Last weekend, we had the pleasure of welcoming over 250 new students into our Wheelock community as well as seeing the familiar faces of our returning students. Now that the four-day New Student Orientation has ended, we are off and running into a new academic year! It was exciting to be able to connect and re-connect with families during move-in day and we hope to have all of you back here for our Fall Family Weekend in October (see below).

For those that new family members that are new to this list, we are proud to introduce Lucy's Ledger (named for our founder, Lucy Wheelock), a newsletter for Wheelock parents and families! This newsletter will provide you with highlights of student programs, updates of important events and initiatives, links to relevant articles, and ways to become involved in life at Wheelock College.

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

Come one, come all! All family members are invited to participate in Wheelock's annual Fall Family Weekend. The more, the merrier! 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.

Some highlights of the weekend include:

- Breakfast with President Jackie Jenkins-Scott
- Mini-classes
- Duck Tour

Ashlee Burgess '13 and family
Convocation is Wednesday, September 11

Wheelock College continues its unwavering commitment to social justice through its selection of lauded author Julie Otsuka as the 2013 Convocation keynote speaker.

This year's annual ceremony will be:
Wednesday, September 11 from 1:30-3:00 p.m.
in the Wheelock Family Theatre

Otsuka's debut novel, *When the Emperor Was Divine*, was selected as Wheelock's summer reading book and was distributed to the incoming class of new students and the senior class prior to arriving on campus. Inspired by the experience of her family members in the Japanese-American internment camps during World War II, Otsuka's novel is a spare and intimate portrayal of one Berkeley family over the years that the U.S. government detained them.

Wheelock incorporated the themes of the novel into student leadership training, the Bridge program, and New Student Orientation and the Wheelock community will continue the conversations in- and out-of-the-classroom during the first-year experience.

Convocation is Latin for "coming together" and refers to any group of people formally assembled for a special purpose. It is an important Wheelock tradition to launch the academic year and provides a special learning and bonding opportunity for seniors and first-year students.

Win With Wheelock rewards involved students

Involvement equals success at college; research in higher education has suggested this for many years. Therefore, for a third straight year, the Offices of Student Success and Student Life are partnering to invite new first-year and transfer students to participate in "Win With Wheelock," a 12-week team-based competition program, where students are introduced to a wide range of activities outside the classroom, and those who get involved the most are rewarded with a range of prizes that include Dunkin' Donuts gift cards and tickets to the New England Aquarium.

At check-in on August 31 every incoming student received a full-color calendar of events happening in and around Wheelock through October 5 - you can see a copy of this calendar online here - and all are encouraged to attend as many events or programs as they have time for. Events are social, co-curricular, athletic, cultural, or developmental, and encourage student involvement in the classroom, outside the classroom, at student-driven events, around the Colleges of the Fenway, and in the City of Boston.

Encourage your student to try something new, like visiting our local farmer's market in Copley Square, attending the Study Abroad Fair, or joining a watercolor painting workshop in the Fenway Victory Garden. They will never know what activity will spark a new connection, interest, or hobby.

With questions, please contact Jonathan Lewis, director of student engagement.

Career Center update
The Office of Career Services is excited to announce that this fall we will be hosting a job fair for all students. The Job Fair hosts a variety of on-campus departments and local part-time employers who have open positions and are looking to hire. The fair is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 12, from 12:00pm-2:00pm in Wolf Community Room on Wheelock College’s Boston Campus.

If your student cannot make the fair, encourage them to log into "Wheelock Works", our online job posting site! Students can search here for both on and off campus part-time, full-time, volunteer, summer, or internship opportunities. Current undergraduates, graduate students, as well as Wheelock College alumni have access to these online listings. Refer students to the Career Services web page at www.wheelock.edu/ccd to link to the site and register for an account!

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!

Wheelock Wildcats Athletics update

It's only the first week, but Wheelock Athletics is already buzzing with a lot of news. The field hockey, men's soccer and men's and women's cross country teams will be led by new head coaches this fall. Wole Oke will guide the harriers on this year's cross country squads, while Chambi Sey will add the men's soccer team duties to his head coaching position with the women. Meghan Griffin was brought on to mentor the field hockey squad. Griffin will also be at the helm for the women's lacrosse team in the spring.

The women's soccer team held its first ever Alumni Game on August 24, welcoming back 22 former Wildcats back to campus to take on the 2013 edition. The women's soccer team also volunteered at nearby Fenway Park, helping the Red Sox Foundation raise over $10,000 with the 50/50 Raffle on August 30. The team opened its season the following day and saw freshman forward Alison DeGloria net her first collegiate goal, while rookie keeper Meghan Lewis made 13 saves on the afternoon. Senior goalie Michelle Greene led the field hockey team in their opener on the August 31 by stopping 13 shots to become just the fourth player in school history to amass 300 career saves.

Men's and women's cross country opened the 2013 season at the Fifth Annual Fens Classic in Boston on August 31 and saw strong efforts from Danielle Spivack, Torri Plank, Stephanie Hom and Sallie Banta on the women's side. Alexander Kriz and Patrick Holland led the men's side.

Team Captains were also announced for most of the fall teams. Greene was tabbed for field hockey, while women's soccer selected Madeline Domingo, Katlyn Rose D'Errico and Rachel Noiseux as their leaders on and off the pitch. Kriz, Holland, Danielle Gaudette and Hom were all named captains for cross country.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, September 11: Convocation Ceremony
Wednesday, September 11: Last day to add full-semester courses
Wednesday, September 18: Last day to drop full-semester courses
Monday, October 14: *Autumn Holiday (no classes)*  
Friday, October 18 through Sunday, October 20: *Fall Family Weekend*

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

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