It was a pleasure meeting many of you during Fall Family Weekend! For those of you that visited campus during that Weekend, we hope that you enjoyed all of the on- and off-campus activities that were planned. Whether it was Shear Madness, Duck Tours, Anne Of Green Gables or Bingo...we had wonderful turnout! Thank you for your support!

Now that October is almost over, construction of the new Center for Learning and Innovation is quickly progressing. Wheelock just invited the community to a "Topping Out" Ceremony, in which we celebrated the last beam being placed on the building. For construction updates, click [here](http://e2.ma/message/u86bm/ib9xm9c).

Another exciting thing that we would like to highlight is our voting initiative. Through the collaborated efforts of Residence Life and Student Success, Wheelock was able to help 150 students either register to vote or fill out their absentee ballot. Later this week, one of our Class Councils will be staffing a table filled with information about all candidates and all ballot questions to ensure that our student body is informed before voting.

As always, please feel free to contact us with your questions, comments, or concerns. Email us at [family@wheelock.edu](mailto:family@wheelock.edu).

Sincerely,

Bryan McGrath  
Assistant Dean of Students

Jonathan Lewis  
Associate Director for Student Success

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**Spring Course Selection is November 7-9**

Wheelock undergraduates will be registering for Spring semester courses beginning Wednesday, November 7, through Friday, November 9. Students are meeting with their academic advisors through November 6, discussing program requirements and specific courses being offered in Spring 2013.

The Office of Academic Advising encourages you to talk with your student about their academic program and course work. You can use the following questions as a guide to get the conversation started:

- What courses are you planning to take in Spring?
- What backup courses will you select if any of your initial choices are full?
- (For parents of sophomores) What major(s) have you declared?
- What have you learned so far this year that is particularly exciting, or surprising?

If your student has questions regarding course selection, please encourage them to contact their [academic advisor](mailto:academic advisor).

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**Important Thanksgiving Break Information**
The Office of Residence Life wants to give families advanced notice about the Thanksgiving Break. The residence halls will be closing for Thanksgiving Break at **9pm on Tuesday, November 20.** All students will be required to leave campus during this Break. Wheelock will officially be closed and no classes will be held starting on Wednesday, November 21. Students can return to the residence halls starting at noon on Sunday, November 25. At this time, the dining hall will re-open. Classes will resume on Monday, November 26. Please plan accordingly!

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**Bringing the World to Wheelock and Wheelock to the World**

Wheelock and the Center for International Programs and Partnerships host several **International Visiting Scholars** over the course of each academic year, allowing students the opportunity to interact with educators and advocates from around the world. In September and October we welcomed visitors from Istanbul, Turkey; from Santiago, Chile; and this week, from Cotonou, Benin. Students and the entire community have many opportunities to meet and hear from these Scholars, including class visits and open lectures.

Next up is a celebration of **International Education Week, November 8-15,** with a series of events and celebrations to which the entire community is invited. The highlight is a day-long engagement with Sharon Katz and the Peace Train from South Africa on Tuesday, November 13. Sharon and her band will present a workshop in the morning about the role of the arts in the transition from apartheid to democracy, and then offer a free concert at 4:00PM in Wheelock Family Theatre. Please encourage your student to attend, and consider joining us if you are in the area.

In addition to semester and summer study abroad, Wheelock also offers students the opportunity to travel on faculty-led **International Service Learning Programs,** which are linked to an on-campus course and include an opportunity to travel on a one, two, or three-week international trip during break periods. Applications are still open for trips to Barbados, Belize, Germany, and West Africa. For more information about any of the programs mentioned here, contact Lauren Thorman in the Center for International Programs and Partnerships at lthorman@wheelock.edu.

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**Wheelock Celebrates National Coming Out Week**

To support National Coming Out Day—traditionally recognized on October 11—Wheelock hosted its first annual National Coming Out Week from October 8 through October 11. This educational and fun program of events was an extended civil awareness week that celebrated individuals who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or questioning/queer.

Students, faculty, and staff participated in a wide array of activities:

- **LGBTQ & Allies Dinner with Carl Sciortino, MA House of Representatives.** Sciortino (D, Medford) is an openly gay member of the House of Representatives who acted as keynote speaker.
- **Families In Focus Exhibit.** Last year, we encouraged every member of the Wheelock community to join us in creating a compelling pictorial demonstration of our dedication to the value of all families. Photos were again displayed.
- **Wheelock Weave Project.** The Wheelock community was asked to share stories, thoughts, lyrics, and quotes which were then woven together for all to see.
- **Evan Greer, Genderqueer Singer/ Songwriter & Community Organizer.**

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Wheelock Rocks The Vote!

With the 2012 general election just days away, Wheelock College’s Office of Government & External Affairs (OGEA) reminds you to vote on Tuesday, November 6. We’ve included important voter information below to assist you and your student in the process. As always, visit the Policy Connection (http://www.wheelock.edu/policy-connection) on Wheelock’s web site for more information or assistance.

Important Deadlines

- **Tuesday, November 6** - Election Day!
- **Voter Registration Deadlines** - The last day to register to vote in Massachusetts was October 17. However, for out of state residents it might not be too late! Please visit the Policy Connection (http://www.wheelock.edu/policy-connection/voting) on Wheelock College's Web site for voter resources in all 50 states.
- **Monday, November 5 @ noon** - Absentee Ballot Request Form Deadline in Massachusetts - Please note: You will need to request an absentee ballot from your local city/town clerk’s office several weeks in advance of the election in order for you to receive and return your ballot before polls close at 8 pm on November 6. Please see below for further information on the absentee ballot process. (http://www.wheelock.edu/policy-connection/voting)

MA Absentee Ballot

MA allows voters to vote by absentee ballot if they:

- Will be absent from your city or town on election day, and/or
- Have a physical disability that prevents your voting at the polling place, and/or
- Cannot vote at the polls due to religious beliefs.

Absentee ballots can be mailed or completed, by arrangement, at your local/city town hall. Here’s how to vote absentee:

1. Click here for the MA absentee ballot request form - http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/absentee_ballot.pdf
2. Use the step-by-step directions to fully complete the request form.
3. Mail the request form to your city/town hall as soon as possible. You can contact your MA city/town hall with any questions. MA city/town hall directory - http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleclk/clkidx.htm
4. Your ballot will then be sent to you via mail, if requested.
5. Complete the ballot and send it back to you city/town ASAP!

Please note that ballots must be received by 8 pm on Election Day, November 6, in order to be counted! If you are voting by mail, please be sure to leave sufficient time for regular mail arrival. Don’t forget to vote!

Wheelock Athletics continues to Enjoy Success During the Fall Season

The Women’s Soccer team matched the school record for consecutive victories and already has its highest win total since 2007. Although the squad is very young, it is also bursting with talent. Freshman midfielder Katlyn Rose D’Errico (Nashua, NH) became just the third player in school history and only the second first-year player to register a hat trick with three goals in a 4-1 victory over Pine Manor College on October 2. Sophomore midfielder Emma Petner (Hilo, HI) has equaled her points scoring output from a year ago and is quickly moving up the Wildcats’ career points and goals list, ranking third in each category, respectively. Senior Co-Captain Sarah McCaffrey (East
Taunton, MA) suffered an injury earlier in the season, but worked hard to make it back onto the pitch after missing a month and celebrated her return by posting a 15-save shutout for the most stops in a shutout by any keeper in school history. Her efforts earned her New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) Player of the Week honors.

The Women’s Soccer team isn’t the only athletics program on campus vying for a playoff spot. The Field Hockey team is also making a push as well. Led by senior Co-Captain Despina Savvoulides (Norwalk, CT), who, for the fourth straight year, leads Wheelock in points and goals. The forward became the first player in school annals to reach the 100-point plateau and now has 105 for her career on 47 goals and 11 assists. She earned NECC Player of the Week accolades after scoring five goals in a pair of games as part of a four-game stretch that saw her tally nine goals. Classmate Taylor Rogers (Essex, MA) has been making history of her own, collecting a team-high four assists to give her a school career record 19 helpers.

Wheelock Athletics’ Annual Fall Madness event was met with great fan fare once again. The Wildcats welcomed the classes of 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 for a night of music, contests, fun and a performance by Wheelock’s own dance troupe, X-Clusive. The department also held its first-ever “Throwback Uniform” sale to give the Wheelock student body a chance to purchase uniforms worn by past Wildcat student-athletes. Wheelock Athletics also showed its support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a pair of athletic contests devoted to raising money and increasing awareness for the cause. A raffle and a bake sale was held during a field hockey and a women’s soccer match during October, while the players showed support on the field, wearing pink wrist bands, pink tape on their socks and pink ribbons in their hair.

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To view other upcoming dates and deadlines, please see Wheelock's [academic calendar](http://e2.ma/message/u86bm/ib9xm9).