-School-Time Programs
The Massachusetts Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) was created by the Department of Early Education and Care (DEEC) to rate the Commonwealth's quality of early education and out-of-school-time (OST) programs. Families can use the system to compare and select high-quality programs for their children. Now Wheelock's Aspire Institute is collaborating with the DEEC to improve the quality of OST programs by recruiting, training, and assigning 26 field coaches to work directly with programs receiving QRIS program improvement grants in regions across Massachusetts. Using the same coaching program and training model, Wheelock will also work with the DEEC to develop an ongoing QRIS Field Coach Certificate Program, with the goal of training new, highly effective coaches and assessing and documenting effective coaching practices.

Alumni Living or Working in Mattapan Invited to Participate in a New Wheelock Partnership
Wheelock has a long history of engagement with children and families who live in our neighboring communities. Now the College is moving ahead with Mattahunt Partnership at Wheelock College, a new partnership with the City of Boston, Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF), and the city's Mattapan community to strengthen academic achievement and build youth leadership
among children and youth living in the neighborhood. This is a great opportunity for alumni who are living and/or working in Mattapan to contribute your experience, knowledge, and expertise during the community-planning process that is now under way.

During the City of Boston fiscal year '11 budgeting process, when a number of community centers were closed, BCYF made the decision to consolidate the Mattahunt Community Center, located at the Mattahunt School, with other local BCYF centers and to seek community partners to maintain and expand its programming. Wheelock stepped up as lead partner for Mattahunt and will contribute to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston after-school program that has been running at the school for nine years. The several ways in which the Mattapan neighborhood may benefit from this partnership will be discussed during the community-planning process and include support and professional development opportunities on topics such as math and science education, special needs education, and language and literacy education, as well as building and supporting college aspirations and expectations among Mattapan youth.

Find out more about the project and how you can participate in its planning by contacting Marta Rosa, special assistant to the President for government and external affairs at (617) 879-2314. There is also a phone message service in Spanish, Haitian, and English at (617) 879-2426.

“INTEGRITY”
Adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty

Each year, the Wheelock Department of Athletics devises a theme for the year for the College’s student athletes and the department. This year, with the help of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Co-President Elliot Hernandez ’12, the theme is "Integrity." If you happen to be back on campus for an alumni event and see Wheelock student-athletes wearing T-shirts that say "Integrity," feel free to ask for their definition of the word. Here is Elliot’s:

“When you think of integrity, you must first understand that it is much more than an inspirational word. When applied to the theme of athletics, integrity is not about winning or losing. Winning shows talent, but competing with integrity shows your true character. In a world where so much value is placed on winning simple games and contests, morality has gone out the window in how athletes compete. The way in which a Wildcat must compete is in a manner that respects the opponent and the game we love. Rather than step over your opponent, help them up and thank them for competing with you. It can be easy to let the success get to your head, but we must stay humble in everything we do, on and off the field and court. Let us not be remembered for what we win but rather how we compete and conduct ourselves in all aspects of life.

“As our programs become more and more competitive as the years progress, we as Wildcats must first remember that we are playing more than just a game. We are displaying our character every time we step on the field or court, and hopefully what we are displaying is our integrity, and we are representing our college accordingly.”

To read others, go to: (http://www.wheelockwildcats.com/information/SAAC/2010-11/index.)
Diana Cutaia's Leadership Expands Wheelock's Impact

It was no surprise for any of us on campus when the news came out that Director of Athletics and Sport-Based Initiatives Diana Cutaia had been appointed to the board of Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) for the 2010-2011 year. Cutaia has been an active and outspoken advocate for using sports to build character, promote health and well-being, and enhance the quality of life for children and youth since she came to Wheelock in 2005.

The BCYF works to enhance the quality of life for Boston children, youth, and families through programs and services that best fit neighborhood needs. Since July 2002, BCYF has served as the City's youth and human services headquarters, combining the services once provided by Boston Community Centers, the Boston 2:00-6:00 p.m. After School Initiative, the Mayor's Office of Community Partnerships, and the Recreation Division of the City's Parks & Recreation Department.

During Cutaia's time at Wheelock, she has expanded the department and increased student participation in sports by 200 percent. She has increased the number of varsity programs from five to 11 in just a few years and has added men's sports for the first time in the school's history. In 2009, Cutaia also took on another role at the College as Director of Sports-Based Initiatives in order to develop a new institutional focus around sports programs. She also serves the College's mission on local and state levels by advocating for increased physical education and activities for children in the schools.

FACULTY BOOK SPOTLIGHT
Fran Waksler's The New Orleans Sniper: A Phenomenological Case Study of Constituting the Other
University Press of America, 2011

Fran Waksler, a phenomenological sociologist and Wheelock College Professor Emerita of Sociology, who retired in 2008, has continued her scholarly pursuits, writing books and articles and attending conferences, and has just published The New Orleans Sniper: A Phenomenological Case Study of Constituting the Other.

"A taut and engaging interweaving of philosophical reflection and criminal forensics," the book investigates a 1973 incident in New Orleans, when shots fired from a Howard Johnson motel killed six people and wounded 10 others. After one sniper was killed, the search continued for others, but a thorough police investigation concluded there had been only one, whose body was found on the motel roof. How did the idea of multiple snipers emerge, and how was it decided there had been only one after all? In prose both analytic and engaging, Fran traces the course of this event and the claims and counterclaims made in the search to explain it.

Waksler also has a new website, (www.franceswaksler.com), that provides further details about
the book as well as about phenomenological sociology, sociology of childhood, dogs, and gardening. She hopes you will visit her site and leave her a note.

**ALUMNI HAPPENINGS**

**Graduate Open House**  
Jan. 22  
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Are graduate programs in your plans for the new year? Find out more about Wheelock programs, talk with faculty and current students, and scope out financial assistance options by attending the College's Graduate Open House in January. Click here to register (http://www.wheelock.edu/admissions/g_admregister.asp.) For more information, e-mail (graduate@wheelock.edu) or call (617) 879-1114.

**Alumni Gatherings**  
**Vero Beach Luncheon**  
Feb. 10, 12 p.m.  
Orchid Island Golf and Beach Club  
Orchid, FL

**Cape Cod Potluck Luncheon**  
Feb. 17, 12 p.m.  
At the home of Susan Towle Huckman ’55  
Harwich Port, MA

**Sarasota, FL**  
March 10, 12 p.m.  
Palm Aire Country Club  
5601 Country Club Way  
Sarasota, FL

**Naples, FL**  
March 11, 12 p.m.  
The Port Royal Club  
2900 Gordon Drive  
Naples, FL

For more information or to RSVP, contact Rebecca Smokowski at (617) 879-2302 or (rsmokowski@wheelock.edu)
It’s Officially 2011

Let the Reunion Planning Begin!
Classes ending in 1 and 6
Save the Date for Reunion Weekend
June 3, 4, 5, 2011

Golden Grads, Did You Know?
The Golden Grads Luncheon is open to everyone who has celebrated their 50th Reunion milestone. Last year’s luncheon was well attended by graduates and their families. So Golden Grads of this year, come to Reunion and bring your families! Hear about today’s Wheelock from President Jackie Jenkins-Scott, enjoy your special Golden Grads Luncheon on Saturday of Reunion Weekend, welcome those who are new Golden Grads, and honor new Heritage Society members. Stay tuned, more information is coming your way!

What’s the latest with your Wheelock friends?
Check out the new Alumni Class Notes Webpage and Online Photo Gallery to find out!

http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/Alumni/Class_Notes.html
ON CAMPUS
Wheelock alumni are lifelong learners and are always welcome to attend lecture series and special events at the College. Come and visit!

Spring Lecture Series
*English Language Learners: Race to the Bottom*
March 17, 4 p.m.

Mark your calendars now for the first spring lecture in the Presidential Visiting Scholars Lecture Series presented by the College's Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation. Dr. Miren Uriarte, Senior Research Associate at UMass Boston's Mauricio Gastón Institute, will speak. Contact Lauren Thorman at (lthorman@wheelock.edu) for more information.

What's Up at TOWNE ART GALLERY

*Women's Caucus for Art: Small Works Juried Show*
Feb. 1-26
*Artists Reception: Saturday, Feb. 12, 2-4 p.m.*

The Towne Art Gallery's upcoming exhibition will highlight the work of 12 artists who are members of the Boston Chapter of the Women's Caucus for Art and will run in conjunction with the Caucus's annual conference in New York City. If you are a Boston-area alum or are visiting from out of town, break up the winter wearies with a stop on campus and at the Gallery to see what's up!

Towne Art Gallery, Wheelock College, 180 The Riverway, Boston, MA 02215
The Colored Pencil Project: Works by Children
March 15-April 15
Reception: Saturday, April 2, 2-4 p.m.
This exhibition will highlight the work of the children reached by The Colored Pencil Project, a nonprofit organization created to increase the accessibility of art for children in developing countries. Facilitators of the Project distribute art supplies and provide art curricula to children in orphanages, schools, and rural village communities, offering them a way of expression that is otherwise not available.
class) with a fun trip to Wheelock Family Theatre’s production of *The Secret Garden*. Join in the transformative journey as Mary Lennox, alone and unhappy about her circumstances, is moved to the house of her absentee uncle. Through her curiosity (and a helpful robin), she discovers a long-locked garden and uncovers a family's secret. As the garden comes back to life, Mary's life blossoms with friendship, family, and love. The Secret Garden reveals a young person's meaningful growth through imagination and ingenuity. Wheelock Family Theatre founders Susan Kosoff ’65/’75MS and Jane Staab have written a musical that is based on and true to the classic by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

**Running Time:** Approximately two hours. **Suggested for Ages:** 8 and up

**Showings:** Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. School vacation week (Tuesday, Feb. 22 – Friday, Feb. 25) matinees at 1 p.m. Please note: there is no evening performance on Friday, Feb. 25.

**ASL/AD Shows:** Friday, Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 27 at 3 p.m.

**Scheduled 10 a.m. School Performances:** Feb. 3, 8, 16, & 17. The final school matinee will be interpreted in American Sign Language and audio-described. For a downloadable PDF study guide of the performance, visit [http://www.wheelockfamilytheatre.org/for-educators.aspx.](http://www.wheelockfamilytheatre.org/for-educators.aspx.)

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**Wheelock Magazine Correction:**
In the *Scholars in Action* article on page 5 of the fall issue of *Wheelock Magazine*, LacyJane Folger ’10 should be correctly identified as an Evelyn Hausslein Endowed Fund Scholar.

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