Wheelock Alumni E-Newsletter

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It’s back to the books for students, but shades of summer linger.

Wheelock News

Wheelock Welcomes the Class of 2014 — Brainy, Talented, Compassionate, Fabulous!

Remember when you were a first-year student, new to Wheelock and college life? During Labor Day Weekend, Wheelock welcomed the 295 members of the Class of 2014, the largest incoming class in the College’s history following a record-breaking number of admissions applications.

The new students come to Wheelock from 14 different states, bringing with them a variety of backgrounds and experiences, but the common theme among them is their commitment to working with children and families. They have volunteered with special needs children, raised money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, participated in Boys and Girls Clubs, and organized clothing drives for babies, children, and adults. Others have worked as camp counselors, nannies, coaches, and religious education teachers.

“We were searching for students who had solid academic backgrounds, were passionate about children and families, and filled their free time with productive, engaging activities—and we found you!” said Kristen Harrington, senior director of undergraduate admissions, speaking at Orientation.

The new students are highly qualified for success in Wheelock’s classrooms, playing fields, and in its community programs. Many have demonstrated leadership skills by serving on its as class presidents, National Honor Society members, valedictorians, peer leaders, service learning trip organizers, or sports captains. The students bring with them a passion for painting, sculpting, singing, dancing, acting, sports, and a multitude of other extracurricular activities. Some have held unique jobs and hobbies — including a Zumba instructor and a Zamboni driver!
In all, the new class is made up of 264 women and 34 men. Students arrived from as far away as Mississippi and Kentucky, although more than 60 percent of them are from Massachusetts. The vast majority of students (234) plan to live on campus.

Also to be noted: Wheelock welcomed our largest class of fall athletes to campus, and they have already begun games. Our sports family is growing — we are at well over 125 athletes this year.

Go, first-years! Go, Wildcats!

A Conversation with Charles J. Ogletree Jr.

Professor Charles J. Ogletree Jr. is the Jesse Climenko Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and founder and executive director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at the law school. He will come to Wheelock as a guest lecturer on September 21 and will speak on themes from his latest publication, The Presumption of Guilt: The Arrest of Henry Louis Gates and Race, Class and Crime in America (2010).

The Presumption of Guilt presents other stories of racial profiling and in addition to a discussion of issues and challenges for our justice system in securing equal treatment under the law. Professor Ogletree has earned an international reputation for his advocacy on behalf of citizens’ rights as guaranteed by the Constitution. He will return to Wheelock on October 25 to lead the College’s second Youth Symposium, “Bridges to Our Future: The Next Generation of Leaders,” and to receive an honorary doctorate for his contributions to achieving legal equity.

Wheelock Welcomes Six Presidential International Visiting Scholars in 2010-2011

Alumni are invited to join the on-campus Wheelock College community this year as we once again have several opportunities to participate in lectures and discussions with outstanding scholars and professionals from across the globe. The Presidential International Visiting Scholars Program, supported by President Jackie Jenkins-Scott and implemented by the Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation, offers Wheelock faculty members the opportunity to invite colleagues to campus for dialogue and learning about a variety of interesting subjects that are of mutual interest.

The first program this year will be the rescheduled visit of Dr. Rachel Tal from Holon, Israel, who will speak on the subject of “The English Classroom as a Platform for Peace-Building with Jewish and Arab Students in Israel.” Her talk will be held Thursday, September 30, at 4:00 p.m. in the Living Room on the Brookline Campus.

Alumni are welcome to share this invitation with colleagues who you feel might be interested. For more information about working with the International Visiting Scholars and to RSVP for events, contact Lauren Thorman in the Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation by e-mail at lthorman@wheelock.edu or by phone at (617) 879-2447.
In addition to Dr. Rachel Tal, the following scholars will be on campus this year as part of the Presidential Visiting Scholars program.

**Dr. John Wiltshire, Professor Emeritus at La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia**, who will be hosted by Dr. Marcia Folsom and represents the spread of Wheelock’s Visiting Scholars Program to a sixth continent. Dr. Wiltshire, a world-famous Austen scholar, will be on campus from October 9 to 17 and will offer an open lecture on “Why We Read Jane Austen” on **Wednesday, October 13**.

**Dr. Marta Arango, Director of the International Center for Education and Human Development (CINDE) in Colombia**, will be hosted by Vice President Julie Wollman and faculty members Ellie Friedland, Lenette Lessing, and Diane Levin ’69MS. She will open Wheelock’s celebration of International Education Week with a lecture on “Early Childhood Education and Development as the Foundation for a Sustainable Society” on **Monday, November 15**.

**Dr. Naana Opoku-Agyemang, Vice Chancellor of University of Cape Coast in Cape Coast, Ghana**, will be the first scholar of the spring semester, hosted by Dr. Joyce Hope Scott. From **March 13 to 26, 2011**, Dr. Opoku-Agyemang will share her scholarship in the field of education with a focus on women’s issues and roles in higher education.

**Dr. Silke Grafe, Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Paderborn in Paderborn, Germany**, will be hosted by Dr. Petra Hesse from **March 27 to April 8, 2011**. Dr. Grafe’s areas of expertise include children’s media and media literacy education from an international perspective.

**Dr. Miren Uriarte, Senior Research Fellow at the Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy at UMass Boston**, will be hosted by Ms. Marta Rosa. Dr. Uriarte is an internationally known expert on issues of cultural competence and bilingualism. Date of presentation to be announced.

**Alumni Events — Mark Your Calendars**

**Book Groups**


It’s not too late to read Andrew Bridge’s *Hope’s Boy* and get in on the discussion with the Alumni Book Group. Bring a brown-bag supper and enjoy! Location: Bakken Living Room, 43 Hawes Street, Brookline Campus. 5:30 p.m.

**South Shore Alumni Book Club Forming**

And don’t forget, a new book group is forming in Rockland, MA. All alumni living or working on the South Shore are invited to join. E-mail the Alumni Relations Office at alumnirelations@wheelock.edu if you are interested.
**College Day at the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History**

**October 17, 2010**

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Free Museum Admission & Activities for Alumni and Families**

Join us to connect with other Cape-based Wheelock College and Lesley University alumni; learn about WE CAN, a nonprofit organization supporting women Cape-wide who are experiencing difficult transitions; and have fun at the museum with activities that include Mudflat Mania, Beehive Opening, Reading with Ruby, and Arts & Crafts. 1:00 p.m. Registration and Refreshments; 1:20 p.m. Museum Activities and Tours. Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, 869 Route 6A, Brewster, MA 02631. **Time is short, so RSVP pronto** Paula Davisonia via her e-mail: *pdavison@comcast.net*.

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**Save the Date: Saturday, October 23, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

The Wheelock College Alumni Association invites you to join President Jackie Jenkins-Scott; Dr. Adrian K. Haugabrook, vice president and chief diversity officer; current Wheelock student leaders; faculty; and other alumni for a reception honoring alumni of color, from our trailblazers through those who recently graduated. You’ll learn about the College’s newest initiatives and hear from an alumni panel discussing their Wheelock experiences and how they can bridge strategically to the future of Wheelock. Families and Wheelock alumni and friends are welcome, so please let them know to save the date! For more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at (617) 879-2286 or alumnirelations@wheelock.edu. **Please remember to RSVP by Oct. 15 so that we can plan accordingly:** Rebecca Smokowski at (617) 879-2302 or rsmokowski@wheelock.edu.

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**Save the Date: Saturday, November 6**

**Alumni Night at Wheelock Family Theatre!**

Join in celebrating the kickoff of Wheelock Family Theatre’s 30th anniversary by seeing ANNIE, the first show of the season and a classic American musical. With its commentary on big business and the gap between rich and poor and the lead character’s resiliency and determination, **ANNIE** is an inspiration to every generation.
Tickets are available to you at the discounted rate of $15.00 and are also good for the Preshow Welcome Reception in the Larsen Alumni Room at 6:00 p.m. Take your kids, grandkids, friends, and acquaintances! Suggested for ages 6 and up, ANNIE runs approximately 2.5 hours. Reserve your tickets today by contacting the Alumni Relations Office by telephone at (617) 879-2286 or (617) 879-2261 or by e-mailing the office at alumnirelations@wheelock.edu.

Can’t make this date? The show runs from October 22, 2010, to November 21, 2010. There are free events at each performance. On Friday’s, attend a pre-show behind-the-scenes workshop led by a WFT teaching artist; on Saturday’s join the cast and crew for a talk-back after the show; and on Sundays, meet the cast.

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

Alumni Happenings

Terri Houston Joins Wheelock as Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving

Some alumni may already have met Terri Houston, another wonderful new addition to our Office of Institutional Advancement team. Terri joined us on June 1 and immediately immersed herself in getting to know alumni during Reunion 2010. She has been very busy during the summer visiting with Wheelock graduates, friends, and trustees all over New England. She says that her work with older reunion classes has been exciting, and she is thoughtfully setting the stage for growth in our Heritage Society Program.

“In my short time at Wheelock, I have had the pleasure of visiting with a number of gracious Heritage Society members and graduates of the College,” she says. “All of them have demonstrated their continued commitment to the work of Lucy Wheelock by extending their support in many different ways.” Prior to coming to Wheelock, Terri spent five years at The Cambridge School of Weston, including during their very successful capital campaign. She developed a planned giving program to support the growth of the school’s endowment and was instrumental in the success of their major gifts fundraising effort.
Start Planning — Next Wheelock World Service Day Set for April 16, 2011

Last April, Wheelock held its first World Service Day. It was such a success, accomplished so much, and was such fun for everyone involved that the College is doing it again in 2011. So, mark your calendars for the date the Wheelock College Alumni Association has set for its second annual Wheelock World Service Day, and start planning with other alumni and friends of the College in your area to connect for a day of service in your home community. Working together on a common goal of service does a world of good while increasing Wheelock’s visibility around the country and the world. We need your help to make Wheelock’s second World Service Day a success. You can do that by volunteering to become a team captain and organizing a community service project in your area. As a team leader, you will gather a team of alumni in and around your community to plan and execute a service project. If you are interested and would like to learn more, contact Jane Wuestkamp at jwuestkamp@wheelock.edu or Rachael Thames at RMThames@gmail.com.

Apply for a Marjorie Wolf Memorial Grant: Make a Difference, Live the Mission

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. Read more and download an application at http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/Alumni/Alumni_Association/Endowment_Grants.html.
Wheelock’s Alumni Class Notes and News Online — Get the Latest & Greatest!

Alumni Class Notes are now online! We appreciate the many requests we have had to put our alumni class notes on the Wheelock website. We are pleased to announce that Alumni Class Notes for all classes will now be online! This will enable us to update information more frequently, upload photos of unions and special occasions, and, most importantly keep your class connected!

Do you have a new job? Change of address? New e-mail address? Getting married? Let us know by updating your contact information and filling in this form (http://www.wheelock.edu/alum/alumupdates.asp). Keep those class notes coming to your class scribe and stay in touch! Visit the webpage (http://www2.wheelock.edu/wheelock/Alumni/Class_Notes.html) to see the latest Class Notes. They will be updated in just a few weeks!

Thank you to everyone who sends us alumni news that appears in your local newspapers. We appreciate that you keep us in the loop! If you see any Wheelock Alumni news in your local paper, please clip it out, write the name of the publication and the date on it, and send it to Lori Ann Saslav, Wheelock College, 200 The Riverway, Boston, MA 02215. Thank you!

E-Newsletters Help Us All Be Green — Please Do Your Part

Keeping Wheelock alumni in the loop and up-to-date via the E-Newsletter is good for the environment and our budget. It saves on paper, printing, and transportation fuel and expenses. We will be relying on e-mail and our website for most of our communication with alumni, including Class Notes. 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.

Support Wheelock

Answer the Call — Say hello to helping educate Wheelock students, say hello to investing in children and families, say hello to the future!

From October 18 to November 4, Wheelock College students will be calling you to update your contact information, fill you in on what’s new on campus, and yes, ask you to support the Annual Fund, which provides financial assistance and scholarships to deserving Wheelock students.

We hope that you’ll answer the call. As our student callers will tell you, every gift counts, whether it is $5 or $500. Every dollar you contribute will help Wheelock respond to the financial aid needs of our students. In addition, our alumni participation rates show peer institutions and foundations that our alumni value their own Wheelock educations and are invested in the future of the College. So show your support and make your gift, either online now or when a student calls you this fall.

If you would prefer not to be called this semester, but would still like to make a gift, please visit our website at www.wheelock.edu/giving/ and make an online contribution.

Thank you for all of your support. Our student callers look forward to hearing you say hello!
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