Wheelock Alumni E-Newsletter
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Wheelock News

**Hurrah for this year's graduates! And welcome to our community of alumni who share with you the transforming experience of a Wheelock College education.**

**Wheelock Celebrates 122 Commencement**

It was a wonderfully festive atmosphere on May 21 when 225 students received their degrees and certificates along with heartfelt good wishes and advice from President Jenkins-Scott, who presided over the celebration. Wheelock awarded honorary degrees to three distinguished individuals whose professional and volunteer activities have served others: Paul Reville, Massachusetts secretary of education; Robert A. Lincoln, past chair of the Wheelock Board of Trustees and longtime supporter of the College; and Susan Bruml Simon '73, founder of Admissions Advantage, an educational consulting firm, and a dedicated Wheelock volunteer and leader. Undergraduate speaker Tanya Fortier called her classmates "world-changers" and applauded them for already "making a difference in the world from the ground up" as students. Read more about Commencement 2010... ([http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/Student_Life/Commencement_2010/Commencement_Remarks.html](http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/Student_Life/Commencement_2010/Commencement_Remarks.html))
Reunion 2010 - Thank you for celebrating!
Reunion Weekend was a smashing success with more than 250 alumni and guests returning to campus to celebrate, catch up with classmates, and participate in special events. Members of the classes of 1940 to 2005 enjoyed a range of activities, including a reception with President Jackie Jenkins-Scott, professional development workshops, a performance of _Cabaret_ at the Wheelock Family Theatre, a Boston Pops concert, the Annual Awards Presentation and Luncheon, and a most popular Boston Duck Tour! It was an honor to have **Mary Elizabeth Piper Nielsen** from the Class of 1940 attend Reunion as the most senior alumna, celebrating her 70th Reunion from Wheelock College!

**Congratulations to our Reunion Award Recipients!**
The Lucy Wheelock Award – **Carrie Lagasse Yespy ’00**  
The Making a Difference Award – **Sue Kosoff ’65/’75MS**  
The Distinguished Service Award – **Mila Moschella ’75**
Congratulations to Patricia Slater Carey ’45, who received the Golden Graduates Society Service Award during the Golden Graduates luncheon.

Reunion 2010 Prizes!

Gertrude Abbihl Prize (The Silver Bowl)
The Gertrude Abbihl Prize is presented to the class with the highest percentage of members attending the annual luncheon. This year’s recipient was the Class of 1960, the 50th Reunion class, with 34% attendance.

The Beulah Angell Wetherbee Prize (The Silver Tray)
The Beulah Angell Wetherbee Prize, an engraved silver tray, is given to the reunion class with the highest percentage of donors, to honor the spirit of Beulah Angell Wetherbee, a Class of 1933 class agent who encouraged her classmates to participation rates as high as 98.9%! The winner of The Beulah Angell Wetherbee Prize was the Class of 1955, celebrating their 55th reunion. An awesome 71% of their class donated to the Annual Fund this year!
**Dr. Frances Graves Prize (The Silver Picture Frame)**

The Dr. Frances Graves Prize will feature a picture of the class that raised the largest gift for Wheelock this reunion year. The winner was the **Class of 1960 with a gift of $319,546.32**! Thank you, Class of 1960!

President of the Alumni Association Bonnie Page '76/’92MS, host of the Annual Awards Presentation, presented President Jackie Jenkins-Scott with a check for $418,217.02, representing the total given and pledged by members of this year’s reunion classes. Thank you for such a wonderful outpouring of generosity and commitment to the College.

We hope to see you all in 2015! Stay tuned for the updated Reunion webpage with more highlights from the weekend and our Reunion photo gallery!

Did you attend Reunion Weekend?
We value your opinion and love new ideas, so please help us by filling out this post Reunion survey at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LCCFB5H](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LCCFB5H).

**Boston Globe Op-Ed by Dr. Diane Levin ‘69MS**

Wheelock faculty member Diane Levin ‘69MS, who is well known for her leadership opposing the commercialization of childhood and violence in the media, recently joined with Nancy Carlsson-Paige of Lesley University in writing a *Boston Globe* op-ed piece about standards testing titled "One size doesn’t fit all." In a follow-up e-mail to Wheelock colleagues, Levin said, "I have been very concerned with the narrowing focus on academic standards and high stakes tests at younger and younger ages. The op-ed addresses these concerns as the newly proposed national common core standards beginning in kindergarten will further escalate this wrongheaded and harmful trend."

To read the complete article, go to: [http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2010/04/18/one_size_doesnt_fit_all/](http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2010/04/18/one_size_doesnt_fit_all/)

**Twilight Movie Star Julia Jones Returns to Wheelock**

She’s making it big in Hollywood now, but it all began at Wheelock Family Theatre (WFT), where, as a child, actress Julia Jones attended classes and performed in *Aladdin* and...
Charlotte’s Web and as Jo in Little Women. Pursuing a career in acting as an adult, Julia has appeared in a number of independent films and on NBC’s E.R., and now she has a featured role in Eclipse the third installment of the popular Twilight Saga movie series. Julia returned to WFT in May to fill us in on her rising career and her work on the series. It was fascinating and fun hearing about her character, Leah Clearwater, the new girl werewolf in the series who is bedeviled by an extreme and unusual form of torture — the ability to read the mind of her ex-boyfriend (Eeeeeek!). Julia got into her werewolf persona by imagining being uncomfortable in a constantly changing body and mad at the world for making her a werewolf. After a reception, a book signing, and an onstage interview, Julia left with the lucky winner of an auctioned private dinner with her at the South End hot spot 28 Degrees. Catch some summer fun with Julia when Eclipse opens in theaters everywhere on June 30.

Alumni Service Learning Trip to Guatemala - February 19-26, 2011
Wheelock alumni, join us on the journey as our students and faculty return to Guatemala City and Antigua Guatemala, next February for seven days of learning and service. The College has a long-standing relationship with Safe Passage, the U.S.-based, non-profit humanitarian organization founded by the late Hanley Denning ’96MS to bring education and hope to the country’s poorest, most marginalized children and youth who live in the Guatemala City garbage dump community. We are excited to offer alumni the chance to join in the efforts of the hundreds of teachers, staff, and volunteers who travel to Safe Passage from all over the world each year to contribute their service and to help fulfill Hanley’s passionate desire to make a difference. Along the way, you will learn about Safe Passage and about Guatemalan culture, and you are sure to share another Wheelock experience that is meaningful and memorable.

Trip Highlights
- Walking tour of Antigua (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Tour of Safe Passage, Guatemala City, including the Guardería (Early Childhood Education Center)
- Volunteer activities with the children of Safe Passage
- Film and documentary viewings with local scholars
- Participation in the 8th International Literacy Conference in Guatemala City

For pricing and more information, contact the Alumni Office at 617-879-2286 or alumni_relations@wheelock.edu.

Celebrating Twenty Years of Collaborative Programs in Singapore
The upcoming 2010-2011 academic year marks Wheelock’s 20th year of partnerships in Singapore! Wheelock’s first Master of Science in Child Development and Early Childhood Education students began their coursework in Singapore in 1991. We are looking forward to many celebrations of this milestone, kicked off by a reception in Singapore on Friday, June 18th. Stay tuned for more information about ways to get involved in efforts surrounding Wheelock’s 20th anniversary in Singapore, and please do not hesitate to contact the Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation by phone at (617) 879-2227 or by e-mail at ciele@wheelock.edu with questions or suggestions.
Wheelock Prepares to Welcome Its Newest Alumni in Singapore
On Wednesday, June 16th, 2010, 62 students will graduate from the Wheelock College Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Educational Studies and Leadership at Ngee Ann Polytechnic in Singapore. President Jackie Jenkins-Scott and Vice President Julie Wollman will be present to celebrate the achievements of the second cohort of students to graduate from this program. An honorary degree will be presented to honor the memory of Dr. Joan Bergstrom, accepted on her behalf by her husband, Dr. Gary Bergstrom.

The commemoration of Dr. Bergstrom’s legacy in Singapore as well as the hard work and dedication of Wheelock’s Singaporean students continues throughout the week. On Saturday June 19th, nearly 200 students will graduate from Wheelock College programs offered in partnership with SEED Institute, including 45 students from the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education with a Focus on Literacy, 33 students from the Master of Science in Early Childhood Education, and 111 students with a Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education or the Diploma in Preschool Education – Leadership. Dr. Bergstrom’s lifetime commitment to improve the lives of Singapore’s children and families will again be honored with the presentation at the SEED Institute ceremony of the President’s Medallion to Dr. Gary Bergstrom. On behalf of the Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation and the entire Wheelock College community, congratulations to all of Wheelock’s outstanding graduates in Singapore!

Calling All Massachusetts South Shore Alumni!
Are you interested in becoming part of a South Shore Alumni Book Group? A new book group is starting up this summer in Rockland, MA and we invite all alumni living, or working, on the South Shore to join us! Email the Alumni Relations Office at alumnirelations@wheelock.edu, if you are interested in joining.

Check Out the New Alumni Class Notes Webpage and Online Photo Gallery!
(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

Alumni Happenings

Child Life Alumni Panel – May 12, 2010
Wednesday, June 16
Alumni Association Board Meeting
Led by President Bonnie Page ’76/’92MS.
Location: 43 Hawes Street, Brookline Campus
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 23
Alumni and International Students Cookout!
Join us and welcome our Singapore student cohort to campus on Wednesday, June 23, for a summer cookout. This summer’s cohort of 56 students from the Wheelock College Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Educational Studies and Leadership program offered at Ngee Ann Polytechnic in Singapore will be on campus from June 17 to July 22, 2010. Come meet them and learn more about Wheelock’s international programs. They’d love to meet you!
Location: Campus Center Quad, 5:30 p.m.
RSVP to rsmokowski@wheelock.edu.

Thursday, July 15
Cape Cod Club Alumni Summer Picnic
Join the Cape Cod Club in July for their annual summer picnic at the home of Edith Hall Huck ’48.
Invitation to follow.
Location: East Sandwich, MA
12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 24
Alumni Luncheon for Past Presidents of the Alumni Association Board
Past presidents of the Alumni Association Board are invited to join us for our annual summer luncheon hosted by President Jackie Jenkins-Scott and current Alumni Association Board President Bonnie Page ’76/’92MS. Formal invitation to follow.
Location: Campus Center, Room 105
12:00 p.m.

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Spring Alumni Challenge! 2,010 Donors for $20,010
We have been challenged! The Annual Fund office has been challenged to reach our goal of 2,010 Alumni Donors by the end of June, and if we do, several go-for-it alums and friends will contribute an additional $20,010 to the Annual Fund for student financial aid.

As of June 11, 2010, Wheelock has 1,772 Alumni Donors. You can help us grow to reach our goal! Contribute a gift of any size to the Annual Fund before June 30, 2010, and watch it blossom into something beautiful!

What can 2,010 alumni do for Wheelock students?
Alumni gifts to the Annual Fund provide critical financial aid and scholarship support to 96% of Wheelock's students. Below are just some of the ways in which the students' lives and learning have been enhanced by their Wheelock experience:

- In a single academic year, undergraduate and graduate students spend 96,210 hours in the field as part of their field placements.
- In the past four years, more than 120 students have traveled to New Orleans as part of Wheelock's Service Learning Initiatives.
- There are 90 student athletes on campus participating in 11 sports, with an average GPA of 3.24.
- This spring, 51 students are participating in Jumpstart, mentoring and tutoring children at five area preschools.

Visit http://wheelock.edu/challenge to make a gift to the Annual Fund online.

Follow us on twitter at: www.twitter.com/wheelockgiving
Or find us on Facebook (link is http://www.facebook.com/pages/Boston-MA/Wheelock-Spring-Challenge/111772395519939?ref=ts)

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