Welcome to the April edition of Lucy's Ledger! For those parents and family members of graduating seniors, it's hard to believe that graduation is right around the corner. We look forward to welcoming you to campus on May 11.

At the same time, we are also in preparation to welcome the incoming class of 2016. For the first time in Wheelock College history, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions hosted two Accepted Student Days, on March 17 and March 31. 261 accepted students and their families attended and the energy on campus was contagious! Guests were given the opportunity to attend classes, tour the campus and residence halls, speak with Wheelock staff, faculty and students and meet other accepted students. The excitement of this event was felt across campus and the current student body was here to welcome the newly accepted students by giving campus tours, showing their residence hall rooms and serving as a resource.

Please remember to email family@wheelock.edu with questions or comments about this newsletter. Our next issue will be sent to you sometime over the summer.

Important Information for Room Selection

Returning resident students and commuter students who would like to live on campus during the following academic year will participate in a room selection process during the spring semester. Room Selection will be held throughout Saturday, April 21. In order to be eligible, your students must do 3 things:

- Complete the Housing Application and Contract
- Be financially cleared from the Financial Services Office
- Be registered for at least 12 credits

Participating students will be divided into rising senior, rising junior, or rising sophomore status. Within each of these categories, a time slot will be randomly assigned to each person.

All students who choose a room for the following academic year must sign a housing contract. If students who decide after room selection that they no longer intend to be a resident student, they will have until May 15 to notify the Director of Residence Life of their change of status without incurring a penalty. Any questions should be directed to the Director of Residence Life at ddubois@wheelock.edu.
Call for Panelists during FYI

Parents and Family members of current Wheelock students are invited to participate on a panel during this year's First Year Introduction (FYI), our summer orientation program for the incoming Class of 2016.

We are looking for 4 or 5 individuals who would be available during the afternoon on Saturday, June 16 and/or Tuesday, June 19 to participate in a 45-minute panel discussion about your experience as a parent or family member of a Wheelock student. We would ask that you come prepared with advice or tips for the most effective ways that you have found for family members to be supportive of their student.

Please email family@wheelock.edu if you are interested. Hopefully you would be available on both days, as we would like to present similar content at each session of FYI.

Wheelock is Proud of Pride!

Unveiled in January, Pride@Wheelock is a task force connected with the Institutional Diversity and Inclusion Council. This group of Administrators, Faculty, Staff, and Students has formed to increase discourse, visibility, and programming for lesbian, gay, bi, trans, and queer issues throughout the Wheelock community. This group is developing educational tools and programs and reviewing institutional policies and procedures to ensure an environment that is welcoming and friendly and which respects everyone. Pride has been busy this semester with the following programs:

- "My Love’s Not for Sale": a visual display that highlighted offensive greeting cards
- "Alliance-Building: Talking and working across our varied identity politics": which featured the Rev. Irene Monroe, one of this year's Half-Year Program keynote speakers
- "Focus on Families": a photo-visibility project featuring Wheelock families
- "Safe Space Training": a session that educated Wheelock faculty, staff, and students on how to become better allies to the LGBTQ community
- "8: Brown Bag Discussion": a luncheon conversation that examined Proposition 8 and same-sex marriage

If you have ideas, concerns, or comments, please direct them to pride@wheelock.edu. If you would like to know more about resources for families, we highly recommend the Greater Boston PFLAG website.

Don't forget to complete your FAFSA!

It’s almost that time of year again! The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2012/2013 academic year is now available online. You can log on to FAFSA’s brand new website to complete your renewal application. Note that the FAFSA website has moved to www.fafsa.gov. This year FAFSA has made some updates to their new website to make it easier than ever to apply. The priority deadline for returning students to apply for financial aid is April 15, 2012. With additional questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office.
New Building Planned for Spring 2013

Wheelock is excited to begin construction this summer on what will be called the Center for Learning and Innovation. The location of the proposed project is the Alumni Patio now located adjacent to the Activities Building and Wheelock Family Theatre. The new building will be home to a state-of-art technology and resources center designed to support students, faculty, and alumni, and community in meeting modern day needs of children, families, and communities. The building will also house new faculty offices and classrooms on the second floor. Additionally, a new Alumni Center with a proposed patio and roof top garden will be located on the third floor.

This building will create 9,260 square feet of new and renovated space. Designed by William Rawn Associates, Architects, the look of the new building is meant to complement the 58,000 square foot Campus Center, which opened in 2009.

Wildcat Athletics Tear Up the Turf

Men’s basketball capped its season with an appearance in the New England Collegiate Conference playoffs as the number three seed and hosted a quarterfinal contest. The Wildcats finished with a school-record in conference victories and seniors Eric Rice (Woburn, MA) and Max Kaim (Fort Lauderdale, FL) became the third and fourth players, respectively, to score 1,000 career points. Rice and Kaim were both named to the NECC All-Conference Second Team squads, while senior Kyle Pierce (Burlington, MA) and junior Bashir Hudson (Jamaica Plain, MA) were both Honorable Mention selections by the league. The women’s basketball team saw junior Keneisha Milton (Boston, MA) earn a spot on the NECC Honorable Mention team as well after establishing herself as one of the best rebounders in the nation. She ranked eighth among all players in Division III in rebounds per game and no one over five-feet, six-inches tall averaged more boards per game than her. The forward set school records for rebounds in a game (24) and season (287) and also broke the career standard for steals at Wheelock, while increasing her career mark for rebounds.

The women’s lacrosse team began its second season in mid March and has already played some exciting matches. The Wildcats have tallied double-digit goal totals on three occasions to top last year’s effort. Sophomore newcomer Katie Gavin (Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA) has enjoyed a phenomenal season with a school-record 26 goals and counting. The midfielder shattered the program mark for goals and points in a game with 10 scores on the road at Becker College. She’s had help from rookie attack Valerie Ferrante (Milford, MA), who is second the squad in goals and points. She tallied a season-best seven points on five goals and two assists vs. Massachusetts Maritime Academy and is getting better each game. The men’s lacrosse team is also in the midst of its second year at Wheelock and has shown a much better grasp for playing the game than just a year ago. While Wheelock making strides on the field, it is also helping to change lives off the field. The men’s lacrosse squad took up the cause to raise money in the fight to find a cure for multiple sclerosis and raised over $3,500 in a five-mile Walk for MS on April 1. The men’s tennis and softball teams began action just before the end of March and will both be extremely active in April. Freshman Charles Armstrong-Hicks (Windsor, CT) has shown the type of resiliency that is a trademark of Wildcats Athletics in a singles match vs. Regis. The first-year athlete rebounded from an unsuccessful first set to break his opponent’s serve in the following set and was within 5-4, before succumbing to his foe. The softball team has provided its own highlights early in the season with a late-inning rally that found it on top in the final inning of play at Massachusetts Maritime in the season opener. Senior pitcher Nicole Perullo (Revere, MA) knocked in a pair of runs to give Wheelock the lead in the top of the seventh and also pitched extremely well in the game.

Finally, the NCAA has taken notice of Wheelock College Athletics and its unique philosophy of...
emphasizing sportsmanship, leadership, improvement and maximum effort on and off the field with a video segment to be shown on its website, ncaa.com. The feature is a part of the NCAA “On Campus” feature and includes interviews with Wheelock College student-athletes, coaches, administrators and educators on campus. You can check it out at http://bit.ly/1h4zyG

I’s Not Too Late to Join Wheelock World Service Weekend

Join one of the 13 existing service projects or create one of your own project. Wheelock alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends will demonstrate their commitment to service by engaging in activities such as:

- Collecting canned goods for Rosie’s Place in Boston, MA
- Cleaning up the Muddy River in Boston, MA, and the Middlesex Fells in Stoneham, MA
- Collecting educational supplies for classrooms in Haiti
- Raising money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation
- Volunteering at events such as a Community Forum in Mattapan and an Aquarium Day in Randolph
- Reading to young children at a day care in Florida
- Creating garden beds and planting vegetables in Watertown, MA
- Walking or running for the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, Project Bread, and the Children’s Organ Transplant Association
- Giving blood for the American Red Cross

Even if you are unable to participate in one of these projects, you can still get involved! Consider donating some clothes to the Salvation Army, cleaning up a local park, or walking dogs at an animal shelter. Even small gestures can make a big difference. Visit http://info.wheelock.edu/service-log/ to let us know how you’ve served your community so we can include you as part of Wheelock World Service Weekend.

Please call Kasey Riley at 617-879-2286 with any questions.

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**Important Dates**

**Monday, April 16:** *Patriot’s Day*  
(no classes)

**Monday, April 30:** *Last Day of Classes*

**Tuesday, May 1:** *Undergraduate Reading Day*

**Wednesday, May 2 - Thursday, May 3:** *Undergraduate Exam Period*

**Friday, May 4:** *Residence Halls close for undergraduates at 2:00pm*

**Friday, May 11:**

- *Commencement*  
  (Undergraduate: 10:00am; Graduate: 2:00pm)
- *Residence Halls close for graduating seniors at 5:00pm*

To view other upcoming dates and deadlines, please see Wheelock’s academic calendar