As the leaves turn color, Wheelock is excited to provide a colorful quality of life in October for students! There is plenty of educational, social, cultural, and professional programs happening throughout campus this month! Not only is Wheelock in the middle of sponsoring week-long activities for National Coming Out Week, but we are also preparing our campus for over 400 family members for the upcoming Fall Family Weekend.

Along with these celebratory special events, Wheelock is also currently honoring LATINO HERITAGE MONTH!!! Latino Heritage Month started off in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week and was expanded to a 30-day celebration in 1988. It is from September 15 - October 15 celebrating the culture, history, and influences of Latinos across the world! Much of the heritage programming that we have done or will be doing includes Merengue Monday, Cardio Salsa, Latin Folk Dance History Lesson, and "Unifying Shades of Brown and Black" (discussion on Afro-Latino culture and Africa’s influence on Latin America).

As always, we value your feedback and want this newsletter to be as accessible as possible. We also want 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.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Lewis, Director of Student Engagement (Office of Student Success)
Bryan McGrath, Assistant Dean of Students (Office of Student Life)

Fall Family Weekend 2013

Save the date!
**Friday, October 18 – Sunday, October 20**

We look forward to seeing many of you during Fall Family Weekend! We’d like to direct your attention to the Fall Family Weekend website (see below) before you head over to our campus for Fall Family Weekend. Fall Family Weekend is an opportunity to experience the change in your student and see first-hand the academic, social, and cultural quality of life that they are immersed in.

Come talk to the faculty and staff—important players in your student's success. Get a taste of the rich, interactive classroom experience and enjoy special family-themed events as your student takes you through the Wheelock campus and beautiful Boston.

If you haven’t done so already, we strongly recommend that you RSVP for those events that have limited space. We still have spaces available for the following events: Improv Asylum, Shear Madness, Breakfast with President Jackie

Jenkins-Scott, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

Visit our Fall Family Weekend website to see the complete schedule, updates, and register for ticketed events. RSVP before it's too late!

**THIS JUST IN:** The women's soccer game on Saturday, October 19 @ 3:00pm will be played at **Winsor Field** (and not Sweeney field). *Winsor Field is right next to Wheelock…but due to construction, you will have to enter the field from the Longwood Avenue side.*

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**Career Services wants to work with your student!**

The Office of Career Services is meeting your student where they are, online! In order to get your student the information they need to start thinking about their career development, the office sends out a career newsletter biweekly. The newsletter is personalized by class year and delivers the latest breaking news and tips and tools for your student's career development. It's short, concise, right to the point, and an invaluable source of information.

The office also has an active presence on Facebook and Twitter which students can receive quick news about upcoming events, a variety of career development advice from career professionals, student and program highlights, as well as selected job listings. A new Pinterest page has also been developed. Pinterest allows users to create and share virtual bulletin boards about specific topics. Currently the Career Services Office is using Pinterest to develop boards devoted to college majors, resume and cover letter examples, interviewing preparation, social media strategies, appropriate professional attire, suggested resources, and even funny and inspirational career quotes. Each of these boards contains links to articles, YouTube videos, graphics, or illustrations related to career development. You can have your student access any of these resources by:

- Following Twitter: @WheelockCCPD
- Searching Facebook: Office of Career Services At Wheelock College
- Going to Pinterest: http://www.pinterest.com/wccpd/boards/

Encourage your student to take advantage of the services through our office at every stage of their academic career. For more information, please urge your student to contact Amanda Stupakevich at ccd@wheelock.edu or call 617-879-2299. We look forward to working with your student!

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**Wheelock celebrates National Coming Out Day with a week of programming**

With the support of the Office of Diversity and Campus Programs and the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), Pride@Wheelock kicked off National Coming Out Week on Sunday, Oct.6! All planned events lead up to the 25th annual **National Coming Out Day (NCOD)**, celebrated on Friday, October 11. NCOD recognizes individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer publicly, who “come out” regarding their sexual orientation or gender identity.

According to the Human Rights Campaign, among other sources, “NCOD was founded in 1988 by Robert Eichberg, a psychologist from New Mexico and founder of the personal growth workshop, The Experience, and Jean O'Leary, an openly-gay political leader from Los Angeles and then head of the National Gay Rights Advocates. The date of October 11th was chosen because it was the anniversary of the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.”
On behalf of the staff, faculty, and students of Pride@Wheelock, GSA and the Office of Diversity and Campus Programs, we thank you for your support this National Coming Out Day and throughout the weeklong celebration. **To see the wide array of social and educational events that we have planned throughout the week, please click here.**

For additional ways to become involved or support Pride@Wheelock, please contact Jonathan Lewis or Stephanie Smyrl through pride@wheelock.edu

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**Phases of Experiential Education**

Greetings from the Field Experience Office!

**First year students** are currently settling in to their Human Growth and Development (HGD) placements around Boston, Brookline and Cambridge. This placement is the foundation of all of the work done at Wheelock regardless of a student’s major. Understanding development is critical to all of the fields our students will enter whether they go into human services, education or the arts.

To hear more from students about their experiences in the HGD placements, see [http://vimeo.com/61187759](http://vimeo.com/61187759)

Many of our **juniors and seniors** are now beginning to gain more independence in their student teaching, juvenile justice and youth advocacy practica, and child life pre-internships. Students move back and forth between different phases of development throughout these experiences. Students tend to begin a placement with initial anxiety and/or excitement and move to uncertainty and doubt, then greater competence or even new doubts before finally finishing their experience by letting go and moving on.

The experience of working in the field with real children and families can be one of tremendous learning and simultaneously a roller-coaster of emotions. Our Wheelock faculty and staff are dedicated to helping students through their learning journeys in the field. Families and friends are also key to supporting students through these phases, so thank you to all who help our students succeed in the field!

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**Wheelock Wildcats Athletics update**

The Fall Season is well under way for Wheelock Athletics. Senior goalie **Michelle Greene (Mansfield, MA)** has ranked among the nation’s field hockey leaders in saves per game all season and currently places fourth among all NCAA Division III keepers. She turned in a career-high 30-save effort earlier this season and recently became just the second player in school history to compile 400 or more saves. She also became the school's career leader in stops on October 5. She's not the only one making herself known on the national scene, though. Sophomore **Jen Ryan (Bellingham, MA)** has inserted herself into the nation's leader board in defensive saves. She second-year midfielder set a school record with four defensive saves vs. Lasell College on September 5.

The women's soccer team has received great contributions from its newcomers, with freshman forward **Alison DeGloria (Chelmsford, MA)** leading the Wildcats with eight points on three goals and two assists. Freshman goalie **Meghan Lewis (South Berwick, ME)** has racked up at least 13 saves in four of five starts for Wheelock and has placed among the conference leaders in saves all season. Sophomore midfielder **Madeline Domingo (Newington, CT)** has also contributed with five points on a pair of goals and an assist.

For the first time in school history, the men's cross country team scored as a team on October 5 at the CCRI
Invitational. In just its third season of existence, the men’s team has six runners competing – the most ever in school annals. The women’s team has been strong with a number of first year competitors, including freshman Torri Plank (Sandown, NH), who has finished as the Wildcats’ top runner in all but one meet.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday, October 14: **Autumn Holiday (no classes)**  
Friday, October 18 through Sunday, October 20: **Fall Family Weekend**  
Monday, October 21 through Friday, November 8: **Spring course selection advising**  
Wednesday, October 23 through Tuesday, October 29: **Mid-semester evaluations**  
Wednesday, November 6 through Friday, November 8: **Spring course selection**  
Monday, November 11: **Veterans’ Day (no classes)**  
Tuesday, November 26: **Residence halls close at 9:00pm**  
Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29: **Thanksgiving Break (no classes)**

To view other upcoming dates and deadlines, please see Wheelock's [academic calendar](http://e2.ma/message/qhrao/ib9xm9c).