Dear Wheelock Community Members:

The Department of Government & External Affairs, and Community Impact (DGEA & CI) is pleased to share this monthly email that highlights just some of the recent media coverage of Wheelock, its students, faculty, administrators, and alumne/i. We encourage you to visit the Wheelock website and take a look at all of our news coverage. We hope this newsletter serves to inform you about the work that your colleagues are doing, and to instill pride among our community. Feel free to share with your networks.

Please note:

Opinions expressed by experts represent their personal perspectives, not necessarily those of the College. Wheelock supports diverse perspectives and this newsletter serves to highlight the breadth and depth of research and areas of expertise.

Some websites may require registration to access the articles and some links may no longer be active. Please contact Beth Kaplan with any issues viewing articles.

June 2015

Institutional News

Contribute to endowments that need it
The Boston Globe, 6/23/15
Mike Nappo, a 2002 graduate from Wheelock in the MSW program wrote this Letter to the Editor. “Wheelock specializes in producing tomorrow’s teachers and social workers and we as graduates know all too well that we will never be rich, nor will we ever be able to fully repay the school for the opportunity it has given us to transform the lives of children and families. As noble as our professions are, there is no money in it.”

President Jackie Jenkins-Scott in the News

It's Time to Re-invest in Our Kids
The Huffington Post, 6/3/15
As the school year is coming to a close, access to affordable early education and child care is still on the mind of many parents. More than 23,000 children from across Massachusetts are being left behind, sitting on waitlists for enrollment in quality early education and out-of-school time care programs during this most critical stage of their development.

Deans and Faculty in the News

How to Transition from School to Summer Mode
Parents Magazine, 6/15
"Don't worry about teaching skills for the next school year," says Diane Levin, Ph.D., professor of early-childhood education at Wheelock College, in Boston. "Engage your child in what he's interested in and involve him in active play and learning. That's the best preparation you can give him."

How To Use Music And Movement To Improve Your Child’s Literacy
The New Age Parents, 6/15
Lavina Chong, associate professor with Wheelock College Singapore and Co-Founder and Director of Our Music Classroom, was interviewed on how parents can use Music and Movement to improve their child’s language and literacy.

Guilt is one of the biggest struggles first-generation college students face
The Washington Post, 6/3/15
Linda Banks-Santilli, associate professor of education, authored this piece on how many colleges overlook the problems of their first-generation students. “First-generation college students, or students whose parents have not earned a four-year degree, face unique psychological challenges.” Professor Banks-Santilli was also featured in this USA Today article on first-first-generation college students.

Dr. Shirley Malone-Fenner Celebrates African American Military Heritage with Keynote Address
Milton Patch, 6/3/15
On Saturday, May 16th, Wheelock College’s Dr. Shirley Malone-Fenner, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, delivered the keynote address to an audience of over 40 people, including veterans, at the 12th Annual African American Military Heritage Celebration.

Education Faculty hosts Wheelock College
University of Fort Hare, 6/3/15
The Faculty of Education at University of Fort Hare welcomed of 14 students, specializing in ECD and Social Work, and two academics from Wheelock College. Professors Bobbi Rosenquest and Lynnette Azzi-Lessing from Wheelock College participated in briefing sessions by members of the Education Faculty’s ECD Niche Area....

To the Class of 2015: Seek your own path
The MetroWest Daily News, 6/9/15
Professor Eric Silverman authored this piece on commencement speakers and his address to the Framingham High School Class of 2015. “As a school committee member, I told the Class of 2015, it is my enormous pleasure to extend a warm welcome to everybody on this important rite of passage in the lives of the young people before us.”

The Rachel Dolezal Controversy
NECN, 6/15/15
Susan Owusu, instructor in American Studies at Wheelock College, joined NECN to discuss the Spokane NAACP controversy: Should it be a crime to "pose as black?"

Where to Find Help for Single Mothers
Care.com, 6/26/15
In addition to government or state-sponsored programs, “there has been a rise in corporate sponsorships for early childhood education programs in recent years,” says Dr. Diane Levin, a professor of early childhood education at Wheelock College in Boston.

Students in the News

Medford native Meghan Sullivan serves as Wheelock College student Commencement speaker
The Medford Transcript, 6/9/15
Medford native Meghan Sullivan solidified her passion for serving those affected by domestic and sexual violence at Wheelock College.

Staff and other News

A Celtic Sojourn
WGBH, 6/6/15
William “Smitty” Smith was interviewed on WGBH's Celtic Sojourn on the National Center for Race Amity and the Frederick Douglass Ireland Monument. Scroll to 29:00 on the audio track to listen to the interview. The Boston Haitian Reporter also covered this story.

Race Amity Festival in Boston on Sunday
The Sudbury Town Crier, 6/11/15
The National Center for Race Amity, based at Wheelock College and led by Sudbury resident William H. Smith, will host the 5th annual Race Amity Festival, on Sunday, June 14, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., on the Rose Kennedy Greenway in Boston, located across from The New England Aquarium.

Five Things to Know About Challenging Behavior
Boston Parent's Paper, 6/17/15
Emily Potts Callejas & Mary Watson Avery from the Aspire Institute authored this piece on how responding to challenging behavior in young children can be one of the most common – and yet toughest part of being a parent or an early childhood educator.

From Needham to "Newsies," by way of Wheelock
The Boston Globe, 6/20/15
WFT alum Jacob Kemp is one of the stars of the national tour of the Disney musical "Newsies," coming to the Opera House Tuesday through July 5.

Contact Us
If you have connection with a media outlet or story line ideas that we ought to be pursuing feel free to email Beth Kaplan directly at bkaplan@wheelock.edu.