Welcome to another edition of LUCY’S LEDGER. It’s hard to believe how quickly October has gone by. Fall has happened here in Boston, which means that it is getting a bit chilly now and the leaves are slowly but surely leaving us (no pun intended). As we write this, rumors are abound that there will be a dusting of snow on the Boston ground this week. And soon Daylight Saving Time will leave us until March, provoking both joy (for brighter mornings) and sadness (for darker afternoons).

Thanks to those of you who were able to attend Fall Family Weekend. It was a pleasure seeing our campus bustling with happy Wheelock families. We hope you enjoyed your “stay”! It was impressive to see so many of you participate in the on- and off-campus activities such as Shear Madness, Duck Tours, Harvest Fest, and "The Phantom Tollbooth" performance. You truly helped make it a successful event. To top it all off, Mother Nature was extremely cooperative as we had beautiful seasonal weather in the city.

As always, we value your feedback and want this newsletter to be as accessible as possible. We continue to encourage open dialogue with you and work as partners toward your student’s success. If there are any topics you would like to see in future issues of this newsletter or if you have any specific questions, do not hesitate to send in suggestions or inquiries to family@wheelock.edu.

Quick Tip From Residence Life

As fall wears on to winter, leaves catch fire into a torrent of color, the hours of sunlight grow shorter, and the days turn colder. With students inevitably spending more time inside, the company of roommates often begins to wear on already taxed nerves. Small annoyances, that might otherwise pass unnoticed under different circumstances, become full-blown arguments and conflicts.

There are several things that loved ones can do to help students with roommate conflicts. Encourage them to distance themselves from their room for a short time (for a walk, an hour or two in the library, or perhaps a trip to the gym to exercise their frustrations). Try to empower your student to have a candid, respectful conversation with his or her roommate when she or he has a cooler head.

If conversations between roommates are not being productive, encourage your student to seek out a Resident Assistant or Resident Director. Participating in roommate mediation is required before the possibility of a room change can be brought to the table. Support your student in being open to the possibility that mediation can work, and that any residual awkwardness generally fades into a healthier, happier living situation!
Commencement Speaker Announced

During Fall Senior Brunch on Sunday, October 23, President Jackie Jenkins-Scott shared with our seniors and their families some exciting news! Wheelock is pleased to present four-time Oscar®-nominated actress, Jane Alexander, as this year’s Commencement Keynote Speaker on May 11, 2012. Ms. Alexander, born in Boston, is an actress, author, and former of director of the National Endowment for the Arts. She holds honorary doctorates from 11 colleges and universities in the U.S. In addition, Ms. Alexander has been active on many boards, including the Wildlife Conservation Society, Project Greenhope, the National Stroke Association, and Women’s Action for Nuclear Disarmament. She has also received the Israel Cultural Award and the Helen Caldicott Leadership Award.

She is best known for playing the female lead in the stage and screen version of *The Great White Hope*, as well as three unforgettable roles in *All The President’s Men* and *Kramer Vs. Kramer*, and *Testament*. You may also remember her from her Emmy®-nominated portrayals of Eleanor Roosevelt in the TV-miniseries, "Eleanor And Franklin". For more information about Jane Alexander, [click here](#).

SophServe: Wheelock’s Sophomore Year of Engagement through Service

The Office of Student Success is sponsoring a new initiative this year aimed at engaging sophomores through community service activities.

On Sunday, October 2, more than 50 students and staff participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk; as a group they raised close to $3,000 to support the American Cancer Society.

The next SophServe program - a combined live and silent auction event called "wheeBay" - is coming up on Thursday, November 10. Students, faculty, and staff are donating services or items for auction; anyone in the community, including parents and family members, may bid on items. Examples of items up for bid include: baking lessons, a $50 certificate for use in printing and photocopying at the library, a sick day/wellness basket; a singing telegram; gourmet cookies; and assorted gift cards. All proceeds raised will go toward the cost of bringing sections of The Names Project AIDS Quilt to campus on December 1 to commemorate World AIDS Day.

Interested in attending? The wheeBay silent auction will run from 9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. in the Campus Center Multipurpose Room (103). The wheeBay live auction, with guest auctioneer Diana Cutaia, Director of Athletics, will run from 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. in the same location.

For more information, or to contribute an item or service to the auction, please e-mail Jonathan Lewis at jl@wheelock.edu.

International Education Week Celebrated At Wheelock

Wheelock and the Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation are pleased to invite all members of the Wheelock College community to participate in the many lectures, events, and celebrations being offered as part of International Education Week, November 14-18. All students, family members, and community partners are also welcome. This week is celebrated across the country as a joint effort of the U.S. Departments of Education and State, and this year’s theme focuses on “Celebrating and Promoting International Educational Exchange.” Highlights of the week’s activities include:

- A performance by South Africa’s Sharon Katz and the Peace Train with Abigail Kubeka
- Wheelock Family Theatre

**Panel discussion during International Education Week 2010**

![Panel discussion](#)

**On Monday, November 14 at 9:30 A.M. in the**
A panel discussion on *Positive Youth Development: Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Social Justice* with speakers from Boston, Ireland, and Israel on **Tuesday, November 15 at 8:30 A.M.** on the Brookline Campus

Civil Rights Activist and Organizer Dr. Bernard Lafayette Jr. will address the topic *Inspiring Students Locally to Act Globally* on **Thursday, November 17 at 10:00 A.M.** on the Brookline Campus

*Students Without Borders: Wheelock College in Latin America and the Caribbean* will highlight the experiences of students and faculty involved in Wheelock collaborations in Guatemala as well as the Study of the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders from Latin America on **Thursday, November 17 beginning at 3:00 P.M.** in the Alumni Room

*Students participating in Wheelock’s programs in Benin and Ghana will present a lunchtime session on Transformative International Service Learning: The West Africa Experience on Friday, November 18 at 12:00 P.M. in the Campus Center***

To RSVP and for more information on these and other events, please contact Lauren Thorman in the Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation at lthorman@wheelock.edu or (617) 879-2447.

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**Wheelock College Athletics Is Busy On And Off The Field**

The Wildcats have been extremely active within the community and globally. Just in the month of October, they have lent a helping hand to the Boston Celtics and City Year volunteers to refurbish the Mattahunt Community Center, visited a local meals program for those that are less fortunate, and raised money for a former student-athlete’s effort to build classrooms in Mali, Africa. You can learn more about their local and world service [here](https://app.e2ma.net/app/view:CampaignPublic/id:1354012.7613727034/rid:8c99e6dedefc78b8da809804a43b05e2 (3 of 4) [10/31/2011 8:57:02 AM]).

The Wildcats have also been quite successful on the field as well. The field hockey squad is near the top of the standings with a chance to capture the top seed for this year’s New England Collegiate Conference Championship. Junior Despina Savvoulides (Norwalk, CT) is among the league’s top scorers and already broke the school record for career points. Senior defender Alanna Pihl (Franconia, NH) is on the cusp of owning the program-record for games played, while junior midfielder Taylor Rogers (Exeter, NH) is just a couple assists shy of tying the school standard for helpers in a career. Moving to the soccer pitch, freshman midfielder Emma Petner (Hilo, HI) has quite a bright future ahead of her. She registered just the third hat trick in school history a few weeks ago and earned NECC Rookie of the Week honors for her effort. Not to be outdone, junior keeper/midfielder Sarah McCaffrey (East Taunton, MA) was named the league’s Player of the Week for the same week after stopping 15 of 17 shots in the team’s 3-2 victory over Daniel Webster College. The men’s soccer team continues to build its young program, bolstered by such talents as freshman forward Jonathan Krouse (Northborough, MA), who has already established himself as the most prolific goal scorer in school annals with the most points and goals for a season at Wheelock. The cross country team continues to made strides as well. Sophomore Danielle Gaudette (Nashua, NH) was recently named the NECC Runner of the Week for the second time this season to become the only runner in school history to earn the award twice in one season. It proved to be a good week for the Wildcats as junior Brae Smith (Jewett City, CT) was tabbed the league’s Rookie of the Week after improving her personal-best time by 51 seconds at the Wellesley Invitational as part of a sensational rookie campaign.
Senior Corner: Developing Your Networking Skills

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As a senior, it is more important than ever to continue to develop your network. If you think about networking simply as a way to connect with people who want to help you, then it can be less formidable. You are probably using your networking skills without even realizing it, through speaking with friends and acquaintances about your choice of classes, asking friends for recommendations about electives, discussing different topics with faculty members outside of classes, meeting with your Academic Advisor, participating in internships or practicum experiences and getting to know site supervisors or colleagues there, or attending the Annual Spring Career Fairs on campus to learn about different organizations and what opportunities are available. Networking is really a series of conversations that you have with friends, family, community groups, faculty members, colleagues in your discipline, professionals in your field through professional associations, alumni, and more. By using these different networks effectively, including social networking sites, you can learn about different fields, organizations or positions of interest. (Reference: National Association of Colleges and Employers, Job Choices Magazine – 2012)

Important Dates

Monday, October 31: Happy Halloween!
Tuesday, November 8 - Thursday, November 10: Undergraduate Spring Course Selection
Thursday, November 10: wheeBay Auction
Friday, November 11: Veterans' Day (No classes)
Monday, November 14 - Friday, November 18: Colleges of the Fenway Undergraduate Summer and Fall Cross-Registration Week
Wednesday, November 16: Last day to withdraw from undergraduate courses
Wednesday, November 16: Passion For Action Leadership Dinner
Wednesday, November 23: Thanksgiving Break Begins

To view other upcoming dates and deadlines, please see Wheelock's academic calendar

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