Welcome to the third issue of Lucy's Ledger! We were excited just last week to welcome students back to campus after what was hopefully a relaxing Spring Break. Spring semester is flying by: all around us students are juggling classes, field experiences, and extra-curriculars. In a few weeks, they will be registering for their Fall classes and choosing their rooms for next year. And students are not the only ones keeping busy! On March 26, Wheelock is expecting to host over 300 accepted students (and their parents and families) who we hope will join the incoming Class of 2015.

Recently we launched a revitalized Parents & Families webpage. It is our goal to increase communication, education, and partnership with all parents and family members of Wheelock students, and we hope this webpage contributes toward reaching this goal. If there are any topics you would like to see covered on the website or in future issues of this newsletter, feel free to contact us with suggestions or inquiries at family@wheelock.edu.

Make sure your student is eligible for Room Selection!

It is almost that time of year! Room Selection is right around the corner and here is important information that you will need in order to help your student successfully choose their housing for next year.

WHEN is Room Selection?
On Saturday, April 16, students who apply and are eligible for housing will choose their rooms for next year. In order to become eligible, your student must do three things: 1) Complete the Housing Application and Contract, and 2) Be financially cleared by the Financial Services Office, and 3) Be a full-time student in Fall 2011 (registered for at least 12 credits).

My student really wants a single room. What if there are none left when it's their turn to choose?
All students should come to Room Selection with a back-up plan. They should have an idea of who they'd want for roommates, or we can assign one to your student. If your student is still interested in a single, they should ask to be put on the singles waiting list at the time of their room selection, and will be notified should one become available.

Again, all students wishing to be a part of the Room Selection process MUST hand in the application to the Student Life Office by Monday, April 11 at 4:30pm AND be financially cleared and registered for Fall courses. Students who do not complete one of these steps will NOT receive a Room Selection time.

With additional questions please contact Darcy Dubois, Director of Residence Life, at ddubois@wheelock.edu or at 617-879-2258.

Don't forget to complete your FAFSA!

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2011/2012 academic year is now available online. You can log on to FAFSA's brand new website to complete your renewal application. Note that the FAFSA website has moved to www.fafsa.gov. This year FAFSA has made some updates to their new website to make it easier than ever to apply. The priority deadline for returning students to apply for financial aid is April 15, 2011. With additional questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

Preparation for Commencement 2011 begins

It's hard to believe but May Commencement is just around the corner! Our 2011 Commencement ceremony will be held Friday, May 13 at 11:00am at Temple Israel, located up the street on the corner of The Riverway and Longwood Ave. Each undergraduate student participating in the ceremony will receive up to three (3) guest tickets and announcements; each graduate student participating in the ceremony will receive up to two (2) guest tickets and announcements. For additional guests who cannot be accommodated at Temple Israel, the commencement ceremony will be simulcast live in the Wheelock Family Theatre. This location will have ample seating and refreshments.
President Jenkins-Scott has announced that Wheelock College will recognize three extraordinary individuals with Honorary Degrees at Commencement: Professor Eric Reeves, Smith College; Ms. Bonnie Neugebauer, Wheelock College Alumna; and Dr. Mary Robinson, Former President of Ireland. Dr. Robinson will deliver the Commencement address. To see a schedule of events and learn more about the honorary degree recipients, please visit Wheelock's Commencement webpage.

**Faculty Profile: Tina Durand**

Contribution by Barbara Locher, Class of 2012

Dr. Tina Durand, an assistant professor of Human Development at Wheelock College, has been one of the most influential educators I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. For three years, I have looked to Tina as a source of comfort when the pressures of school become overwhelming, and through our many conversations, I have been able to develop the major perfectly suited to meet my own passions. Besides being such a wonderful mentor, Tina's high expectations for students create a challenging atmosphere inside the classroom, not only academically, but in my case, emotionally as well.

I enrolled in one of Tina's courses, The Psychology of Race, for the academic challenge, never expecting for the material to move me as it did. Discussing race in a classroom of racially diverse students is never an easy task, but Tina made each of us feel comfortable enough to share our own unique insights into the complicated nature of racism, and over the course of the semester, we were able to have the most meaningful and in-depth discussions I have ever had inside of a classroom. We created an atmosphere that expressed no judgments, and despite our disagreements at certain points, Tina expertly guided us through the difficult aspects, spending however long it took to resolve issues thoroughly before continuing. During the last class, we shared our action plans for the future, whether it was immediate or extended, and I vividly remember the discussion that followed; it was obvious that this course had touched each of us. The insight I gained from Tina's Psychology of Race course has become ingrained in my psyche. I have quickly become an active anti-racist, and in developing my praxis paper last semester, I unknowingly planted the seeds for my future. Next May I will graduate from Wheelock with a double major in Social Work & Human Development with a focus in Psychology. Tina's professional insight, along with her unconditional guidance and support both in and out of the classroom, has been fundamental to my college experience, however, more importantly, to the development of my professional career.

**Wheelock College partners with Make-A-Wish**

On Saturday, April 30 at 7:30pm, Wheelock College will be holding its 15th Annual Talent Show benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Massachusetts. The students, faculty, and staff of Wheelock College have made a deep commitment over the years to raising funds for such a meaningful organization. Each year not only do Wheelock students show off their talents on stage, but they also share poignant stories about how they have been impacted by Make-A-Wish. Last year's Talent Show raised over $3,250!

We will soon be inviting you and your student to attend the Make-A-Wish Talent Show. General admission is $5 per person and all proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute, please email family@wheelock.edu and we'll send you a donation form. If you are able to attend, we look forward to seeing you on the night of the Talent Show! If you would like more information about the Make-a-Wish Foundation, please visit www.wish.org.

**Scholarly Spotlight**

*Winter Policy Talks:* Announcing the sixth annual Wheelock Winter Policy Talks, focusing on timely and pressing issues in society today. All students are welcome and encouraged to join the final discussion of this informative, three-session series of panel presentations and conversations on March 30. For more details, visit Wheelock's Winter Policy Talks webpage.

**Faculty Congratulations:** Learn more about Wheelock science education instructor Karen Worth, who is the 2011 recipient of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Distinguished Service to Science Education Award.

**Important Dates**

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