Here at Wheelock we are in the home stretch of Fall semester. Students are beginning to write their final papers or prepare for exams and presentations. Spring course selection is complete, and student organizations are pulling out all the stops to host exciting end-of-semester events. For example, the Autism Awareness Club hosted a "Battle of the Bands" and raised over $1,100 for autism education. And a group of dedicated sophomores organized the second annual "Wheebay Auction," raising money to host a section of the AIDS Quilt on campus. (The quilt is on display in the Campus Center through Thursday, December 6.)

While it will be hard to leave campus for a few weeks, everyone is excited for Winter Break. Speaking of winter break, it's important to remember residence hall closing information around the holidays. This year, the residence halls will be closing at 9pm on Wednesday, December 19 and will re-open on Sunday, January 20 at noon. Students wishing to return early (beginning Tuesday, January 2) must fill out an application with the Office of Residence Life.

Happy Holidays from the Offices of Student Life and Student Success!

Counseling Center hosts wonderful programs in December

December is a month that signifies the end of the year and the beginning of a new one. It is also a month of many celebrations, traditions, and observances. Please join the counseling center for the month of December as we host events that will celebrate, recognize, and honor different groups, individuals, and identities.

**National Adoption Month**
**"Off and Running" Movie Screening**
Wednesday, December 5
6:30pm-8:30pm, ACE 322

**World Aids Day**
**Free, Confidential HIV & STD Testing**
Thursday, December 6
10:00am-2:30pm, Pilgrim Student Center Lounge

**De-Stress Day**
**Free massages, smoothies, and much more...**
Monday, December 10
12:00pm-5:00pm, Campus Center

**Therapy Dogs**
**Stop by, relax, and hang out with our therapy dogs!**
Tuesday, December 11
12:00pm-2:00pm & 6:00pm-8:00pm, Campus Center

Students should renew T-Pass for Spring semester!

Students have received multiple emails over the past few weeks regarding T-pass renewals for Spring semester. The T-pass program allows students to pay for their T-pass for the entire semester. Generally we suggest that students order the LINK pass as it allows unlimited access to all T-lines and bus routes throughout Boston. If your student would like to order a T-pass please ensure they complete the form that was attached to the email announcements.

Students can mail this form or simply drop it off in the Student Life Office during normal business hours. Payment is accepted in the form of check or money order made out to Wheelock College. These are the only two forms of payment that will be accepted. If they choose to mail the form and payment to Student Life, please write ATTN: T-Pass Program on the envelope. The form must be given to the Office of Student Life by January 4, 2013. Forms and checks that are received after this date will not be accepted and will be returned to your student, as this deadline is set for us by the MBTA.

With questions, please contact Amanda Schadlick at aschadlick@wheelock.edu.

New office of Spiritual Life

This semester, the Office of Student Life created a new office for “Spiritual Life at Wheelock College.” Dr. Adrienne Kisner, the Spiritual Life Coordinator, can be reached at akisner@wheelock.edu, or at 617-879-1156, or in her office, Campus Center 005. Office hours are 9:30am-12:30pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and by appointment on Tuesday and Thursday.

The new office offers students several new resources and services, including:

- Spiritual direction
- Access to local religious community resources
- Connection to COF spiritual resources
- Involvement in President Obama’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge
- Interfaith Dialogue
- A safe place to talk about personal issues (homesickness, roommate concerns, etc.)

For more information about the White House Interfaith and Community Service Challenge, visit http://www.wheelock.edu/interfaith-challenge.

This semester's programs included a lunch time “Journeys of Faith” series, highlighting members of the Wheelock and Boston community. Students also were invited to attend an interfaith social and “Leadership and Faith” study based on the texts of several world religions. The office welcomes suggestions and encourages students to stop by without an appointment. Happy holidays, whatever faith you practice!

Jumpstart celebrates student accomplishments, welcomes new site manager

Congratulations to all the Wheelock Jumpstart Corps Members for completing 7222.5 hours of service so far! This is a tremendous amount of work and hours that the students have completed and given back to the community. Because of all their dedication and hard work, the children they serve are learning the skills that they need in order to be ready for Kindergarten! We are all very proud of the Corps members for the positive impact they are having on the children and their families. Keep up the great work!!
Jumpstart welcomes an additional Site Manager, Laura Valdez. Before becoming a Site Manager at the end of September, Laura served for 11 years at a non-profit organization, Gregg Neighborhood House, Lynn, MA. In 2009, Laura contributed and was part of the three yearlong Early Literacy Matters Grant (Lynn) project. She implemented and expanded the Opening the World of Learning (OWL) Curriculum in Gregg House Preschool and Lynn Public Schools.

Jumpstart wishes you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season!

Sincerely,

Carine Cattier and Laura Valdez  
Site Managers

Wheelock Winter Athletics

Wheelock athletes' fall season gave way to the winter campaign recently and senior forward Bashir Hudson (Jamaica Plain, MA) has been making the most of his senior season, already topping his career-best in points twice. The post player netted 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in Wheelock's 72-69 victory over Coast Guard Academy on November 30 in the first round of the Citizens Bank Classic and returned the next day to pour in 28 points and haul in 12 boards for his second double-double in as many days. He was selected to the All-Tournament team for his efforts. He’s not the only player reaching new heights for the Wildcats. Junior forward Paul Coucci (Dartmouth, MA) netted 17 points vs. Eastern Nazarene to establish a new personal scoring mark earlier in the season, while sophomore guard Scott Sobel (Silver Spring, MD) has turned in a number of fine efforts, including a personal-high 15-point outing vs. Coast Guard. Freshman point guard Rashaan Powell (Dorchester, MA) has also played well in his rookie season, averaging 7.2 points, 2.2 assists and 1.4 steals per game.

Powell isn't the only rookie making an impact during the winter season at Wheelock. First-year forward Kelsey Becker (Hanover, MA) has averaged 5.0 points, 7.6 rebounds, 1.8 blocks and 1.4 steals per game and is currently leading the conference in blocks per game. She tied the school mark for blocks in a game with five rejections vs. Lyndon State College on November 18. She also just missed posting her first career double-double with nine points and nine rebounds at Mount Ida College on December 1. Junior forward Randi Davis (Wilmington, MA) has returned to the hardwood after taking last year off. In five games, she is the team’s leading scorer and is also averaging 4.2 rebounds per outing. She recently came up with a career-high five steals vs. Mount Ida as well.

Check out http://www.wheelockwildcats.com for photos, stats, and announcements.

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To view other upcoming dates and deadlines, please see Wheelock's [academic calendar](#).