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*Outstanding students with Dr. Shirley Malone-Fenner, Dean of Arts and Sciences, at the Dean’s List Reception on April 28. In order to make the Dean’s List, students must achieve a semester GPA of 3.80 or higher.*

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**Wheelock News**

**Honoring the Call to Service**  
The theme of Wheelock College’s 122nd Commencement Exercises is "Honoring the Call to Service." Our founder, Lucy Wheelock, believed, "The one thing that makes life worth living is to serve a cause." When she founded Wheelock in 1888, she did so in response to a call to serve children, families, and society in general, and empowered thousands of others to pursue their own calls to service. More than a century later, our 2010 Commencement speaker and honorary degree recipients, as well as our alumni and 2010 graduates, continue her legacy through their own exemplary service to society. Read more about Commencement 2010...  
([http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/Student_Life/Commencement_2010/Honorary_Degree_Recipients.html](http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/Student_Life/Commencement_2010/Honorary_Degree_Recipients.html))
Susan Bruml Simon '73 to Receive Honorary Degree from Wheelock College

Susan Bruml Simon '73 has dedicated her career to education spanning early childhood education through higher education. She is the founder of Admissions Advantage, an educational advising firm in Weston, MA, that helps high school students choose and apply to colleges. Previously, she worked in college admissions at Brandeis University for 18 years. Earlier in her career, she taught kindergarten and worked at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. A devoted Wheelock volunteer, Ms. Simon is currently vice chair of the Board of Trustees, chair of the Enrollment and Student Success Committee, and a member of the Executive Committee, Committee on Trustees, and Educational Policy Committee. She served as co-chair of the Presidential Search Committee in 2003 and chaired the Ad Hoc Governance Committee. An active alumna, she has served as chair of the Annual Fund Committee and Centennial Celebration Committee, a member of the Alumni Association Board, and alumni trustee. Ms. Simon is co-author of a book about the college essay, “My Dog’s Name Is Einstein and Other College Essays Written from the Hearts of Boys and Girls” (June 2010). She received the Lucy Wheelock Alumni Award in 1988 and the Wheelock President's Leadership Award in 2003. Ms. Simon received a B.S. in early childhood education from Wheelock and an M.A. in counseling psychology from the University of Santa Clara in California. She and her husband, Peter, have two children, Todd and Stephanie. Congratulations, Susan!

Wheelock World Service Day - Doing a World of Good!

Last month Wheelock had its first annual Wheelock World Service Day and it was a great success! More than 125 alumni and friends registered to volunteer at our nine service sites. From Boston to Singapore, LA to Sarasota, FL, Wheelock alumni were hard at work all over the country, and world, in their green tee shirts designed by fellow alumnus, Diep Nguyen '98/'02MS. Projects took place in Boston, Cape Cod, Los Angeles, Palo Alto, Portland, Sarasota, Singapore, Nashua, and Stoneham. Many thanks to Rachael Thames '07/'08MS, Chair of the Advocacy and Community Service Committee of the Alumni Association Board, for all of her work organizing the event, as well as our dedicated project site leaders:

- Barbara Raymond Bell '96
- Julie Bellevue '08
- Greg Cass '05
- Paula Davison '74
- Rosa Del Rosario Jaime '05
- Kathy Kourapis Sipes '83
- Beverly Tarr Mattatall '72
- Brenda Noel '93
- Jillian Warner Perez '01
- Jane Hertig Roberts '73
- Joanna Sharkey Oshman '98
- Yi En Tan
- Jane Sanders Wuestkamp '99

Stay tuned to the webpage for the Wheelock World Service Day photo gallery!
New Report Aims to Reform Math and Science Achievement

Hybrid cars, malaria vaccines, and even Twitter would not have been possible without scientists, mathematicians, and engineers. As the importance of such innovation grows in society, so does the importance of educating tomorrow's innovators. A new report by the Wheelock College Aspire Institute advocates for the need to begin STEM education at an early age. The report, titled "Foundation for the Future: Strengthening STEM Education in the Early Years," sets forth a plan for improving STEM education by strengthening the math and science preparation of teachers in pre-kindergarten through grade 6. Read more... (http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/x3146.xml)

Wheelock Students’ Work on Display at Statehouse

Violence Transformed 2010: Celebrating the Transformative Power of Art showcases artwork aimed at confronting, challenging, and mediating violence. The exhibition draws the attention of government officials and the general public to ways in which art can be used to heal and redirect violence. Wheelock Associate Professor Ann Tobey co-curated the exhibit. Several pieces in “Violence Transformed 2010” were borrowed from Wheelock College’s “The Energy of Ubuntu” art exhibit. Wheelock students worked with local youth whose lives have been touched by violence to create the works. The “Violence Transformed” exhibit is on display in Doric Hall of the Massachusetts Statehouse. Click here (http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/family/articles/2010/04/30/art_helps_youngsters_cope_with_violent_loss/) to read The Boston Globe coverage of the exhibit.
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, no-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 alumnirelations@wheelock.edu.

Wheelock Prepares to Welcome Singapore Cohort to Boston
This June, Wheelock will welcome the third cohort of students from Singapore to Boston for a five-week Summer Immersion Program. 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. Building on the resounding success of the first two years of the program, this Summer Immersion experience will offer the students from Singapore the opportunity to take two courses, visit exemplary early childhood environments, explore museums and other cultural centers in Boston, and meet students, faculty, and practitioners from across the area. Previous participants have shared that the program was transformative for them, giving them a chance to understand early childhood education, Wheelock College, each other, and themselves in new and exciting ways. We welcome alumni interaction with this outstanding group of pre-service early childhood educators from Singapore. Please contact the Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation at (617) 879-2447 or cieli@wheelock.edu if you would like more information or to share a suggestion for a visit, activity, or event for this group.
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

Alumni at the annual Cape Cod Club Spring Luncheon!
Wednesday, May 19
Wheelock College Greater Portland Alumni Club Annual Meeting and Dinner
Join the Wheelock College Greater Portland Alumni Club at the Annual Meeting and Dinner. Hear from Dr. Susan Owusu, director of the Communications Program at Wheelock, and learn more about this new, exciting program. For further information and to RSVP, contact Dede Potter @ (207) 878-2356.
$28 per person.
Location: The Purpoodock Club, 300 Spurwink Avenue, Cape Elizabeth, ME 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 21
Wheelock College’s 122nd Commencement
For more information: http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/Student_Life/Commencement_2010.html
Location: Temple Israel, 477 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02215, 11:00 a.m.

June 4, 2010
Child Life Presentation Presented by Lacy Jane Folger ’10, Evelyn Hausslein Health Scholarship Recipient and Paul Thayer Chair of Child Life and Family Studies, Associate Professor, Child Life and Family Studies
Guest Speaker Lacy Jane Folger ’10 and Paul Thayer Chair of Child Life and Family Studies, will give a presentation about the field of the Child Life and the growing program here at Wheelock. Lacy Jane is the recipient of the Evelyn Hausslein Health Scholarship and has been accepted into the Child Life Graduate program in the fall. Lacy completed her practicum at both Shriner's Hospital and Boston's Project Joy.
Location: Helena Roof Top Garden Room, 3rd floor of the CCSR 1:00 p.m.

June 4-6, 2010
David Bakalar Exhibit at the Wheelock College Towne Art Gallery
Sculptures from renowned artist and Brookline resident, David Bakalar, will be on exhibit in the Towne Art Gallery. Mr. Bakalar's work is known for addressing the ways in which visual images can embody scientific concepts. Mr. Bakalar recently donated three sculptures to the College
Location: Towne Art Gallery, times listed below.
Friday, June 4: 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 5: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 6: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

June 4-6
Reunion Weekend!
Come on back and celebrate!
http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/Alumni/Reunion_2010.html

Saturday, June 5
Boston Young Alumni Reception
All alumni from the classes of 1995 to 2010 are invited to join us for a young alumni reception. It does not have to be your Reunion year for you to come back and celebrate. You can help the classes of 1995, 2000, and 2005 celebrate their 15th, 10th, and 5th Reunions! Join us at Beer Works (Fenway location). Each class member will receive a Wheelock-themed gift for attending. Tickets are $10 per
person, payable at the door, and include the two-hour reception, heavy hors d’oeuvres, and choice of wine, beer, or a soft drink. So call up your friends and join us on Saturday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m.!
Location: Beer Works, Fenway location, 61 Brookline Avenue, Boston
7:00 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.

**Support Wheelock**

**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.

**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.

As of May 18, Wheelock has 1,610 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!

Visit [http://wheelock.edu/challenge](http://wheelock.edu/challenge) to make a gift to the Annual Fund online.
Reunion 2010

**Top 10 Excuses for Not Returning to Wheelock for Reunion 2010...We’ve heard them all!**

10. **“My dog ate my yearbook, and I don’t remember anyone’s name and that would be really embarrassing.”**
Not to worry! The Alumni Relations Office has all of the yearbooks and makes a name tag for each person, with their yearbook picture. You can’t go wrong!

9. **“I’ve gained so much weight since I left Wheelock that I don’t think my friends will recognize me.”**
Oh please, laugh with the rest of us who aren’t what we used to be!

8. **“I’d love to come, but my car is such a heap of rust that I would die of embarrassment if anyone saw me driving it.”**
You have some choices! Rent a Mercedes, bum a ride with a friend, or drive that old bucket of bolts back to Wheelock. It doesn’t matter **HOW** you get here, only that you **DO!**

7. **“Where will I stay?”**
A block of rooms has been set aside at the Inn at Longwood Medical, 342 Longwood Avenue, Boston. If you wish to make a reservation, please contact the hotel toll free directly at (877) 267-9991 and refer to the “Wheelock College Alumni” group. Or, for the more adventurous, lodging will be available in the new Campus Center and newly renovated Riverway House for alumni who wish to stay on campus.

6. **“My spouse is uncomfortable meeting friends from my past and hearing all those old stories.”**
If it isn’t their thing, come solo. Reunions are all about rekindling old friendships that time cannot change. Or, bribe them with the chocolate fountain at the dessert reception!

5. **“Our teenagers are driving us crazy. We can’t trust them home alone for a minute, so we’ll pass for this year.”**
Bring your teens with you and hope they get lost on a campus tour. Or leave them at home with strict instructions. Even parents deserve some time for themselves!

4. **“I’m expecting!”**
Congratulations! Remember, Wheelock is in the heart of the Longwood Medical Area, with renowned Boston hospitals right nearby. Bring some hard candy, practice your breathing, but come on back!

3. **“All those bills, the mortgage, utilities and taxes, I can’t afford it.”**
Yup, it is true. Most things in life cost money. If you can’t afford the whole weekend, come for just the day. You can’t attach a price tag to the value of getting together with old friends.

2. **“It is June and I am a teacher. That’s a crazy time.”**
No time is good for everyone. As tradition goes, Reunion is always the weekend after Memorial Day, so get those report cards done early and enjoy yourself, Reunion comes only every five years!

1. “I am ashamed to say I forgot the Wheelock Alma Mater.”
Well we didn’t! So bring your pitch pipe and sing along with us!

"Wheelock! Wheelock! We’re loyal to thee! Alma Mater, forever you’ll be, held in our hearts for years to come, guiding us ever on. Colors flying, the white and the gold, pledging ever your truths to uphold, lifting now our joyful chorus, Wheelock we sing to thee!”

Registration materials have hit the mail! Call Jane Wuestkamp at 617-879-2286, or email jwuestkamp@wheelock.edu, if you did not receive your registration packet.

Have a few minutes? You can easily register online!
(http://www.wheelock.edu/alum/reunion_registration.asp)

Also, bookmark the Reunion page on the Wheelock website for updates on who has registered. http://www.wheelock.edu/alum/alumreunion2009.asp

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. 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.

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